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Schooner Creek Farm sold, to be renovated

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The Schooner Creek Farm property, taken Sept. 29, 2023. (Brown County Assessor's Office)

Schooner Creek Farm, the controversial farm in Brown County, has been sold.

Don Griffin, owner of Griffin Realty, confirmed the property was sold to one of his brokers.

Owners Sarah Dye and Doug Mackey closed on the property earlier this month after listing it on Facebook marketplace, Griffin said.

Controversy erupted around the farm in 2019 after owner Dye's [connections to white nationalist groups](#) were made public. Activists called for her to be [removed](#) from the Bloomington Farmers' Market. An FBI interview with the man who [defaced](#) a Carmel synagogue in 2018 identified Dye and her husband Douglas Mackey as [members](#) of Identity Evropa, a now-defunct white supremacist group.

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Protestors in front of the Schooner Creek Farm stand at the Bloomington Farmer's Market, taken Sept. 21, 2019. (FILE PHOTO: Seth Tackett, WTIU/WFIU News)

opposition from local governments, schools

Protests and threats of violence pushed Bloomington Mayor John Hamilton to suspend the market for two weeks, but Schooner Creek was not removed from the market on First Amendment grounds.

Schooner Creek has not returned to the market since the 2019 controversy. The couple stopped selling produce altogether in 2022.

Read more: [In Schooner Creek Farms v. City of Bloomington, federal court sides with the city.](#)

The two have also stepped back from their coffee business, Above Time Coffee Roasters.



The website assures buyers that its coffee is not Kosher-certified, and is made "by our people, for our people." A Feb. 17 X post from Dye says they have found new owners who will "carry on the company's legacy and mission."

The 3.5 acre property will be renovated and put up for sale in about a month, Griffin said.

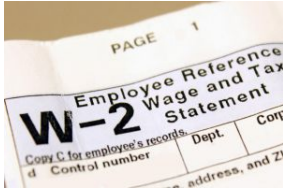


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