



Last of a breed is the farmland on the Spicer family property which soon will be open to the public as a parkland area.

## Love of nature is Spicer heritage

When the city of Farmington Hills prepares to take over control of the Spicer property and to transform it into a city recreational area, residents and visitors will have open to them one of the his-

torical gems of the area.

The 211 acres is the last open stand of land in Farmington Hills. And a look back at the property will show that it has a long and colorful history.

In 1869, Palmer Sherman built a beautiful home on his farm, located at the top of a small hill along Farmington Road.

Sherman sold seed to the Ferry Seed Co. 1. Decades later, in 1915, Detroit Attorney Luman Goodenough was so taken with the beautiful view that he bought the family home.

Although Eleanor Spicer was a

quiet, reserved person, she did talk about the heritage of the property a few times before her death.

"He called it Long Acres," recalled Spicer. "He added a lot of things to the house and built barns. He loved the garden and worked in it himself all the time."

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This memorial stands on the Spicer property in honor of Luman Goodenough who loved the natural setting of his property.



Eleanor Spicer was one of the special people of the Farmington area who cared for where she lived and loved nature.