

The Open Space Value to Dover of 46 Springdale Avenue (Springdale Farm)

**Dover Open Space Committee
to Townspeople of Dover**

September 3rd, 2014

You should vote 'yes' (twice) to acquire 46 Springdale Avenue

Controlling Springdale Farm allows the Town to better protect Springdale's numerous conservation values well as to prevent the adverse impacts of 40 units of housing

- Protect its many environmental values, including:
 - Wildlife: spring, vernal pool, field habitat, corridor
 - Water quality and quantity: Spring Brook
 - Wetlands: frontage all in buffer zone or stream riparian
- Preserve, and possibly improve, passive recreation, like:
 - Trails and network links to DLCT/Wylde Woods
 - Classic rolling field vista – 'Dover as it was'

Control provides for the protection of important environmental values

- 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, increasingly rare in Dover & MA
- 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
 - Groundwater quality/quantity for our wells

Busy road from development may have adverse impact to sensitive front area



Summary: You should vote 'yes' (twice) to acquire 46 Springdale Avenue

Controlling Springdale Farm allows us, the Town, to better protect Springdale's numerous conservation values well as to prevent the adverse impacts of 40 units of housing

- Protect water quality and quantity
- Provide wildlife corridors and uncommon habitat
- Preserve, and possibly enhance, trail networks and accessibility
- Sustain the rural character of Dover