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Thousands of years ago the Killingworth Dome was formed by melting glaciers, streams and rivers. The changing environment gave rise to vernal pools, fresh water marshes and red maple swamps creating an idyllic setting for a wide variety of plant and animal species. Pond Meadow, as the area is now known, boasts open space, stone walls, mature trees, expansive meadows and the only operating cranberry farm in Connecticut. Cranberry Meadows promises to be just as amazingly idyllic.

With a deep appreciation for history and the environment, Doug and Irene Buttendorf are tailor-making a neighborhood to blend with the natural beauty of the surrounding state forest, the diverse flora and the equestrian trails. Offering privacy and preservation, the Cranberry Meadows' homes will complement the natural beauty of this area. Tall hipped roofs, arched dormers, sun-drenched courtyards and any desired amenity will blend nature's elegance with contemporary flair.

The rustic combination of farmland and forest coupled with amazing architecture make Cranberry Meadows an innovative area. Lot sizes vary from 2.5 acres to 6 acres and each home will be energy efficient, and environmentally-friendly. The homes, spread over 47 acres, will offer sweeping views of vibrant and diverse landscapes.

Killingworth is ideally located; with easy access to Hartford, New Haven and New London and only minutes from the Connecticut River Valley towns of Essex, Chester, Deep River and Old Lyme and only 15 minutes from Madison and the Shoreline. Killingworth is building an intermediate school (completion slated for 2007) and developing land for new additional recreation fields. Σ

The Buttendorfs are committed to a balance between nature and necessity with each home design. In addition, the Killingworth Land Trust (KLCT) has been deeded 22.5 acres which represents 50 percent of the developed land. The total acreage is 47 – the land deeded exceeds the regulation requirement of 15% open space. The Cranberry Meadows' planning process was created with great detail and the Buttendorfs take pride in offering protection to the endangered plants around the bog.

Architects for this project will be specially chosen and the Buttendorfs will be incredibly selective about architectural style as they wish it to show an artistic passion for a special blend of modern conveniences and traditional style. Special covenants regarding styles and materials for each site are imperative. The focus of each site will be unique, country-style homes of high-quality construction with gardens and paths leading to the nature walk around the cranberry bog.

Ken Twombly, an arborist and plant collector, of Twombly Nurseries brings his interest in native plantings to the project. Twombly specializes in land planning and development of older gardens as well as innovative new gardens, including woodlands, allees, orchards, poolside plantings and estate designs. Gordon Hayward is also involved with the exterior designs of the lots; his background is in garden design, lecturing and writing. He has published numerous books and is an expert in English garden design and is nationally recognized for his lecturing.

Gordon and Ken will consult and design each landscape and have initial site planning responsibilities for each home so that the homes will be properly positioned on the lot, optimizing landscaping potential. Both Ken and Gordon worked with the Buttendorfs on the road design to select and plant trees, plantings and grasses. Typical road planning in Killingworth - and elsewhere - does not generally adhere to strict conservation efforts. This road and development are both approved as a "Conservation Private Road Subdivision."

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