

# Buyer has a vision for his property

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### Kite acreage would join other land Chopra owns in Elkton

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ELKTON – The sale of 189 acres of town-owned land for \$2.5 million to former and current Elkton resident Pham Chopra hasn't closed yet, but he has purchased a number of other Elkton-area properties over the years, including the 312-acre Elkwood subdivision in July.

Elkwood, which is located east of U.S. 340 off Persimmon Street, was recorded in Rockingham County in 1975 but never developed. It

has the potential for 374 single family lots, according to a 2013 realty listing. Chopra purchased the land from Threedens LC of Harrisonburg for \$740,000, according to Rockingham County records.

Chopra, 72, has plans to bring into fruition a vision that began in 1988 with Akal Institute, a non-profit formed to help rehabilitate alcohol and drug addicts. After operating a substance abuse rehabilitation center in Keezletown for two years in the early 1990s, Chopra said he was forced to shut it down for fi-



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nancial reasons.

From 1991 to 2007, Chopra said he and his wife,

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## Hay makes a return trip to Uganda

### Massanutten resident taught in the African country two decades ago

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