

Is development next for Eldon?



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Rumors abound as Eldon Farms goes on the market; those in know not overly concerned

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It's been a week of speculation and even a few wild rumors of coming subdivisions to Rappahannock County now that Eldon Farms, one of the most unique and unspoiled properties of its kind in the eastern United States — 7,100 pristine acres of foothills, valleys and pasture — is for sale.

Asking price: \$75 million, cash.

"There is no one in the Lane Family who does not respect the uniqueness and singularity of Rappahannock

County [and] the environmental features of the land," insists Arthur Schiller, longtime personal and legal adviser to the Chicago family who for almost 60 years has owned the prized property surrounding Woodville.

"If a sale comes along it's going to be kismet, it's going to be wonderful, and I think it will be with someone who everyone looks at and says, 'Yes, I can see how that makes sense for the Lane Family. I think it can make sense for Rappahannock County.'"

To be assured that facts surrounding

the unprecedented sale were reported accurately, while also wanting to soothe inevitable curiosity from the community, Eldon Farms beforehand informed the Rappahannock News and Wall Street Journal that it would be putting its land empire on the market, in doing so conducting advance interviews with both publications.

Similarly, Eldon briefed the Rappahannock County government and the Piedmont Environmental

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