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SHELBURNE FARMS

66 acres of farmland protected

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Windmill Hill, a 66-acre area of Shelburne Farms, is now permanently protected. The conservation effort, announced

Aug. 14, was a collaboration between Shelburne Farms, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and the Vermont Land Trust, according to a community announcement. The move creates the largest block of conserved farm and forest land on the property, expanding previously protected farmland and lakeshore.

The conservation of Windmill Hill safeguards some of the farm’s most beautiful views, productive soils and an extended trail network. “It’s a National Park-quality landscape supporting our mission to inspire and cultivate learning for a sustainable future,” Shelburne Farms President Alec Webb said. “Integrated with our farm

activities and walking trails, it provides a wonderful area for education programs. It just exemplifies Frederick Law Olmsted’s idea of nurturing well-being by connecting people to the land.” Forty years ago, to financially stabilize a young nonprofit that had just been

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Motive unknown in MN school shooting



Mourners pray outside the Annunciation Church, which is a home to an elementary school and was the scene of a shooting the day before, in Minneapolis Aug. 28. TIM EVANS/REUTERS

YouTube videos on account tied to suspect show troubling views

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MINNEAPOLIS – The city mourned the violent death of two children Aug. 28 while authorities tried to determine the motive of a suspect who fired dozens of rounds through stained glass windows at a Catholic church as students and teachers prayed at a Mass celebrating the start of school. Hundreds gathered late Aug. 27, the night of the shooting, for a prayer vigil in remembrance of the Annunciation Catholic School victims. Attendees sat in folding plastic chairs and bleachers, and stood along the sides of the Academy of Holy Angels High School gymnasium to hear Archbishop Bernard Hebda speak. Tears dripped down attendee Rosemary Andrade’s cheeks as she picked up a marker and wrote a message on a cross, a memorial for the 8-year-old

“To prevent future tragedies, it is crucial we look into behavioral threat assessments across all levels of society—beginning in our homes, extending through school districts and of course, social media platforms.”

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First lady

child who died in the shooting. Andrade, 17, said she was a student at the school for nine years and remembers sitting in the pews of Annunciation Catholic Church herself. “Knowing I could have been in those benches, that I was once in those

benches at that church, praying to God,” Andrade said. “Knowing what happened to those kids, who didn’t deserve that, absolutely breaks my heart.” The attack killed two children, ages 8 and 10, and wounded 17 others: 14 children ages 6 to 15 and three adults in their 80s. All the wounded were expected to survive. The names of the victims had not been released at press time. The FBI is investigating the attack as “an act of domestic terrorism and a hate crime targeting Catholics,” Director Kash Patel said on X. In a telegram to Hebda, the “profoundly saddened” Pope Leo XIV said he was sending “the assurance of spiritual closeness to all those affected by this terrible tragedy, especially the families now grieving the loss of a child.” The pope imparted his Apostolic blessing on those impacted as a “pledge of peace, fortitude and consolation in the Lord Jesus.”

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ROKEBY MUSEUM

New executive director hails from Alaska

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The Rokeby Museum has appointed Faith Revell as its new executive director, effective Aug. 4. Revell joins the Ferrisburgh museum from the Valdez Museum & Historical Archive in Alaska, where she spent 14 years as interim executive director and curator of education and public programs, according to a community announcement. Her career includes award-winning exhibitions at the Indiana History Center and recognition from the American Association for State and Local History and Museums Alaska.

“Faith’s appointment signals a defining moment for Rokeby,” Joel Loquvam, chair of the Rokeby Museum Board of Trustees, said in the announcement. “Her blend of artistic talent, museum expertise and passion for storytelling will help us bring Rokeby’s mission to life in powerful new ways. This is the kind of leadership that transforms an institution.”

Revell is also a visual artist with work in public and private collections nationwide. She holds a bachelor of arts in art from SUNY Binghamton and a master of fine arts from the Maryland Institute College of Art. She now lives in Vergennes and plans to immerse herself in Vermont’s art community and natural surroundings.

When asked why she chose Vermont and Rokeby, Revell said, “I could see myself here. In some ways, it reminds me of a condensed Alaska — mountains, trees and a breathtaking landscape. But what struck me most were the people. The warmth, the sense of purpose and the remarkable story Rokeby tells — that’s what excites me.”

The Rokeby Museum is a National Historic Landmark that interprets four generations of a single family — farmers, Quakers, abolitionists and artists. With its preserved buildings and archives, the museum offers a unique window into American history, activism and resilience.

For more information about the museum, visit rokeby.org. This story was created by reporter Beth McDermott, bmcdermottl@gannett.com, with the assistance of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Journalists were involved in every step of the information gathering, review, editing and publishing process. Learn more at cm.usatoday.com/ethical-conduct.

