

FLECK PROPERTY

- Vincent and Judy Fleck granted a conservation easement
- May 28, 2010
- 41 located along Route 611 in Ferndale



Judy and Vincent Fleck's home is sited to take advantage of the extraordinary view above Route 611 and along Church Hill Road's 200 foot climb from Ferndale, a view that includes St. Luke's Church steeple and the beautiful, green, wooded hillside.

Vincent is the fifth generation of his family to live in the area and treasures a photograph of his great-great grandparents' family with a horse and buggy on the Tower Road farm they purchased in 1876. Half of the farm remains where his two brothers still milk cows. The other half was lost when Lake Nockamixon was created. Many of the properties that he and his family farmed have been developed, and although Judy and Vincent are not against development, they believe it needs to be in the right moderation.

With a belief in wise land use and having less of a carbon footprint, Vincent recently installed a solar electric array that helps their electric meter run backward as well and forward, and Judy dotes on her chickens and Belted Galloway cows. They're just the right size for her to manage.

Vincent tried to save the farm through the County's Farmland Preservation Program but didn't have enough land to participate in that program. The County's Open Space Program allows for the preservation of both tillable and wooded land, making a perfect fit for the property. Vincent also praises Nockamixon Township and Open Space Committee for their help in preserving the farm. "They did all the work," he noted. "I'd go through it again."