



# Morris County Preservation Trust Recommended Open Space Projects for 2025

## St. Francis and Pocono Field Preservation Project

<b>Submitted By:</b>	Denville Township	<b>Status:</b>	Commissioner Meeting
<b>Type Of Acquisition:</b>	Fee Simple	<b>Grant Amount:</b>	\$5,700,000
<b>Location:</b>	Denville Township	<b>Acreage:</b>	57.29

### Description:

Both properties have a long history in the development of Denville. In 1895, they were purchased by a Catholic congregation of Franciscan religious sisters, The Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, who ultimately constructed the St. Francis Residential Community on the northernmost property. The Pocono Field property located to the south was a former farm and eventually became recreational fields that are used today. Although the St. Francis property is now vacant, many of the mature, specimen trees remain. Denville envisions creating a community park for passive recreation on the St. Francis site, and continued utilization of the Pocono fields for active recreation.

