

Connecticut's **Tulmeadow Farm** in Hartford County is a 73-acre woodlot on a larger 260-acre farm. The farm is considered a "Centennial Farm" continually operated by the family since 1768, and Simsbury's largest farm in operation. This Forest Legacy project would complete a series of three easements that would permanently protect the entire 260-acre farm.

Tulmeadow Farm forms a critical link between two large protected land corridors totaling several thousand acres. Protected lands within this corridor include Onion Mountain, Massaco State Forest, Ethel Walker Woods, Town Forest, McLean Game Refuge, several Simsbury Land Trust Parcels, nine Town Open Space parcels, Meadow Pond Park, other portions of Tulmeadow Farm, and Flamig Farm. Tulmeadow has a vernal pool as well as oak and pine trees on its gently rolling hills. It is one of the few properties in Simsbury with successional woodland habitat, and is part of the Stratton Brook Watershed. There are historic and archeological resources here, along with activities on the adjoining farm: hiking, horseback riding, public events and hayrides.

Tulmeadow lies within the federally designated Highlands region. Simsbury's Town Plan of Conservation and Development lists the farm as a "Scenic Character Place." It has been recommended for inclusion in a potential National Historic Register district.

The Tulmeadow property faces intense development pressure. The potential exists for 42 housing lots in this highly desirable area. Simsbury Land Trust must raise \$3.1 million by next summer in order to protect Tulmeadow Farm.

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Vernal pool and woodlot at Tulmeadow Farm  
By Dick Davis

**PROJECT DETAILS**

*Project Name:* Tulmeadow Farm  
*Location:* West Simsbury, Hartford County  
*Acreage:* 73  
*FL Request:* \$1,415,000  
*Sponsor:* Simsbury Land Trust

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Critical link to two large protected land corridors totaling more than 6,000 acres
- Simsbury Scenic Character Place
- Historic, archeological and recreational resources
- Final easement on a 260-acre "Centennial Farm"
- Vernal pool and aquifer protection area
- Part of a potential National Historic Register district

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.

