

# FY09 Forest Legacy Program

# TREE FARM #1, PA

Pennsylvania's **Tree Farm #1** in Adams County is 2500 forested acres adjacent to Michaux State Forest and close to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Tree Farm #1 is located in the the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' "South Mountain Conservation Landscape Initiative (CLI)," and is this CLI's largest private forest block. The project lies within the state and federally recognized PA Highlands region.

Tree Farm #1 offers high quality habitat for threatened and endangered plants and animals including the federally endangered Indiana bat and the state threatened timber rattlesnake. The project area is within a PA Natural Diversity Index occurrence; development could harm threatened and endangered species as well as the property's natural resources. Tree Farm #1 is within a National Audubon Society Important Bird Area and an important hawk migratory flyway. It contains the headwaters of Middle Creek, a PA high quality cold water fishery, and is located within the nationally important Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Tree Farm #1 contains other significant resources, such as a Civil War Confederate Army cannon bunker and an 18th century cemetery. Tree Farm #1 is the first registered tree farm property in PA. Protecting this property will preserve scenic views and increase recreational opportunities in the Michaux SF area.

Tree Farm #1's close proximity to Washington DC and Baltimore, combined with Adams County's lower land prices, make the property especially vulnerable to development. If preserved, Tree Farm #1 would become part of Michaux State Forest, connecting it with Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve and creating almost 87,000 acres of contiguous protected forest land.

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View of PA's Tree Farm #1 from Fairfield  
By Sidney Kuhn, Land Conservancy of Adam County

## PROJECT DETAILS

*Project Name:* Tree Farm #1  
*Location:* Hamiltonban Twp., Adams County  
*Acreage:* 2,500  
*FL Request:* \$3.5 million  
*Sponsor:* The Conservation Fund

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Addition to Michaux State Forest and link to Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve
- PA high quality cold water fishery creek; part of Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- Historic, scenic and recreational resources
- Biodiversity and forest value
- Part of PA's South Mountain Conservation Landscape Initiative

The Highlands region is 3.5 million acres of forest, farmland, and rugged hills extending from south-central PA, through NJ and NY into northwestern CT. These eastern-most ridges of the Appalachian Mountains form a greenbelt for the Philadelphia-New York City-Hartford metropolitan area. The Highlands provide clean drinking water for more than 15 million people and are home to more than 250 endangered, threatened, and rare species.



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