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->Greetings from the folks at [Hundredfold Farm](#) and [Seven Springs Tree Farm](#)!<-

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Hundredfold Farm is an old-fashioned neighborhood with a green future - a rural, ecologically sustainable cohousing community located just west of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Seven Springs Tree Farm is an organic choose & cut Christmas tree farm that specializes in growing holiday traditions and creating lasting memories.

Upcoming Event

This Saturday, June 9th from 10 AM - 2 PM, join us for the Third Annual June Open House at Hundredfold Farm

This free event will feature tours of the community's innovative greenhouse and solar homes from 10 - 11 am and 12 - 1 pm. Snacks and beverages will be provided.



From 11 am - 12 pm, Penn State Extension Master Gardener Nicolette Daming will present "Cottage Gardening with Easy Care Perennials."

From 1 - 2 pm, John Halbrendt, Ph.D. will present "Growing Grapes for Wine" in his adjacent vineyard. Visit <http://www.hundredfoldfarm.org> for more information and driving directions, or call outreach coordinator Gretchen at 717-334-4587.

The Chickens are Coming! The Chickens are Coming!

By the time you receive this newsletter, our newest neighbors will be settling into their new home. On May 25th, one dozen laying chickens arrived at Hundredfold Farm! This flock consists of Ameraucana hybrids, otherwise known as "mutt Easter eggers" because they will produce colorful eggs in blue, green and pink hues. As you can see, their feather coloring is also quite varied.



The main advocate for the chickens is our neighbor Ed. He did the research for what type of chickens to purchase, as well as enlisted support from the community for their care. When they begin laying, Ed estimates the chickens may produce as many as 5 dozen eggs per week, which will be enough for the whole community to enjoy.



The will live in a coop called a chicken tractor, which is a portable shelter on wheels. The idea behind the chicken tractor is that the chicken manure can be spread out over the property and add nutrients to the soil, while also keeping the ground clean and healthy for the chickens. The inside of the chicken tractor contains roosting space and nesting boxes, while the outside run is a fenced area that provides ample forage



space and daytime protection from predators.

This particular breed is supposed to be friendly, tolerant of cold weather and good egg layers. These pullets are only about 17 weeks old and may not start laying eggs until the end of June or the beginning of July.

People are excited about the chickens, and looking forward to getting some delicious organic eggs. It should be interesting and lots of fun, and we will be sure to keep you posted about our experience with our new flock!

Enjoying the York Heritage Rail-Trail

At Hundredfold Farm, neighbors often get together to work on the property or have dinner, but we also like to get outside and play! To take advantage of the beautiful weekend weather, some of us decided to go bicycling on the [York County Heritage Rail Trail](#). This trail extends 21 miles from York City to New Freedom, and then continues south into Maryland for an additional 20 miles as the [Torrey C. Brown Trail](#). The trail is flat, well shaded, and approximately 10 feet wide with a stone dust surface; it's a popular off-road path for jogging, bicycling, and horseback riding.



The Pennsylvania section of the trail goes through York City and past the small towns of Seven Valleys, Glen Rock, Railroad, and New Freedom - with some great places to stop for lunch! One weekend, we completed the southern portion, from New Freedom to Seven Valleys, and last weekend, we biked from Hanover Junction to the trail's end in York City, enjoying lunch at the [White Rose Bar & Grill](#).

Now that we've completed the trail in Pennsylvania, we plan to venture south into Maryland - another scenic route that winds its way through Gunpowder Falls State Park.

Preserving Habitat for All Our Neighbors

The initial idea behind buying Seven Springs Tree Farm was to preserve a farm that was slated to become a subdivision, with houses spread out over the entire property on 5-acre lots. When we bought the property, we decided the best way to keep Seven Springs Tree Farm in existence was to cluster the houses and keep the open space needed to continue growing Christmas trees.



The relationship was symbiotic - we took care of the farm, and the farm took care of us!

A by-product of maintaining the farm is also preserving habitat for animals. We do this not only by having the open space, but also by keeping our farm organic and thus keeping toxic chemicals out of the environment, which helps preserve the web of life. The result of these actions is that we are privileged to share our space with a variety of creatures, which include groundhogs, praying mantis, rabbits, red fox, wild turkey, quail, deer, red-tailed hawks, turkey vultures, and many species of songbirds, to name a few. Helping to preserve the rural heritage of Adams County is one of our proudest accomplishments.

Speakers Bureau

We are pleased to announce that Hundredfold Farm now has a speakers bureau! If you would like to have a representative come and speak to your group about a particular topic related to cohousing or sustainability, please leave a message at 717-334-9426 or email info@hundredfoldfarm.org.

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Solar home for sale at Hundredfold Farm

Built in 2007, this beautiful home is located in Pennsylvania's first ecologically sustainable rural community, just 8 miles west of Gettysburg. The kitchen, dining room, and living room feature an open floor plan with south-facing windows and panoramic views. There is a large master suite, with two additional generously sized bedrooms and two full baths. Ceramic tile and hardwood floors throughout. Bonus 600 sq.ft. unfinished walk-up cape cod-style attic that can be used for storage or a workshop, studio, playroom, etc. Solar electric and solar hot water systems, combined with renewable energy credits, result in no net utility bills. Enjoy 80 acres of private secluded property with scenic mountain vistas, organic vegetable gardens, and over one mile of walking trails. Read more details here: [1134 Evergreen Way](#) or look up [MLS #21105782 on Realtor.com](#). Contact Prudential realtor David Sites at 717-487-4000 to arrange a showing.



Building Lots for Sale

Build your green dream home at Hundredfold Farm – five building lots are still available. Cohousing balances the traditional advantages of home ownership with the benefits of shared common facilities and involvement in community governance. Individual homes are arranged to preserve privacy while, at the same time, encouraging neighborly interaction. If you are interested in a pastoral, secluded location that can provide food and energy security, while sharing your living experience with a group of like-minded neighbors, you should come and take a closer look!

Community members enjoy shared meals, social events, and gardening together. Our eco-friendly designs include solar hot water and solar electric systems on each home plus an innovative living machine wastewater treatment and recycling system. Call 717-334-9426 for more information.



Overnight packages

Get a taste of the small, friendly village that is Hundredfold Farm ~ tour our ecologically sustainable homes, wastewater recycling facility, and Christmas tree farm, plus enjoy a community meal.

Hundredfold Farm is a peaceful, relaxing oasis, located 10 minutes from the historic Gettysburg Battlefield. You can also enjoy wine tasting at local wineries, a day trip to Washington DC, and hiking the Appalachian Trail. Schedule your visit to take advantage of seasonal activities and events, including the reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg and various local festivals such as the National Apple Harvest Festival, the PA Lavender Festival, and the Gettysburg Festival celebrating American art, music, and cuisine. December visitors will have the opportunity to experience a working choose & cut Christmas Tree farm. Skiing and snowboarding are also available locally at Ski Liberty and other nearby resorts.

A great getaway for individuals, couples, families and groups. Stay for a weekend or a week ~ contact us at 717-334-9426 for pricing.

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