In 1965, Rural Land Foundation (RLF) formed a non-profit and acquired the Wheeler Farm Land for $285,000.
-The property could have been developed into 38 house lots, but RLF worked with landscape designer Max Mason to creatively develop roughly half the land and conserve the other half.

109 Total Acres
-54 acres of Conservation Land deeded to Lincoln Land Conservation Trust (LLCT), including agricultural fields
-11 house lots sold for development (10 were developed)
-2 existing colonial houses preserved
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- **11 Housing Units**
  - Lots clustered to preserve more open space
  - RLF retained site plan review for building lots

- **Innovative Funding**
  - **8 Trustees and 30 public spirited citizens** each individually guaranteed $10,000 towards the purchase of the land through a State Street Bank mortgage
  - **RLF sold 10 of 11 lots**, which paid for the overall land purchase and gave RLF a revolving fund for future conservation land purchases
  - Guarantors never had to pay any funds
  - Funding strategy became a model for future conservation land purchases