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## **Flora Corner Rd. Property Gets Conservation Protection**

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*Leonardtown, Maryland* – On October 7<sup>th</sup> the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust acquired a conservation easement on a 65.88-acre property in the Mechanicsville, Md., area owned by Nellie Catherine Kurzmann. The transaction was made possible by funds provided by the Rural Legacy Program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which will co-hold the easement with PTLT.

The property on Flora Corner Rd. consists of three parcels of farmland totaling approximately 12 acres and another 54 acres of forested land, six of which are environmentally important wetlands. The wetlands drain into Persimmon Creek, a tributary of the Patuxent River.

“As with all our easement acquisitions, this one represents a win both for the protection of valuable Southern Maryland land and for the owner,” said Frank Allen, PTLT president. “As a result, this land will be protected in perpetuity. Thanks to DNR and St. Mary’s County staff for their assistance in making this happen”

Mrs. Kurzmann stated that she was delighted to make this transaction, and that her reasons for doing so were to assure that the property would always stay as farmland and woods, that this was a good thing for the environment, and that she would be able to keep the land in the family.

The Flora Corner Rd transaction brings PTLT's total of protected Southern Maryland land to 5,966 acres. Earlier this year PTLT acquired an easement on the 117-acre Beale property in Mechanicsville.

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**The mission of the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust is to sustain the region's biodiversity and water resources through a network of protected landscapes. The organization recognizes that forest and farmland and the region's unique historic and scenic character are vital to a healthy economy and citizens' sense of well-being. PTLT acquires land and conservation easements by purchase or donation. It has conserved more than 5,765 acres of land in perpetuity. For more information, visit [www.PTLT.org](http://www.PTLT.org).**



