

**Morris County Preservation Trust
Recommended Open Space Projects for 2004**



Anderson Woods

Submitted by: Harding Land Trust

Type of Acquisition: ☒ Fee Simple
☐ Conservation Easement

Acres To Be Acquired: 15

Grant Amount: \$500,000

Description:

Near Route 202 (Mt. Kemble Ave.) and Tempe Wick Road, this 15-acre parcel is heavily wooded, steep and rocky. It is diagonally across from the Glen Alpin estate, which was assisted with county open space funds in 2003 and recently closed. Primrose Brook flows through the lower part of the land and forest provides habitat for a variety of wildlife.

Since the 1950s, Joyce and Edgar Anderson, renowned furniture makers and designers, have lived and worked on the property. They built the house and studio themselves, mainly from materials harvested on the property, and also use these materials for their furniture. The project will preserve the land and natural resources in perpetuity, owned by the Harding Land Trust and Harding Township, and protected by a Green Acres Conservation Easement. Retaining life rights to reside and work in the house, studio and barn, the Andersons will maintain those structures during their lifetimes. Eventually, custody of the buildings will transfer to the New Jersey Audubon Society which will assume responsibility for maintenance and preservation.

