

**Morris County Preservation Trust
Recommended Open Space Projects for 2011**

Shale Pits Preservation and Restoration Project

Submitted by: Schiff Natural Lands Trust

Type of Acquisition: Acquisition in Fee Simple

Grant Amount: \$1,200,000

Location: Chester Twp., Mendham Twp.

Acreage: 44.48

Description:

Located south of Mendham Road and west of Mount Paul Lane, this acquisition is located in both Chester and Mendham Townships. The property consists of mature upland woodlands and wetlands. Schiff will conduct a large scale ecological restoration project on a portion of the property that was previously mined, with the goal of converting approximately nine acres of the mined area to functioning emergent and wetland habitats. The property will be used for passive recreation, providing hiking connectivity between Burnett Brook Natural Area and Mt. Paul County Park.

