I THINK I WANT TO PERMANENTLY PROTECT MY LAND!

Now what do I do???
We Live in a Special Place!

“The Last Green Valley”
#1: WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE HAPPEN?

- What is it you want protected?
  - Farmland? Wildlife habitat? Scenic beauty?
  - Unique or fragile areas?
  - All the land, or certain parts?

- Future Use
  - Working land?
  - Any public use, or strictly private?
#1: WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE HAPPEN?

- **Future ownership**
  - Retained life use for you & yours?
  - Heirs who would like to own?
  - Private or public in the future?

- **Financial Issues: would you like to:**
  - Reduce income taxes now or in the future?
  - Reduce potential estate taxes?

- **When? Is there time pressure?**
#2: TALK WITH THE FAMILY!

- Often biggest stumbling block
- No sense denying: we’re all mortal!
#3: Make Some Calls!

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- The Quiet Corner Initiative
- Town Conservation Commission
- Conservation attorney
- Certified forester
LOCATE YOUR LOCAL LAND TRUST(S)
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#4: LEARN A LITTLE!

Land protection methods/tools:

Funding & tax saving opportunities

“Bundle of sticks” concept
KEEPING THE PROTECTED LAND IN PRIVATE HANDS?

Yes

GIFT OR SALE OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

No

GIFT OR SALE OF LAND

CHOICE OF RECIPIENT INCOME & TAX IMPLICATIONS
#5: KNOW YOUR LAND

DO YOU:

- Know where it is? (Boundaries)
- Know what’s out there? (Resource inventory)
REMEMBER: You can DO this!!

IF you don’t procrastinate!