

In the Owner's Words

I purchased this property in 2010. I would like to share with you some of the reasons I have enjoyed this property during my time of ownership.

Living here has been like being “on retreat” full-time for me. It is a pleasant, private, modest homestead, oriented with a gentle slope downward from North to South. It has ideal sun exposure for passive energy and gardening success. The eastern exposure invites appreciation for changing seasons, as well as a great location for a small orchard. I've enjoyed lovely sunrises, sunsets, moon phases, and enough dark sky to see many stars. The property never floods - it is relatively high, yet protected from the harshest North and West winds. The home is comfortable and has plenty of light and storage.

The property brings smiles to me throughout 3 1/2 seasons of native and naturalized blooms, from winter aconite and snowdrops in spring to sedums, goldenrods and asters in fall. Those flowers help to support an amazing variety of songbirds and pollinators, while other aspects of the property make a place for several species of owls, woodpeckers, and hawks. A hummingbird nests here every year, appearing when the lilac blooms in the spring. Mother hummingbird introduces her offspring to the trumpet vine, phlox, rose of Sharon and other sources of food available by the time the babies fledge. The Carolina wren, the House Wren and the Phoebe nest near the house and keep the area clear of unwelcome insects, so that one can enjoy the peaceful and beautiful views from the large, comfortable deck. On occasional early spring nights, the voice of a female fox can be heard. Does birth and nurture their fawns on the other side of Halfmoon Creek - not on the property, but viewed from the deck and never to be developed. Because of the Creek, we sometimes see Herons. Between November and February, especially, the owls can be heard - the Great horned Owl, the Barred Owl and the Screech Owl in particular.

A large, fenced, organic garden with excellent soil in raised beds allows the production of lots of healthy, delicious foods. Canned goods storage, root vegetable storage, and a freezer are easily accommodated in the spacious garage/shop area. Nuts can be gathered from the many black walnut and hickory trees on the property. There are delicious blackberries and medicinal elderberries. A traditional “wagon shed” offers shelter for a tractor or other equipment, and a run-in shelter is available for a horse or other animal, with an attached storage room for feed and supplies.