I THINK I WANT TO PERMANENTLY PROTECT MY LAND!



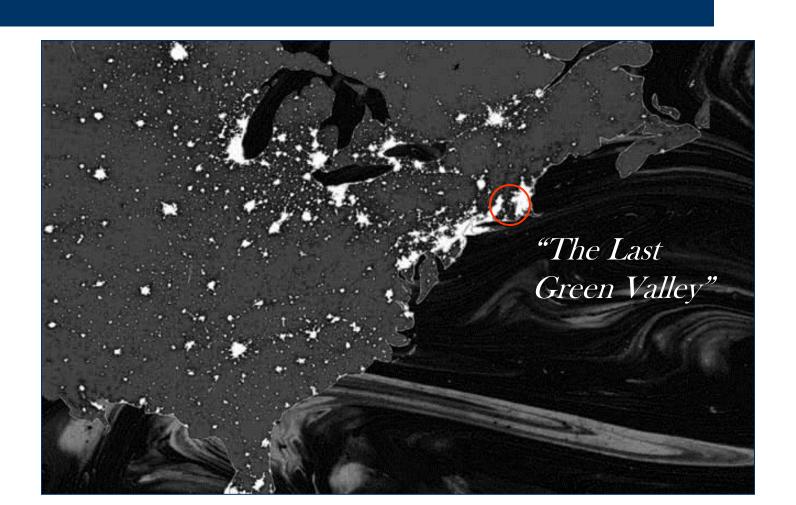
Now what do I do???







We Live in a Special Place!



#1: WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE HAPPEN?

- What is it you want protected?
 - Farmland? Wildlife habitat? Scenic beauty?
 - Unique or fragile areas?
 - All the land, or certain parts?
- Future Use
 - Working land?
 - Any public use, or strictly private?

#1: WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE HAPPEN?

- Future ownership
 - Retained life use for you & yours?
 - Heirs who would like to own?
 - Private or public in the future?
- Financial Issues: would you like to:
 - Reduce income taxes now or in the future?
 - Reduce potential estate taxes?
- When? Is there time pressure?

#2: TALK WITH THE FAMILY!

- Often biggest stumbling block
- No sense denying: we're all mortal!



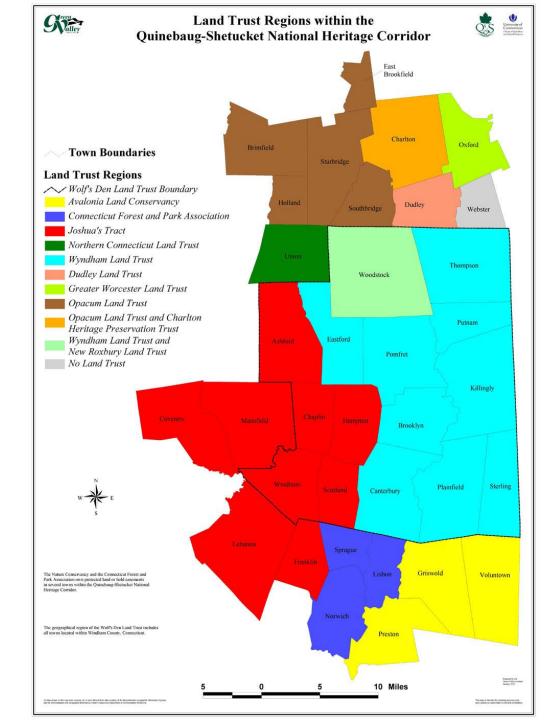
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LOCATE YOUR LOCAL LAND TRUST(S)



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#4: LEARN A LITTLE!



Land protection methods/tools:

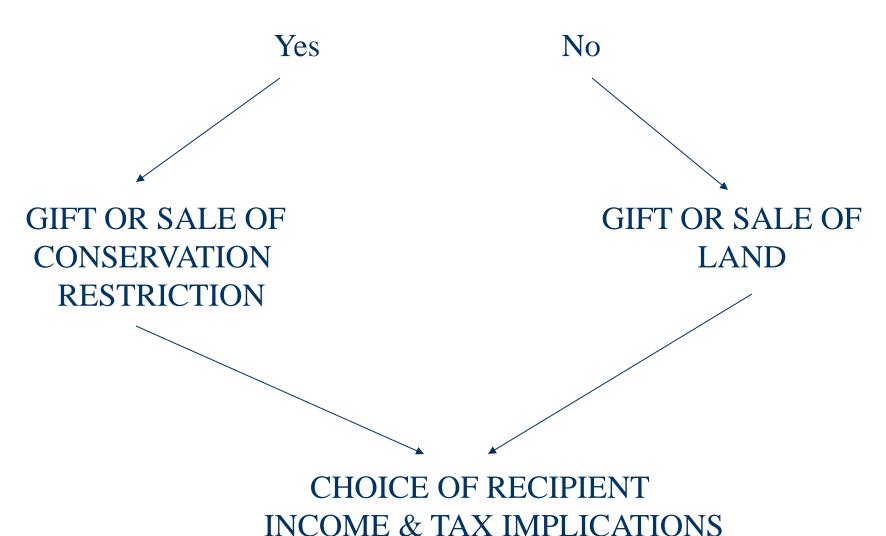


Funding & tax saving opportunities



"Bundle of sticks" concept

KEEPING THE PROTECTED LAND IN PRIVATE HANDS?



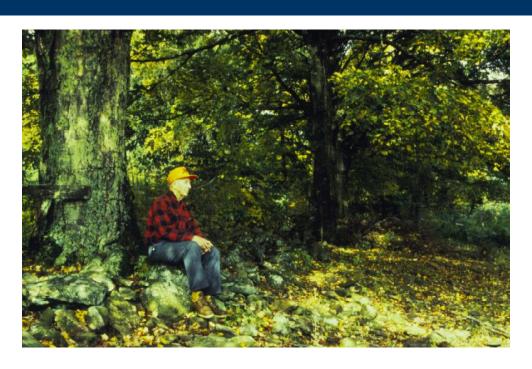
#5: KNOW YOUR LAND

DO YOU:

- Know where it is? (Boundaries)
- Know what's out there? (Resource inventory)



REMEMBER: You can DO this!!



IF you don't procrastinate!