

## Open Space time line

1999-2000	Reacting to several development/construction projects in the area, Patton Township residents ask the Board of Supervisors to consider some method of preserving land from development.
2001	63% of the voters approved a borrowing of \$2,500,000 for open space preservation
2002-04	The first Patton Township Open Space Task Force develops a methodology to objectively rate potential open space properties and produces a list of most desired properties with willing sellers.
January 2006	Patton Township purchases the Haugh Family Preserve from siblings Helen and Hubie Haugh. The Haughs accept the Township's offer of \$2,500,000 for the property that is appraised for more than \$8,000,000. The Haughs also established an endowment at the Centre Foundation to fund maintenance of the property.
2007	An Open Space Stewardship Committee is established to provide oversight of the Haugh Family Preserve. Through revenues from the endowment, a farm lease and forestry practices the management and maintenance of the property is self-funded.
2011	Community Gardens are established in the Haugh Family Preserve
April 2014	Patton Township surveyed residents and property owners in March & April of 2014. We found 78.56% supported dedicating a portion of their property taxes to acquire and preserve additional Open Space lands in the Township.
August 2014	Patton Township Board of Supervisors asks County Election Board to place referendum question on ballot for November.
November 2014	63.4% of voters approve referendum question. Board of Supervisors puts out call for resident volunteers to serve on Open Space Task Force
December 2014	The debt for the Haugh Family Preserve is paid off.
February 2015	Open Space Task Force (OSTF) meets for the first time

Spring 2015	OSTF defines criteria for potential open space properties and develops rating system to rank properties. First list includes more than 90 properties
Summer/Fall 2015	OSTF culls list of properties to 70+ and rates each property against 12 value criteria
Winter 2015/16	OSTF refines ratings and defines top 25 list
March 2016	OSTF visits 17 of the top 25 whose owners indicated a willingness to participate in the program
April 2016	OSTF picks top five properties and schedules Open House to gather input from other residents
May 2016	The OSTF holds an Open House to gather public input
June 2016	The OSTF makes recommendations to Board of Supervisors on which open space properties would have the highest value to the Township
Summer 2016	Negotiations commence with property owners
Fall 2016	Negotiations conclude and Township announces new open space property to be acquired.
Fall 2016	Township borrows funds for acquisition - may be a bond sale or a bank loan.
Late 2016	Township makes payment to owner to officially acquire new open space property