

INDIAN ROCK FARM

PERMANENTLY PROTECTING SCENIC COASTAL FARMLAND
AND HABITATS ON NASKETUCKET BAY

Owned and farmed by the Carvalho family for generations, 62-acre Indian Rock Farm in East Fairhaven contains large agricultural fields, a forest-lined stream emptying into salt marsh, and a unique granite outcrop. We now have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to preserve this beloved landscape forever, open it for the public's use and enjoyment, protect the exceptional water quality of Nasketucket Bay, and conserve critical coastal habitats for fish and wildlife.

Protecting water by safeguarding against development: The land of Indian Rock Farm is a high priority for preservation due to its proximity to Nasketucket Bay – one of the best preserved shorelines on all of Buzzards Bay and consequently one of the healthiest. Protection of this land will prevent further development near the coast, which results in wastewater and stormwater pollution from paved roads and manicured lawns.

Expanding outdoor exploration: Once preserved, the Buzzards Bay Coalition will open and manage Indian Rock Farm for passive public recreational uses such as walking and birdwatching. A trail will be developed alongside the fields and into the woods allowing people to visit the unique “Indian Rock” outcropping overlooking Shaws Cove and Nasketucket Bay. The lands proximity to both the Phoenix Bike Path and Shaw Farm Trail (opened by the Coalition in 2015) will link Indian Rock Farm with easy bicycle and walking access.

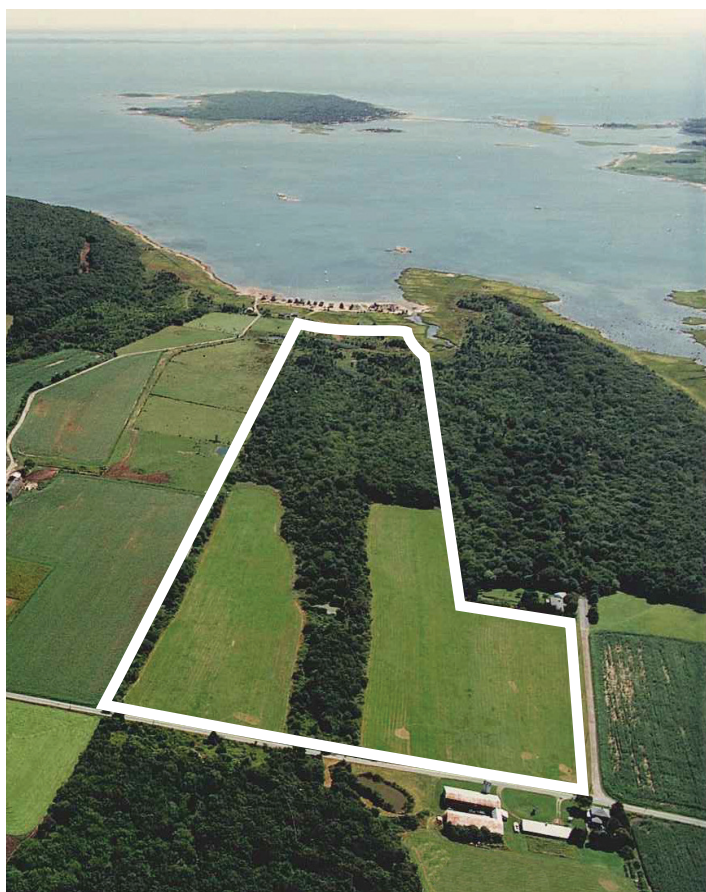
Retaining critical habitats: Indian Rock Farm is one of only two gaps in an otherwise large complex of

already-protected properties on the north side of Nasketucket Bay. The acquisition of this unfragmented and undeveloped property, which is adjacent to several other existing protected spaces, will provide a necessary wildlife corridor linkage for countless species and fight against habitat fragmentation. Further, its coastal wetlands provide nursery areas for fish and birds and support abundant shellfishing in Nasketucket Bay.

Preserving working farmland: For generations, the Carvalho family farmed this land and sustained its scenic, historic character. Acquisition of this property would allow the existing farm fields on the northern part of the property to remain in active use for local agriculture, while the natural habitats of the southern end of the property will be preserved to protect the Bay.



“Indian Rock” emerges near the southern tip of the farm, part of the same vein of granite that created Wards Rock just offshore in Nasketucket Bay.



Indian Rock Farm lies at the center of an extraordinary block of protected coastal lands (green on map) surrounding Nasketucket Bay. This area is one of the healthiest parts of the Buzzards Bay ecosystem, largely due to the success of land protection efforts.

YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED

The protection of Indian Rock Farm is contingent upon the support of everyone who cherishes the scenic coastal farmlands that define the character and outstanding natural resources of Nasketucket Bay. The Buzzards Bay Coalition has the property under a Purchase and Sale Agreement, but we only have until June 2017 to raise the \$865,000 to protect Indian Rock Farm forever and manage it responsibly.

Luckily, due to the significant benefits of protecting this land, we expect to be able to raise half of the money with the help of state conservation programs

Contact Buzzards Bay Coalition President Mark Rasmussen at 508-999-6363 x.201 with any questions or to learn how you can make a gift in support of this effort.

and foundation grants. The Town of Fairhaven is being asked to contribute \$150,000 through its Community Preservation Fund.

However, even with their help, we still need to raise \$400,000 to meet our goal – a daunting figure for private fundraising in the Fairhaven area. Your assistance is needed in order to be successful in protecting this property for the benefit of all.



FUNDING PLAN

- Private Fundraising**
\$400,000
- Federal & State Grants**
\$225,000
- Town of Fairhaven CPA**
\$150,000
- Foundations**
\$100,000