

# Chase Field

## A Key Piece of the Agricultural Landscape



*If our campaign is successful, this beautiful farmland will be conserved forever. (Map on reverse.)*

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There's an exciting opportunity to conserve farmland in Pomfret – a beautiful place well known to area residents and people who travel the Pomfret Road. I am writing to invite you to participate.

John and Janine Putnam, who run Thistle Hill Farm in North Pomfret and make award-winning cheese, have been leasing the meadow at the corner of Hewitt Hill Road and the Pomfret Road for many years. They depend on the land for growing hay and pasturing cows. Lysle and Elaine Chase would like to sell the meadow to the Putnams, but with 2,100 feet of road frontage, the land is worth much more for development than for farming.

The Upper Valley Land Trust has worked with the Chases and the Putnams to put together a solution. We've received a grant from the Vermont Housing and

Conservation Board so that the Chases can conserve the property and sell it to the Putnams at farm value. We need to raise \$30,000 before year end to complete the transaction.

John Moore, Orson St. John, and Billy Emmons are helping with a local fundraising effort. They've recruited six anonymous donors to pledge dollar-for-dollar matches of the first \$15,000. That means that your contribution will be twice as valuable!

Please take a look at the photos and information here. Then make a gift today. With your help, we can ensure that the splendid view across the open farm fields remains a community landmark for years to come – and that Pomfret remains a place where agriculture can thrive.

Jeanie McIntyre, UVLT President



*According to John Putnam, the 21.8 acre Chase Field is "a critical component of our operation," as productive hay land and supplemental pasture for dry cows.*



## Conservation Solutions for the Places You Love

### Chase Field

- 21.8 acres
- Essential parcel of land supporting Thistle Hill Farm in North Pomfret
- Hayland and pasture certified organic for 19 years
- 2,100 feet of highly developable road frontage
- 660 feet of frontage on Mill Brook

***The Vermont Housing & Conservation Board has provided more than 80% of the funding to conserve Chase Field.***

***Please join us to raise the remaining \$30,000 by year end.***

### YOU CAN HELP!

Make your gift payable to:  
Upper Valley Land Trust  
19 Buck Road  
Hanover, NH 03755

or make a secure online contribution at:  
[www.UVLT.org](http://www.UVLT.org)



*The 22-acre meadow at the corner of the Pomfret Road and Hewitt Hill Road contains outstanding agricultural soils. It is the last remnant of an original dairy farm in North Pomfret formerly known as the “Keck Farm.” Our conservation campaign will keep this land intact and productive for years to come.*