Crane-Beshar Rhinoceros Creek Reservation honors Gerard Crane, who built the adjacent Stone House (private property) in 1849, and also Robert and Christine Beshar who, in 1984, restored the Stone House to its 19th century glory.

Gerard Crane was involved in the menagerie business, and reportedly allowed his rhinoceros to bathe in the creek that runs through today’s reservation. After selling the Stone House in 2017, the Beshar family donated two remaining parcels of land to the Somers Land Trust, with the wish that it be protected and open to the public.

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