

**E.L. Rose Conservancy  
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**THE LANDSCAPES AND FUTURE OF SUSQUEHANNA  
COUNTY: DOCUMENTARY VIDEO PROJECT**

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This project produced a 20-minute documentary introducing landowners in Susquehanna County to the benefits of conservation easements with hopes of stimulating their thinking about what kind of natural legacy they would like to leave behind. The project utilized a form of participatory video where several local landowners explained the reasons for why their land is important and what it means to them personally. The goal is to have other landowners begin thinking about why their land is important to them and why they should conserve it now and into the future.

Filming of the project took place between May 2007 and June 2007. A 15-minute draft version of the video was shown at the E.L. Rose year-end meeting in the fall of the 2007. Additional filming and editing was needed during 2008 based on reviews by Conservancy Board members and others. A final version of the video was submitted at the end of the year for DVD production and distribution during the first half of 2009.

Funding for the documentary allowed us to explore some of the deeper themes of conservation in the county. It allowed me to get to know the area, the people, and the reasons why Susquehanna County's landscapes are so important to protect. This opportunity also allowed me to hone my documentary video-making skills and to learn important lessons about how to produce a video, including scoring it with music, that will be widely distributed.