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200-year-old Turner Farm: Preserved For All Time

Historic Turner Farm on Given Road — 58 gently rolling acres — is one of three working farms that remain within the Village of Indian Hill. It has been actively farmed since 1795. In November 2002, an Agricultural Conservation Easement was created that permanently protects Turner Farm's agricultural viability — and also its historic, scenic and natural conservation values.

The Conservation Easement is held and stewarded by The Land Conservancy of Hamilton County, Ohio in cooperation with American Farmland Trust.

Sense of place

The land is part of an unbroken arc of farmland and open space in a community that takes pride in its scenic, rural character. Turner Farm gardens and fields are home to a variety of plants and animals. There are open pastures for the sheep and chickens. Hedge-row and meadow mix with wooded areas.



Wetland runoff feeds the pond. The inherent beauty of these settings give a unique sense of place.

Community farming

Well known for its quality farm products, Turner Farm is currently under the stewardship of Bonnie Mitsui, who has operated it as an organic farm and a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) partnership since 1994.

CSA members receive a weekly distribution of fresh, organic produce grown on the land from late May through mid-October.

In season, farm produce is also sold to the public on Saturdays at **Findlay Market** in downtown Cincinnati.

“Certified Organic” production

Organic agriculture is practiced on Turner Farm because of the concern for people's health, the health of the farm, and the health of those who work on the land. Turner Farm products are “Certified Organic” by the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm

Association. Observing strict practices to receive the coveted designation, Turner Farm uses energy-efficient, biological principles to produce good looking, great tasting foods that are nutritionally superior.



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