

TOWN OF GORHAM
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Dear Landowner,

We are writing to invite you to attend a special forum on **Wednesday March 31 from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Gorham Fire Hall** to learn more about **land conservation** in the Town of Gorham. This forum is being co-hosted by the Town of Gorham Conservation Board and the Finger Lakes Land Trust. It is free and open to the public.

If you have ever marveled at the forested hillsides, the area's fertile farmland, a variety of habitat types including woods, ponds, and wetlands or expanses of open space, please join us! If you are concerned that development may threaten our productive, rural landscape, please come and learn more about the voluntary tools that are available to landowners to conserve rural property. During the past decade, the Finger Lakes Land Trust, NYS Agricultural and Markets and the Town of Gorham have worked with landowners and local communities to conserve more than 10,000 acres across 12 counties that define the character of the Finger Lakes Region.

At this meeting you'll have an opportunity to hear first-hand how local private landowners are working with the Finger Lakes Land Trust, the New York State Agriculture and Markets and the Gorham Conservation Board to protect the area's beautiful rural landscape and natural resources. You can also learn about new and exciting tax legislation making land conservation options more attractive than ever to private landowners.

- Our evening will include (see enclosed agenda) presentations by representatives from NYS Agriculture and Markets and FLLT targeting some of the key programs and tools available to you. **Two local landowners**, who have participated in land conservation programs, will join the presenters on a panel to share their experiences and answer questions from the audience.

We encourage you to bring a friend or neighbor who may also be interested in understanding the varied programs that may help them meet their long-term personal and financial goals while also providing long term conservation of their land and protection of Gorham's rural characteristics.

We hope you'll join us at the Gorham Fire Hall on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM! The Fire Hall is located at 4676 Kearney Road, Gorham. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk at (585)526-6317.

Sincerely,

John Foust, Chairperson
Gorham Conservation Board

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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

**“Land Conservation ~
Tools to Protect Gorham’s Rural Character
While Benefiting You the Landowner”**

The Town of Gorham **Conservation Board** and the **Finger Lakes Land Trust** are co-sponsoring this program to share information about the tools and opportunities that are available to landowners to:

- conserve and protect their land
- receive potential tax incentives or credits
- help preserve the rural character of the Township of Gorham.

The program will be held at the Gorham Fire Hall (4676 Kearney Road, Gorham) on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. (Refreshments and snacks will be provided.)

<u>Program Agenda</u>		
	<u>Item</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
6:45	Refreshments provided	
7:00	Welcome + brief overview of Gorham’s Conservation Board & the Town’s conservation goals and plans	Gorham Representative
	Ag & Market Programs	State Representative
	Donated Easements & Co-Op Programs	FLLT Representative
	Introduction of two Landowners that are using one of these programs presented	
	Question & Answer Panel (Questions from audience)	Program Speakers + the two Landowners
8:30	Program Wrap-Up	