

# **Recommendation for 46 Springdale Avenue**

**Dover Open Space Committee  
to the Board of Selectmen**

**June 26th, 2014**

# **BOS should exercise its right of first refusal to acquire 46 Springdale Avenue**

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Acquisition provides benefits to the Town as well as prevents the adverse impacts of 40+ units of housing

- Protects the many environmental benefits, including:
  - Wildlife: spring, vernal pool, field habitat, corridor
  - Water quality and quantity: Spring Brook
  - Wetlands: frontage all in buffer zone or stream riparian
- Preserves passive recreation opportunities, including:
  - Walking, riding on the property and via trail linkages
  - Classic rolling field vista

# Provides for protection of important environmental benefits

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- Diverse and sometimes rare wildlife rely on uncommon features on the property
  - Spring Brook creates non-freezing wetland area
  - Vernal pool that appears to contain water year-round
  - Field habitat
- Development could adversely impact on water quality & quantity on site and downstream (Church/Haven St)
  - 40+ more units drawing from Colonial Water wells on Knollwood may lower Spring Brook and its wetlands



# Preserves and promotes passive recreational opportunities

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- Preserving trail linkages is important to providing high quality passive recreation experiences
  - Hiking, walking dogs, running or horseback riding
  - Back fields link to DLCT land and into Wylde Woods
  - Potential 'greenway' would link fields to Town Center
  - Norfolk Hunt uses fields several times a year
- Gently rolling fields close to Town Center
  - Classic vista from street, DLCT land and 'greenway'
  - Ample opportunity for easy & pleasant walking

# 46 Springdale links to trails in DLCT land and into Wylde Woods

Yellow

Public Access - Town, Dover Land Conservation Trust (DLCT), Army Corp of Engineers

Blue

Private land under Conservation Restriction (CR) – not public access

