

# Springfield Protected Properties



## Baptist Pond Trust

- 6.52 acres 4/08 (N)

Harriette G. Hodges purchased the first of 3 properties in 1919 that in 1976 were put into the hands of her descendants to be held as the Baptist Pond Trust. And in the spring of 2008 these trustees placed an easement on 1,800 feet of frontage on Baptist Pond (part of the Lake Sunapee watershed) as well as 65 feet of frontage on Bog Brook and 355 feet of frontage on North Brook.



## Baptist Pond Trust-East

- 124.20 acres 11/13 (L)

Harriet Garfield purchased this property in 1954 to protect it from development. Now, her grandchildren, the Hodges and Garfield families, have donated a conservation easement to follow through on their grandmother's original intentions. This conservation easement is the family's second easement donation on Baptist Pond and includes ½ mile of shore front on the east side of the pond. The property also shares one mile of its boundary with the Star Lake Farm conserved property which adds to the 2,100 acres of contiguous land conserved in the southern part of Springfield.



### **Barraspur Limited**

- 161.00 acres 1/12 (U)

Barraspur Limited donated an easement on their 161 acres on Philbrick Hill Road in Springfield. The property protects over 4,100 feet of frontage on Bog Brook which is a target area for conservation for the Town of Springfield and the Town of Grantham. The Barraspur land is adjacent to the Village District of Eastman land which is the water supply for the Eastman community. Ausbon Sargent partnered with the Eastman Charitable Foundation, as well as, the Village District of Eastman to help the landowner cover the cost of conserving this important property.



### Cummer-Lyle

- 26.00 acres 12/14 (L)

Cheryl Cummer and Jack Lyle have been long-time supporters of the North Florida Land Trust and have preserved their family homestead in Mandarin, Florida on the St. Johns River through a conservation easement. With this in their history and conservation on their mind, they decided to preserve their family land near Star Lake Farm in Springfield, NH. The Springfield property is a mix of field and forest located on both sides of Nichols Hill Road. Their fields support nesting Bobolinks whose breeding habitats are open grassy fields, especially hay fields.



### Donavan/Butler

- 43.10 acres 12/91 (N)

Neil and Beverlee Donovan of Springfield protected 79 acres on Messer Hill Road - including 430 feet of road frontage. The easement helps preserve natural forestland and is also important watershed to Little Lake Sunapee. A trail has been constructed for public access. This easement prohibits subdivision. No structures are allowed with the exception of those related to forestry and agricultural activities. This property abuts other protected lands, which are owned by the New England Forestry Foundation (map # 8) and Parkhurst/Sjostrom (map #6).



## Hayes

- 267.00 acres 12/06 (L)

(The following was written 12/06 by easement donors Cynthia Hayes and her husband John Trachy.) Our Lake Sunapee area has many unique and special places that offer solitude, reflection, recreation and stimulation. Some we have driven by countless times, others remain hidden and await discovery. Perhaps Robert Frost grasped something fundamental as he wrote of the roads less traveled - something that we need to be a content person.



## **Patten**

- 46.60 acres 6/13 (L)

The Patten property is primarily undeveloped and consists of a mix of fields and forest. It contains prime agricultural soils which are rare in the state of New Hampshire. The property is listed as Supporting Landscapes under the 2010 Wildlife Action Plan. It falls within the buffer for New Hampshire Fish and Game's McDaniels Marsh with one intermittent and one perennial stream that flow across the property into McDaniels Marsh. To insure the protection of the water quality of McDaniels Marsh, New Hampshire Fish and Game listed the property as a target for conservation.



## **Star Lake Properties, Inc.**

- 1559.00 acres 3/10 (L)

Star Lake Farm is a collection of over 1700 acres made up of 14 former farms of which 1559 acres has just been placed under conservation easement. Wholly within the Star Lake Farm conservation easement is the 65 acre Star Lake, habitat for nesting common loons, and the 10 acre McAlvin Pond. On the southwest boundary are 1200 feet of frontage on Baptist Pond, which are also protected with this conservation easement. Water from the property flows through either Baptist Pond or Otter Pond then on to Lake Sunapee, protecting the headwaters of the Lake Sunapee Watershed.



### **Star Lake Properties, Inc.**

- 53.00 acres 3/11 (L)

Dan Thorne has generously included 53 additional acres to Ausbon Sargent's largest easement by reducing the size of two areas previously excluded from the original 1559 acre Star Lake Farm conservation easement. The entire Star Lake Farm easement is now 1612 acres. These 53 "new" acres are located south of both Deer Hill Road and McAlvin Road. The additional land is forested, including uplands buffering the large cattle pasture and new fields on Schoolhouse Road and the upper slope just northwest of Star Lake.



### Woods Without Gile

- 470.00 acres 12/07 (L)

Ann and Marc Davis of Wilmot, NH, have named this land "Woods Without Gile" – cleverly revealing its location, which is bordered on three sides at the eastern edge of the 6,725 protected acres of the John F. Gile Memorial State Forest.