

## Foundation acquires 29-acre forest tract

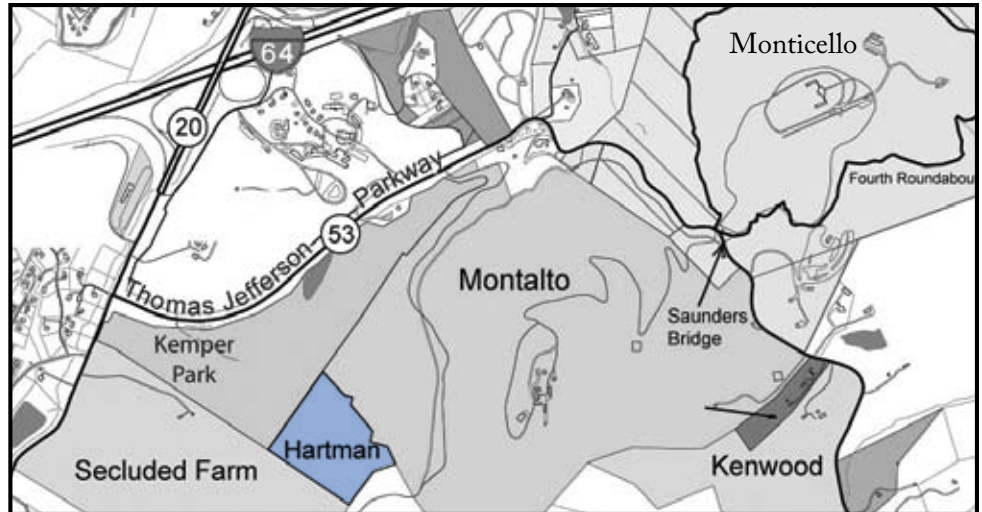
THANKS TO the cooperative spirit and generosity of one of its neighbors, the Thomas Jefferson Foundation has acquired nearly 29 acres of land that will help preserve the area surrounding Monticello as well as provide new hiking trails for public use.

Located adjacent to the Thomas Jefferson Parkway – the linear park along Route 53 that includes the Saunders-Monticello Trail, Saunders Bridge, and Kemper Park – and Montalto, the wooded parcel was acquired by the Foundation in June as part of a “bargain sale.”

The Foundation paid the Hartman Family Corp. \$250,000 and in turn the Hartman family made a gift to Monticello worth \$250,000, the difference between the sale price and the appraised value of the property.

“The Foundation’s acquisition of the Hartman tract will further the protection of the wooded slopes of Montalto and the entrance corridor to Monticello,” said Peter Hatch, Monticello’s director of gardens and grounds. “In addition, hikers will be able to enjoy a relatively undisturbed old-growth forest through the addition of rustic trails through the property.”

Trails through the Hartman tract link Kemper Park with Secluded Farm, a



Foundation-leased property whose trails are part of the parkway system.

The Foundation will place a permanent plaque on the tract honoring Leonard J. Hartman, Sr., and Pauline H. Hartman, the founders of the Hartman Family Corp., and the corporation’s other shareholders. Monticello will hold a dedication ceremony on a date to be determined to mark the official addition of the property to the parkway.

The Thomas Jefferson Parkway, one of the most popular natural areas in Central Virginia, is open to the public free of charge year-round.

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