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A COMMUNITY UNITES TO PRESERVE A TREASURED HILLSIDE

A property that is dear to the hearts of those in Cold Spring Harbor and surrounding villages might finally be preserved. After much work and support by the community, the Town of Huntington and the County of Suffolk have expressed their desire to partner with the North Shore Land Alliance in the permanent protection of the DeForest Williams place, a historic and emblematic property on Long Island's north shore.

The DeForest Williams property is located on the bluff overlooking Shore Road in the hamlet of Cold Spring Harbor within the Town of Huntington. This property provides the view that gives Cold Spring Harbor its character and charm, whether you are driving in on 25A or boating in from the Long Island Sound.

The Land Alliance has been working with the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County and the Cold Spring Harbor Civic Association to develop a plan to preserve the approximately 30-acre open space portion of this historic estate known as "Wawapek".

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Dear Land Alliance Friends,

Every five years, the Land Trust Alliance conducts a census of land trust activity across the United States. The results, published last week, showed that 1,700 land trusts protected ten million acres of land over a five-year period, outpacing the Federal government in preservation.

All together, since land trusts began in 1895, 47 million acres have been protected through private conservation. While that number still doesn't surpass the amount of land Teddy Roosevelt preserved in the West in one truly great year, it is powerful and impressive. And even more impressive is the fact that this number represents private, grassroots, local conservation efforts.

We are pleased to report that the North Shore Land Alliance and its partners have contributed more than 800 acres to that total. This year we will add another 75 acres of environmentally significant local land to that number.

Did you know that our forested areas, in addition to providing clean water and air, store vast amounts of carbon in tree trunks, roots, leaves and dead wood? They also hold carbon in surrounding soils. According to our friends at The Trust for Public Land, a single mature tree removes 48 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air each year via photosynthesis while releasing enough oxygen into the atmosphere to support two human beings.

In these days and times, conservation is much more than a matter of aesthetics. It is a human health issue, and one that should not be ignored.

Unfortunately, on the Federal front, the enhanced tax benefits for conservation easements are no longer certain. Proposed (and almost certain) cuts to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Ranchland Protection, Forest Legacy and Farm Bill are devastating. Circumstances are not much better locally. In particular, the bond monies raised over the past decade are drawing to an end.

So, where else but within can we turn to protect our important natural resources?

As another year winds down, I am humbled and inspired by the support you have shown the North Shore Land Alliance. Thank you for contacting your elected officials, volunteering your time, supporting our events and remembering us in your year-end giving. Most of all, thank you for believing in our mission and our ability to carry it out.

As our challenge to protect our community's health becomes more daunting, we are pleased to be working with you to advance this important cause!

Yours in conservation,



Wawapek is a 42-acre estate that has remained in the family of lawyer and philanthropist Robert Weeks DeForest for over 100 years. The historic residence was designed in 1898 by the not yet famous architect Grosvenor Atterbury. Atterbury would later go on to design the American wing of the Metropolitan Museum in New York City and the Forest Hills Gardens in Queens. Wawapek is now owned by the Estate of Priscilla DeForest Williams.

Priscilla DeForest Williams was the granddaughter of Robert W. DeForest. She passed away in 2006. The DeForest Williams family has continually expressed an interest in seeing their property preserved, as evidenced by their willingness to sell for conservation in the mid 1980's. Unfortunately, a previous funding gap between the Town and the County prevented that preservation.

Now, the imminent threat of development is looming and the community has joined forces with the Land Alliance to make every effort to see that this important property is preserved rather than developed. The application pending before the Town of Huntington Planning Board proposes to subdivide the estate into 15 lots. Three of the lots, comprising approximately 11 acres, would contain the existing houses and

other structures. The remaining lots would be available for 12 new single family residences. While the Town Planning Department worked with the owner to create the best possible subdivision, many felt that the property is just too environmentally sensitive to be developed at all.

The effect 12 additional single family homes would have on Cold Spring Harbor is of great concern. Development increases the nitrogen load in local waters due to septic runoff and fertilizers. The increase in nitrogen causes hypoxia, a condition that occurs in bodies of water resulting in the poisoning of shellfish and sickening those who consume them. The excess nitrogen fuels algae blooms that deplete oxygen and may lead to fish kills and ultimately the decline of the local shellfishing industry. This summer, the detriment caused by hypoxia was evidenced by the closing of neighboring Northport Harbor and Huntington Harbor.

With 61% of the property containing heavily wooded slopes over 10% in elevation, the property provides significant runoff and flooding control for Cold Spring Harbor. The mature hardwood forest also provides erosion control, protects air quality and is the home to a variety of birds, other animals, trees, plants and wildflowers.



On September 26, 2011 the Land Alliance launched a website with a petition that allowed the community to sign on in support of a public/private purchase for conservation. As of this writing, more than 1,400 supporters have signed on. The website allows visitors to share stories about the property, further demonstrating the community's connection to this valuable property.

At a public hearing on November 9, 2011 Supervisor Frank Petrone and the Huntington Town Board passed a resolution authorizing the Town of Huntington to partner with the County of Suffolk and the Land Alliance in the acquisition of the DeForest Williams property.

After approval by the Environment, Planning & Agricultural Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature on November 14, 2011, the County's Division of Real

Estate will begin preliminary steps towards acquisition of the undeveloped portion of the DeForest Williams property. These preliminary steps include performing appraisals and a site survey and doing an environmental audit of the property.

The Land Alliance has arranged for a three-year bridge loan from the Open Space Institute to close the funding gap that will make the deal whole.

While the final outcome is months away, we feel optimistic that by working closely with the Town, County and a supportive local community, we will be able to protect one of our greatest remaining natural areas for generations to come.

Stay tuned!



33.5 ACRE EASEMENT PLACED IN OYSTER BAY COVE



On October 18, 2011, a conservation easement was placed over a 33.5 - acre environmentally sensitive property in Oyster Bay Cove. This easement, whose donor prefers to remain anonymous, ensures the permanent protection of a significant portion of the deep water recharge section of the Oyster Bay Special Groundwater Protection Area. This property contains undeveloped woodlands, grasslands and other sensitive elements which together provide for a unique natural environment with a diversity of wildlife and natural habitat. The property lies within the Tiffany Creek Watershed Area which is part of the Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbor Regionally Important Natural Area (RINA). Properties in this area

are recognized by the New York Department of State, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, as properties critically important to providing a clean watershed and in turn protecting valuable shellfishing waters of Oyster Bay Cove. The property was also included as a priority property in the New York State, Nassau County and Town of Oyster Bay Open Space inventories.

The Land Alliance would especially like to thank the conservation-minded private donor who enabled the permanent protection of this important open space.

UPDATE ON EXXON MOBIL COLD SPRING HARBOR RESTORATION

For those of you driving past the former Mobil Oil terminal in Cold Spring Harbor, you may have noticed that native grasses are growing. What a great change!

ExxonMobil has been remediating and restoring the property since 2005. On March 1, 2011 the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) issued a “No further action” letter to ExxonMobil’s Environmental Services Company. Recently, Exxon Mobil planted a seed mix of native maritime grasses.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Exxon Mobil for all their work on restoration and revegetation of this site.

THE TRUE MEANING OF COMMUNITY EXPRESSED THROUGH AN IMAGINARY EVENT



On August 16th, members of the Oyster Bay Preservation Roundtable gathered in the Main Street Association office to combine their guest lists for invitations to Oyster Bay's first ever Shadow Ball, an imaginary event. The purpose of this extraordinary group effort was to secure funds to conduct emergency repairs to stabilize the Adelia & Cornelius McCoon House (a.k.a. the Trousdell House) in Oyster Bay Hamlet before the harshness of winter set in.

The idea for the party was conceived by Isaac Kremer, Executive Director of the Oyster Bay Main Street Association, and Philip Blocklyn, Executive Director of the Oyster Bay Historical Society, whose organizations had, collectively, done considerable research on the house and its previous owners. They were inspired by a similar event Mrs. Chauncey B. Garver, who lived in the house from 1920 until 1949, had hosted in 1928 to benefit the Florence Baker House in New York City.

The Shadow Ball raised more than \$20,000 for emergency repairs to the house which was matched by \$20,000 from the Land Alliance, resulting in \$40,000 of much-needed TLC to this charming local treasure. Under the guidance of Bernard Austin, whose firm, Harrison Design has donated more than \$10,000 in pro bono services, and Tim Lee of Lee Construction, repairs on the gutters, foundation and exterior have been completed. And, thanks to friends and neighbors a big cleanup of the grounds has also occurred.

The doors to the Trousdell house were opened wide on the afternoon of Sunday, September 18th, for a party to welcome our most generous donors. The steps looked like they were almost smiling with bright yellow chrysanthemums lining the way to the front door. The house felt happy with guests wandering through the elegant rooms sipping assorted drinks and nibbling on sweets and savories. The mood was upbeat and the air was filled with lovely music, thanks to the generosity of the talented John Schwarzberg.

When the North Shore Land Alliance stepped in to purchase the property, our goal was to preserve the land on which the house sits. With the help of our community, we will be able to secure the integrity of the house until that time when a private owner will purchase the property and proceed with preservation. If you know of any private individuals, foundations or corporations that may be interested in contributing to the revitalization effort and/or purchasing this historic property for conservation purposes, please contact the North Shore Land Alliance at 516-626-0908 or bbaldwin@northshorelandalliance.org.

*THE SUN, THE MOON AND THE STARS
WOULD HAVE DISAPPEARED LONG AGO HAD
THEY HAPPENED TO BE WITHIN THE REACH
OF PREDATORY HUMAN HANDS.*

Havelock Ellis



Many thanks to the members of the Oyster Bay Preservation Roundtable; Philip Blocklyn, Oyster Bay Historical Society; John Bonifacio and Isaac Kremer, Oyster Bay Main Street Association; Harriet Gerard Clark, Raynham Hall Museum; Ben Jankowski and John Specce, Oyster Bay Railroad Museum; Rita Pecora, Save the Jewel by the Bay, and Alexandra Wolfe, Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities...and to all of those individuals that donated to our Trousdell stabilization efforts.



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GOVERNMENT UPDATES



FEDERAL

ENHANCED INCENTIVE FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENTS SET TO EXPIRE

Last December, Congress renewed the enhanced tax incentive for conservation easements through the end of 2011 and retroactive to January 1, 2010. This renewal did the following:

- 1) Raised the maximum deduction a donor can take for donating a conservation easement from 30% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) in any year to 50%;
- 2) Allowed qualified farmers and ranchers to deduct up to 100% of their AGI; and
- 3) Increased the number of years over which a donor can take deductions from 6 years to 16 years.

The tax-saving value of this important legislation helped private landowners in their decision to partner with the Land Alliance to conserve 162 acres of productive agricultural lands and natural areas from 2006 to 2010, with another 40 acres scheduled to close before year-end. Unless Congress acts again, this incentive will expire December 31, 2011.

While very popular legislation has been introduced to make the easement incentive permanent, there is no guarantee it will be passed. At the end of the 111th Congress, this legislation had 274 cosponsors (more than any other bill in congress) from all 50 states, including majorities of both parties. Both President Bush's FY 2009 budget and President Obama's FY 2010/2011 budgets supported extending the incentive.

The Joint Committee on Taxation has scored a permanent easement incentive as potentially costing \$761 million over ten years. While \$76.1 million a year seems a small price to pay nationally to conserve some of our most important natural areas, parks and agricultural landscapes, the budget wars continue in Congress and no one knows what next year will bring!

We encourage conservation-minded landowners who are interested in permanently protecting important natural or historic resources on their land through a voluntary conservation easement to consider acting this year.

CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS IN JEOPARDY

In September, President Obama proposed to pay for his Jobs Bill by capping the effective benefit of charitable tax deductions at 28%. Fortunately, efforts to demonstrate the importance of charitable deductions worked, and the Senate replaced this provision before bringing the Jobs Bill up for a vote!

Despite this victory, it is entirely possible that restrictions on charitable giving incentives will re-emerge with the Super Committee appointed to come up with solutions for reducing our national debt. Restrictions on charitable giving incentives would be devastating to non-profit organizations like ours who do so much to protect our natural world.

NOT ALL OF THE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON IS BAD

On November 11, 2011, five bills that would protect more than 125,000 acres of wilderness in five states were approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The measures now go to the full U.S. Senate for a vote.

The bills voted on were:

- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act, to protect more than 32,500 acres in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore on Lake Michigan
- Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act, to add 22,100 acres to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and designate parts of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Pratt Rivers as Wild and Scenic
- Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area Establishment Act, to protect as a conservation area some 235,000 acres northwest of Taos, including more than 21,000 acres of designated wilderness
- Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2011, to safeguard nearly 30,000 acres on Wassen Creek in Oregon's Coast Range
- Tennessee Wilderness Act, to protect nearly 20,000 acres of wilderness in the Cherokee National Forest.

GOVERNMENT UPDATES



NEW YORK STATE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

This month, New York's Regional Councils for Economic Development are unveiling their draft plans to stimulate economic development and job creation. These councils, launched by Governor Cuomo in July to bring state government and business leaders together to address economic challenges, are coordinating efforts across New York to compete for up to one billion dollars in state economic aid.

Each of the ten regions of the state was asked to submit transformative projects that would bring outside dollars to New York State and create local jobs. The Long Island team submitted 13 projects, two of which related to growing agriculture and aquaculture markets. You can read the full report at <http://nyworks.ny.gov/>

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

As lobbying season begins, the New York Environmental Leaders group will be back in Albany to advocate for a \$180 million Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). As you may recall, since 2003, approximately \$500 million has been swept from the EPF for General Fund relief. And, since 2008 the EPF appropriation has been reduced from \$255 million to \$134 million.

Also included in the Governor's coordinating effort this year was the development of a consolidated application for state funding which would be reviewed by a spectrum of agencies rather than one specific agency like the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Those seeking state funds in categories such as open space, historic preservation and parks will now apply for grants through this new process.

The Land Alliance has applied for a \$400,000 acquisition grant for the DeForest Williams property through the consolidated funding application.



NASSAU COUNTY

THE BANFI DEAL IS DONE - FINALLY!

After more than 2 years, the closing on the Banfi Property took place on October 18, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in the West Street offices of the Nassau County Department of Real Estate and Planning. It took countless acts of the Nassau County legislature and several votes of the New York State Legislature to bring this very complicated transaction to a close.



Many thanks to County Executive Ed Mangano, Nassau County Legislature, Real Estate Department Head Carl Schroeter, Deputy County Attorney Michael Kelly, Assemblyman Michael Montesano and Senator Carl Marcellino for their valuable assistance in seeing this project through to its successful end.



SUFFOLK COUNTY

LEGISLATOR JON COOPER BEGINS THE PROCESS TO ACQUIRE THE DEFOREST WILLIAMS PROPERTY

On October 17, 2011, Suffolk County Legislator Jon Cooper introduced a resolution authorizing the Suffolk County Division of Real Estate to take the preliminary steps necessary to acquire the undeveloped portion of the DeForest Williams Estate in Cold Spring Harbor. This is the first step in Suffolk County's acquisition process and includes appraisal, survey and environmental inventory.

The County would underwrite 50% of the acquisition cost with the Town of Huntington contributing 25% and the North Shore Land Alliance raising the remainder. Cooper's resolution calls for funding this acquisition through the newly revamped Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program, which Cooper championed in 2007 and was voted on by public referendum.

We are most grateful to Legislator Cooper for his leadership in acquiring this important property.



TOWN OF OYSTER BAY

TOWN BONDS \$7.4 MILLION FOR PARKS

The Oyster Bay Town Board voted earlier this year in favor of issuing \$7.4 million in bonds for infrastructure improvements to its parks and open spaces. Last year the Town was awarded its highest bond ratings ever, a AAA rating from Standard and Poor's and an Aa3 from Moody's Investor Services. We commend Oyster Bay for making this bold move at a time when the cost of money is low and our parks and open spaces contribute so much to our quality of life.

Funds will be used for improvements at local Town parks and preserves like the Mill Pond Overlook, Theodore Roosevelt and The Farm at Oyster Bay where girl scout volunteers harvested more than 1,500 pounds of vegetables that were donated to Island Harvest.



TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION CONTINUES

The Town Board has remained active with their open space projects. In addition to their commitment to fund one quarter of the DeForest Williams property acquisition costs, they have appropriated funding to acquire one acre of the Roberg property on Makamah Road in Fort Salonga. This acquisition would allow the Town to install a northern trailhead parking area for the Makamah Nature Preserve (County-owned). The site lies within the Crab Meadow Watershed. The purpose is to create a safe access area for about 4-6 cars and protect additional woodland buffer. A contract of sale has been signed by the owner and the parties are moving toward closing.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY GARDEN MAKES INCREDIBLE PROGRESS

In 2010, we reported on a joint venture between the Town of Huntington and the Long Island Community Agriculture Network (LICAN). These organizations partnered to build a community garden on Town-owned land at Gateway Park in Huntington Station. Before the first year was complete, the garden blossomed into 87 raised garden beds sized for children, adults and the handicapped. Local residents planted the beds with a multitude of vegetables. Volunteers helped novice gardeners with gardening classes and vegetable cooking demonstrations. During the summer of 2011, the painting of agriculturally themed educational murals began under the supervision of Lucienne Pereira and Susan Gaber, whose designs graphically narrated the stories of plant pollination, seed germination, a planting calendar and more. Seventy volunteers of all ages helped with the mural with youngest participants using their fingers as brushes.

After a successful year of community involvement and a bountiful harvest, they are planning to expand to 50 more gardening beds, a community gathering area and a children's natural play area. We are pleased to show you recent pictures of this most successful joint venture.



LAND NEEDED FOR FARMING



KAOS FARM UPDATE AND CALL FOR LAND

Our friends at KAOS Farm, the North Shore's largest CSA, ended their first successful season last month. The principals, Walter, Skip, Mary and Sarah, provided a weekly bounty of fresh vegetables and flowers to 40 member families throughout the summer and fall. They built a real community around their endeavor by educating school groups, pot-lucking with CSA members and attracting a loyal army of volunteer weeders. And, like all good farmers, they have already begun to prepare their soil for the 2012 growing season by spreading compost and planting cover crops. On Saturday, November 10th, they planted organic seed garlic (pictured above) for next year. Subscriptions to KAOS Farm's CSA program were sold out in advance, way before they harvested their first crop. KAOS Farm would like to expand their operation and service more families if only they had more land. And, they are not alone.

Locally and nationally, we are experiencing a unique combination of opportunities: a surge in consumer demand for locally produced food; growing interest in sustainable farming as a profession; and more recognition that small farms are the future of food security.

Increasingly, the next generation of farmers is coming from highly educated urban and suburban backgrounds. Unlike previous generations of farmers, this new group does not have access to farmland through inheritance or family connections. In densely developed regions like Long Island and Westchester County where the market for local food is most lucrative, the high cost of land presents an unsurmountable obstacle for new farmers.

Land trusts throughout the country have begun to provide a service that links landowners with an interest in sustainable agriculture with beginning farmers looking for land to lease - a bit of Ebay meets eHarmony arrangement. Please let us know if you would be interested in leasing your land for farming purposes. If the parcel in question is seven acres or greater there may be potential for a substantial tax savings for landowners.

Through the 2011/2012 Small Farm Summit, we have had the pleasure of meeting a number of these impressive next generation farmers and would be happy to facilitate a mutually beneficial arrangement between landowners and farmers. For more information, please call Lisa Ott at the Land Alliance 516-626-0908 or lisa@northshorelandalliance.org.

FORUM ON DEFENDING



Water for Long Island, a coalition of educators, non-profits, civic associations and advocacy groups concerned about Long Island's water supply, hosted a public forum titled *Defending Long Island's Water Supply* on Saturday, November 5th at the Cold Spring Harbor Library.

Featured speakers were Mindy Germain, Executive Director, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington (Residents), Ron Busciolano, US Geological Survey (USGS), Douglas Feldman, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, and Sarah Meyland, Center for Resource Management at New York Institute of Technology (NYIT).

Port Washington, along with Great Neck and Long Beach, are among the first of Long Island's coastal communities to experience saltwater intrusion. Wikipedia defines saltwater intrusion as the movement of saline water into freshwater aquifers. When freshwater is withdrawn at a faster rate than it can be replenished, the water table is drawn down as a result. This draw-down also reduces the hydrostatic pressure. When this happens near an ocean coastal area, salt water from the ocean is pulled into the fresh water aquifer. The result is that the aquifer becomes contaminated with salt water.

In an effort to protect their drinking water source and prevent future degradation, Residents is working with a coalition of organizations including USGS, State and Local governments to sponsor the Port Washington/Manhasset Peninsula Aquifer Project. Ms. Germain described the goals of the Project which will assess the current state of the area water supply and create models to accurately assess future scenarios.

Ron Busciolano, USGS, shared many interesting local facts. Nassau County has the highest rate of water withdrawal for any County in the coastal plane of the United States. Very high usage coupled with a decreased water table created by sewers in Western Nassau are the primary reasons for saltwater intrusion. Modeling, such as that being developed for the Port Washington/Manhasset Peninsula Aquifer Project, will empower local water authorities with the most current data to assist them in developing solutions for combating saltwater intrusion, e.g. changing pumping locations to areas where the water table is high.

Mr. Busciolano also noted that water testing had been cut from the Nassau County budget completely and as a result none of the County's 615 test wells are being monitored by the USGS. This testing has been very important to understanding both the quality and quantity of our drinking water source.



Douglas Feldman, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, continued with an analysis of current water conditions. Nitrate levels increased by 38% from 1987 to 2005 and average nitrate concentrations in the Magothy layer of the aquifer have increased by 200%. With conditions, in general, trending toward greater concentrations of nitrates and VOC's, how do we head off a degraded water system and ensure the excellent drinking water quality we all desire?

LONG ISLAND'S WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Feldman shared major recommendations from the Department of Health Services recent Comprehensive Water Resources Management Study.

- 1) Continue open space preservation
- 2) Downzone to increase lot sizes in all of Suffolk County
- 3) Expand sewered areas in southwestern and Kings Park areas of Suffolk County
- 4) Implement the Long Island Pesticide Use Management Plan

Professor Sarah Meyland, NYIT, ended the day with a brief analysis of water management in New York State and a possible solution for ensuring the integrity of our drinking water source. She began by stating that 94% of water used in New York State is surface water and 6% of water used is groundwater.

Long Island is totally dependent on a sole source aquifer to provide its drinking water; therefore Long Island is the largest groundwater dependent area in the state.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is responsible for monitoring our drinking water source. Over the last few years staffing at the DEC has dropped from 340 people to 233 people making it very difficult to manage Long Island's water resources.

Professor Meyland ended her presentation by recommending that New York State create a Long Island specific Water Resources Management Agency. This agency would have authority over the groundwater and surface waters of Long Island. Its authority would include such things as water quality and quantity oversight, storm-water management and developing a comprehensive plan for the preservation of Long Island's freshwater supplies. This agency would use the most current data to make informed decisions and tailor solutions to this Island-wide problem with a holistic and comprehensive approach.

The drinking water needs of 70% of the State's population are served by compact's, many of which involve multiple states. A compact is a written management agreement between an administrative unit



and government. A compact presents priorities and issues and develops feasible strategies and targets, delineates directions and actions, and mutual performance expectations.

A successful example of a compact established to manage water resources was the Delaware River Basin Commission established in 1961. This compact was the first federal-interstate agreement for basin-scale water resources management.

On Long Island, a compact would represent a pledge by all parties to pursue and support the initiatives summarized in the compact document that would lead to a healthy and sustainable drinking water system.

Many thanks to the sponsors of the this important forum: Center for Water Resources Management at NYIT, Conservation Board of the Village of Lloyd Harbor, Friends of the Bay, East Norwich Civic Association, League of Women Voters (Nassau County, East Nassau, Suffolk, Huntington), LI Drinking Water Coalition, North Country Garden Club, North Shore Land Alliance, and The Sierra Club LI Group.

*WHEN THE WELL IS DRY,
WE KNOW
THE WORTH OF WATER*

Benjamin Franklin



SMALL FARM SUMMIT 2012

Announcing The 2012 Small Farm Summit to be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at Hofstra University from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

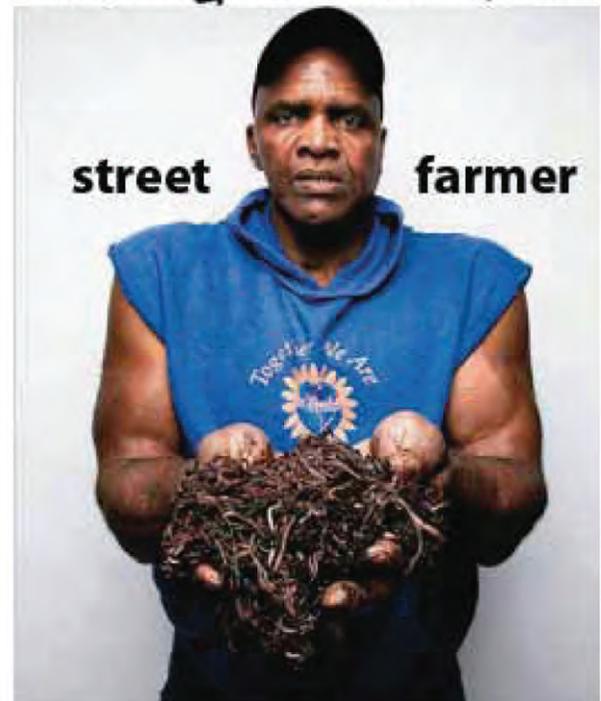
Sold out in advance, the first Small Farm Summit held in April 2011 at SUNY College Old Westbury was attended by more than 600 people interested in locally sustainable agriculture on Long Island.

The 2012 Summit is expected to bring together an even larger, more diverse group of educators, farmers, parents, children, municipalities, land trusts, not-for-profits, community leaders, restaurant owners and chefs, and concerned citizens focused on strengthening the local food system and increasing community awareness of and access to more locally grown food.

Chef Ann Cooper, the Renegade Lunch Lady, and Will Allen of Growing Power will be the keynote speakers for the 2012 Summit.

Will Allen, a former professional basketball player, is the founding CEO of Growing Power, a national nonprofit organization and land trust that supports people from diverse backgrounds, and the environments in which they live, by helping to provide equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe and affordable food. Growing Power has initiated highly successful hands-on training, outreach and technical assistance for a number of successful inner-city/suburban food programs in Milwaukee, Chicago and other under-served communities throughout the country. Mr. Allen has been featured in Time Magazine, The New York Times, Chicago Tribune and many others for his great work in helping people grow, process, market and distribute food in a sustainable manner.

The New York Times Magazine



Chef Ann Cooper is a celebrated author, chef, educator, and enduring advocate for better food for all children. In our nation where children are born with shorter estimated life expectancies than their parents because of diet-related illness, Ann is a relentless voice of reform by focusing on the links between food, family, farming and children's health and wellness.

She has been featured in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Newsweek*, and *Time Magazine* and has appeared on NPR's 'Living on Earth,' ABC's *Nightline*, CNN, PBS' *To The Contrary* and the CBS Morning Show and many other media outlets. Ann is the author of four books: *Lunch Lessons: Changing the Way We Feed Our Children* (2006), *In Mother's Kitchen: Celebrated Women Chefs Share Beloved Family Recipes* (2005), *Bitter Harvest: A Chef's Perspective on the Hidden Dangers in the Foods We Eat and What You Can do About It* (2000) and *A Woman's Place is in the Kitchen: The Evolution of Women Chefs* (1998).

There is no doubt that Ann is an accomplished chef. However, her focus is now on using her skills and background to create a sustainable model for schools nationwide to transition any processed food based K-12 school meal program to a whole foods environment where food is procured regionally and prepared from scratch.

In addition to two terrific keynote speakers, the 2012 Small Farm Summit will be filled with educational workshops, interesting exhibits, fun entertainment and a community of folks interested in growing, eating and supporting a vibrant local agricultural community.

For more updates and additional information please check out www.smallfarmsummit.com



**If you'd like to get involved in planning for the Summit,
please join us on the following dates at 9:30 a.m.:**

Tuesday	December 13, 2011	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Tuesday	January 17, 2012	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Tuesday	February 7, 2012	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Tuesday	March 20, 2012	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Tuesday	April 10, 2012	Old Bethpage Village Restoration

ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING



On October 29, 2011, the North Shore Land Alliance held its Annual Members Meeting at The Farm at Oyster Bay in Oyster Bay Cove. Approximately 50 Land Alliance members, trustees and staff braved the sleeting weather conditions to elect trustees for the coming year and to review the accomplishments for 2011.

Board Chair Carter Bales welcomed attendees and thanked them for their invaluable support throughout the Land Alliance's eight years of existence. He reviewed the agenda for the meeting, which included detailed reports on the following areas: Land Conservation, Stewardship, Community Outreach/Education, Volunteers, Membership, Organization and Fundraising Events.

Larry Schmidlapp, Committee on Trustees Co-Chair, presented the slate of trustees to be re-elected for three-year terms. Those trustees were Elizabeth Ainslie, Bridget Macaskill and Frank Segarra. He also welcomed three new trustees who had been added to the board in 2011: Hope Smith, Warren Kraft and Tom McGrath. Lisa Ott, Land Alliance President, began the staff presentation by highlighting successes:

- 1) Banfi Fields: Land swap finalized at the closing held on October 18, 2011.
- 2) The Farm at Oyster Bay: Restoration is well underway at The Farm. The barn was restored with grant money, volunteers harvested 1,500 lbs. of vegetables and donated them to Island Harvest, a local food bank, and the Boy Scouts restored the grape arbor.
- 3) Small Farm Summit: The Land Alliance sponsored the inaugural Small Farm Summit on April 15, 2011 at SUNY College Old Westbury. Joel Salatin was the keynote speaker and more than 600 people attended!
- 4) Trousdell Property: The Land Alliance purchased a historic Oyster Bay property in order to prevent subdivision of the property and ultimate destruction of the historic house. The Oyster Bay Historic Roundtable held a "Shadow Ball" in order to raise money for the stabilization of the house.
- 5) DeForest Williams Property: In late September the North Shore Land Alliance launched a campaign to protect approximately 31 acres of the historic DeForest Williams property in Cold Spring Harbor.



Beth Baldwin, Associate Director and Counsel, gave the land conservation report: Beth reviewed various ways the North Shore Land Alliance protects land:

1) Private Conservation: The Land Alliance holds 51 acres in public conservation easements and 192 acres in private conservation easements. On October 18, 2011 the Land Alliance closed on a conservation easement for approximately 33.5 acres in Oyster Bay Cove.

2) Public Funding Measures: There were no open space ballot measures on the November ballot on Long Island. We are happy to report that this year the Town of Oyster Bay bonded \$7.4 million for parks improvements. With low interest rates, municipal bonding is a great way to have funds available for all types of conservation efforts. The Land Alliance hopes that additional public funding for open spaces will be available as the economy recovers.

3) Advocating for Stronger Conservation Laws: The Land Alliance continues to advocate to local towns and villages to adopt stronger environmental resource laws. These laws prevent building on slopes and maintaining certain setbacks from important environmental features, like wetlands, to help mitigate development while preserving community character.

4) Monitoring Previously Protected Lands to Ensure They Remain Protected and Stewardship: The Land Alliance monitors annually and provides continuous stewardship services for the properties it preserves in order to ensure the environmental integrity of the property is maintained.

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REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO....

run through fields of wildflowers,
 search for animal tracks on the trail,
 collect rocks, climb trees,
 roll logs over just to see what's there,
 listen to the locusts,
 watch for soaring birds in flight,
 catch fireflies, count butterflies,
 lie down on the ground
 and watch the clouds go by.

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 the same chance
 to gather their own memories
 of exploring our natural lands.



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2012 WALKS IN THE WOODS CALENDAR

We are pleased to announce our 2012 Walks in the Woods Calendar. All of our walks are kid-friendly, but a few, as indicated, may be particularly enjoyable for the young and young-at-heart.

Thank you in advance to our many experts who so generously donate their time to enlighten us on these walks about the wonders of our natural world.

❧ Saturday, January 28, 10:00 a.m., North Shore Preserves

Take an INVIGORATING! walk with Land Alliance and Sierra Club members through multiple preserves managed by NSLA. We will meet at the Oyster Bay train station and carpool from there.

❧ Sunday, February 26, 11:00 a.m., Roosevelt Preserve

If it snows, take your snowshoes along for a walk we're doing jointly with Seatuck Environmental Association. The Land Alliance's Jane Jackson and naturalist Joanne Tow will lead an exploration of this narrow and scenic woodland.

❧ Sunday, March 11, 2:00 p.m., Welwyn Preserve, Glen Cove

Join the dynamic duo Allan and Lois Lindberg, naturalists, Long Island Botanical Society members, and Nassau County Department of Parks Staff Emeritus, for a wide-ranging exploration of Welwyn's geology, flora and fauna.

❧ Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m., Massapequa Preserve, Massapequa

Botanist Andrew Greller will guide us through this delightful Nassau County-owned 423-acre preserve that was voted Long Island's best nature preserve by Long Island Press in 2006.

❧ Saturday, May 19, 7:30 a.m./Early Birders and 9:00 a.m./Later Risers, Stillwell Woods Preserve, Syosset

Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society President Stella Miller and The Nature Conservancy Preserves Manager Derek Rogers will lead two walks during spring bird migration. They will also show us Stillwell's extensive grassland and teach us about this critical habitat.



🌿 **Sunday, June 10, 2:00 p.m., Fox Hollow Preserve, Laurel Hollow**

Soil and plant expert Richard Weir leads us through this peaceful woodland when (we expect!) mountain laurel will be at its most exquisite.

🌿 **Saturday, June 30, 10:00 a.m., Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve, Lloyd Neck**

Caumsett Foundation Trustee Suzanne Feustel will guide us through the Park's habitat restoration activities that support the Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly. With any luck, we may spot a few of them!

🌿 **Thursday, July 26, 6:00 p.m., Clark Botanic Garden, Albertson**

Assistant horticulturist Nancy Warny will lead a composting demonstration at this 12-acre jewel tucked away behind the Long Island Railroad. Learn about the Town of North Hempstead's innovative program to encourage residents to convert would-be food waste to "black gold," then take a tour of the Garden.

🌿 **Saturday, September 8, 10:00 a.m., Coffin Woods, Locust Valley**

Explore the plants and wildlife of North Shore Wildlife Sanctuary's Coffin Woods with naturalists and Long Island Botanical Society officers Barbara Conolly and Carol Johnston and learn all about the Siberian geranium.



🌿 **Saturday, September 15, 8:30 a.m., between Robert Moses State Park and Fire Island Lighthouse, Fire Island**

Queens County Bird Club Vice President Mary Normandia helps to coordinate the Fire Island Hawk Watch every fall and has invited us to help her count hawks! She will also lead a short bird walk at the Lighthouse.

🌿 **Sunday, October 7 (tentative), 2:00 p.m., Norman J. Levy Park & Preserve, Merrick**

Experience the wonder of early autumn foliage and fall migrating birds with naturalist Peter Martin at this magnificent 52-acre former landfill! Bring the kids.

🌿 **Sunday, October 28, 10:00 a.m., East Meadow Farm/CCE Horticultural Center, East Meadow**

Visit the new home of Cornell Cooperative Extension - Nassau County. Julie Seghrouchni, CCE - Nassau's Horticulture/Community Forestry Educator, will teach us about the best trees to plant on Long Island and provide a tour of the demonstration garden.

🌿 **Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m., Eagle Dock Foundation, Cold Spring Harbor**

The Foundation's Don Niddrie and naturalist John Taylor will lead us into the world of ospreys and winter waterfowl. We will learn about activity that's been happening on this beach property since an osprey nesting platform was installed and take a look at the birds that have arrived offshore for the winter season.

Space is limited; registration is recommended. To register and for directions please contact North Shore Land Alliance at (516) 626-0908 or andrea@northshorelandalliance.org.



CREEPY MILE-A-MINUTE ON THE LOOSE



Not yet a household word, Mile-a-Minute vine made its mark on the fields at Iselin and James Preserves in Upper and Old Brookville in summer 2011 as never before. Known for its rapid growth (up to six inches in a day, or up to 25 feet in a season!), this invasive pest, if left to its own devices, can take over a field, outcompeting desirable native vegetation. Thanks to dozens of volunteers, we were able to pull out substantial amounts before it produced fruit that could be eaten by birds and spread through seed dispersal. But our battle against invasives is far from over and may never be finished. There are plenty of invasive plant species to be concerned about, and the increasingly pervasive Mile-a-Minute is only one concern. Thoughts of how much worse it may be in future years, as our climate warms, are daunting.

Mile-a-Minute, native to East Asia, was first observed in the eastern U.S. in the 1930s. Although it is an annual, it produces so much seed each year that it can rapidly expand its range. Fortunately, it is easy to identify; its equilateral triangular, lime green leaf is a dead giveaway. The subtly thorny reddish stem punctures a leafy collar - hence its scientific name, *Persicaria perfoliata* - and its green berries turn a very pretty pastel pink and blue as they mature. In addition to seed dispersal by wildlife, it can be, like many invasives, transported from one property to another on landscaping equipment, or by streams into which berries, which can persist in water for up to a week, fall. Commonly found in fields in full sun, it also makes its way into wetlands, forest edges and roadsides.

This is a noteworthy plant to watch out for and, if you find it, keep from spreading! While no control method is a definite solution, it's well worthwhile to pull it out by the roots, before it produces fruit (or at least before the fruit matures), particularly in late spring/early summer, when the stems tend to be strong enough to withstand a pull, as close to the ground as possible, firm enough to remove the roots. Sturdy garden gloves and long sleeves will protect your hands and wrists from thorns. Make sure you place ALL pulled plant material in strong plastic garbage bags that are tightly tied. Let the securely closed bags sit out in the sun for two weeks (or more) to bake any life out of the plants before disposing of the bags. **Vigilant monitoring is essential!** Please feel free to call the Land Alliance if you would like help with identification or have any questions.



NORTH SHORE LAND ALLIANCE SUMMER INTERN



Once the month of May arrives, the last day of school is what most, if not all, students think about. It's a break from long lectures, sometimes complicated homework, and dreaded tests. And, finally, once school ends, students are thinking more about relaxing with friends and less about working or volunteering. However, there are a few exceptional students who decide to spend their summer volunteering for the North Shore Land Alliance.

And, Eliza Wehrl was certainly exceptional this summer in her supporting role as the Volunteer Office Assistant. Eliza contributed more than 60 hours of her valuable summertime to help with Land Alliance projects including conducting online research, setting up systems to capture event data, and organizing a variety of communications projects. Staff truly appreciated her professionalism, positive attitude and sheer ability to get things done!

When she wasn't in the office, Eliza spent her time exploring prospective Universities and preparing for college. Eliza is currently a student at Brooks School and a resident of Locust Valley.

NORTH SHORE LAND ALLIANCE PROVIDES OPEN SPACE EDUCATION AT THE 28TH ANNUAL OYSTER FESTIVAL

North Shore Land Alliance was one of many not-for-profits on Audrey Avenue at the 28th Annual Oyster Festival. Land Alliance volunteers and staff were on hand for this two-day event to educate attendees about the value of land conservation and how it preserves our water and to talk with people about volunteering and becoming NSLA members. Additionally, children had an opportunity to plant and take home seeds as their parents reviewed NSLA materials such as Public Open Spaces of Nassau County map, which will be available for download next year from the Land Alliance website.

The Land Alliance is grateful to Janet Barton, Lynette Frey, and Nancy Silver for helping.

Many Thanks To Our 2011 Mile-A-Minute Volunteers

Norm Aripotch
Beth Batews' 4th grade class at
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YOUNG VOLUNTEERS



EAGLE SCOUTS COMPLETE PROJECTS AT JAMES AND FOX HOLLOW PRESERVES

October 8 dawned bright and warm, perfect weather for not just one but TWO Eagle Scout projects on our preserves. It had been a year since Greg Cocchi, of Shelter Rock Troop 201, and Syosset Troop 170's Tim Mahony each approached us about projects they might organize. Tim elected to rebuild a footbridge over Cedar Swamp Creek in the James Preserve in Old Brookville, while Greg decided to create a trail through the romantic pine plantation at Fox Hollow Preserve in Laurel Hollow.

One of Greg's biggest challenges may have arrived on the 8th, when he found himself supervising 40 Scouts who'd volunteered to help! Greg was responsible for not only inspiring the Scouts to carry out the task efficiently, but for making sure they were aware of the sensitivity of the site and used caution while laying out the trail. Any of you readers who have overseen a large group completing an assignment surely recognizes this is no small feat. And Greg proved his natural ability to lead.

An Eagle Scout project places many demands on the Scout, requiring thorough designed from beginning to end, addressing everything from securing Troop and District approval to fundraising for materials used. Tim needed to secure a permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), which regulates activities in wetlands protected under the Freshwater Wetlands Act (at least 12 acres in size and with a 100-foot buffer) to guard the ecological integrity of the site before, during, and after construction. The DEC requirements included protection of vegetation all around the bridge, American Wood Preservative Association approval of pressure treated wood used, and aging of wood in open air for three months prior to installation (to ensure that no potentially harmful living insects or invasive plant material would be carried into the job site). Lots of lessons for a high school student!



NORTH SHORE LAND ALLIANCE CONCLUDES TWO SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THE COUNTY-OWNED ROOSEVELT PRESERVE.



Thanks to two successful grant applications, North Shore Land Alliance is delighted to have had the opportunity to partner with Nassau County, Nassau County Task Force on Unprotected Woodlands and Roosevelt community partners to engage residents in two seasons of stewardship, property improvements and educational activities at the 73-acre Roosevelt Preserve.

With grants from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program and the State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), the Land Alliance brought on a part-time educator and a part-time steward for two consecutive summer seasons. Educator Leslie Pieters who led the program both years has been teaching health and physical education at Roosevelt Middle and Senior High Schools for a number of years and advises their after-school Green and Science Clubs. Her energy and love of the outdoors, too, made her an ideal candidate to organize and lead programs at the Preserve and to conduct community outreach.

A second State grant written and submitted by the Land Alliance, coupled with Nassau County's investment in restoring the Preserve's Frederick Avenue entrance, enabled a major cleanup of the Meadow Brook and the site's residential boundary.

When we started the project, most nearby residents were either unaware of the Preserve or reluctant to enter the naturally forested area for passive recreation. Since our involvement, scores of volunteers have carried out numerous preserve cleanups; removal of invasive vegetation; trail maintenance; creating and caring for gardens established at and near the Preserve boundary, and planting native trees and shrubs in the community.



The number of people who took part in activities at the Preserve more than doubled to over 250 this year. Some participants were students and teachers from nearby schools who now think of the Preserve as an outdoor classroom. Others were neighbors who live close by and now think of Roosevelt Preserve as their local open space.

While the Land Alliance's designated catchment area is north of the Long Island Expressway, this project reinforces our commitment to communicating the necessity of land conservation to all Long Islanders and our mission to connecting people to nature. The project also enhanced our capacity to reach new communities and generated many important relationships while connecting residents in this densely-populated community to natural areas in their own back yard.

Sandwiched between the Meadowbrook Parkway and several residential blocks within Roosevelt and the Village of Freeport, this serene 73-acre forest preserve was acquired by Nassau County from New York State in the late 1960s. An integral part of the 800-acre Meadowbrook

Parkway Corridor (MPC), the Preserve provides a home to a diversity of wildlife and native plants, hosts a section of the eight-mile-long East Meadow Brook, and contains winding paths ideal for bird-watching, jogging or a leisurely stroll while taking in the fragrance of abundant sweet pepperbush.

The Land Alliance hopes to continue to be involved at the Preserve. Future plans include:

1. Planting native vegetation where invasive plants were removed by the Meadow Brook.
2. Creating a new entrance to the Preserve.

Both plans will involve cooperation with local residents.

We hope that these successful efforts will serve as a launching pad for improvements in and increased public access to the entire Meadowbrook Parkway Corridor (800 acres of woodland surrounding and including Roosevelt's 73 acres).



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW A CATEGORY 3 HURRICANE WOULD AFFECT YOUR HOME?

The Nature Conservancy's Sea Level Rise Project can help to predict just that. A 2010 report prepared by the New York State Sea Level Rise Task Force estimates, "sea level rise affecting the Lower Hudson Valley and Long Island is projected to be 2 to 5 inches by the 2020s and 12 to 23 inches by the end of this century. However, rapid melt of land-based ice could double these projections in the next few decades, with a potential rise of up to 55 inches by the end of the century." The report asserts climate change has caused warmer winters and hotter summers since 1970. This warming causes the sea level to rise because warmer water takes up more space, and higher temperatures are melting ice sheets around the globe. As an island with a densely developed coast line, Long Island is highly vulnerable.

If these estimates are correct, how well are we prepared to address the changes that will inevitably occur? The Long Island Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) assembled a group of experts to provide answers to an audience of lawmakers attending a recent regional planning seminar.

The ability of coastal communities to respond to and recover from stressors is referred to as coastal resilience. TNC's Coastal Resilience project was conducted over an 18-month period from January 2008 to July 2009. The project gathered an interdisciplinary team that included seasoned practitioners in government and conservation, to developers and trainers and distinguished scientists. They created an interactive web-based mapping application called the Future Scenarios Mapper that helps users visualize flooding given a range of sea level rise and storm scenarios. Presented in a user-friendly format, accessible by even the computer novice, this Mapper allows users to consider ecological factors (e.g., marsh elevation, submerged aquatic vegetation) and socioeconomic factors (e.g., land use cover, population density) under current and potential future water level conditions. The tool provides decision makers with the opportunity to better understand, visualize and project the impacts of sea level rise. It will also allow them to plan wisely for future growth and help protect and restore the natural benefits our coastal system provides.

According to the most recent census, Long Island has a population estimated about to be about 3.8 million people. The Coastal Resilience Organization estimates that if the 1938 hurricane were to hit the shores of Long Island today, it would cause an estimated \$23.5 billion in property loss and business interruptions.

Nathan Woiwode, the Coastal Resilience team leader for Long Island, stated, "the Coastal Resilience Tool is ideal for local land use planners and decision makers to visualize and analyze potential ecological, social and economic impacts that may occur under a number of different sea level rise and flooding scenarios. More than that, the tool provides progressive solutions to address those issues today, empowering people to shape their communities' future in the face of sea level rise and climate change." Prioritizing the protection of coastal areas is one solution upon which all experts agree.

The tool is now being applied in pilot communities in Connecticut and in the Town of Southold on Long Island. If you want to see how a Category 3 hurricane would affect your home, you can access the Future Scenarios Mapper at www.coastalresilience.org, and then click on Geographies, then Long Island Sound.



*THE GREAT AIM OF EDUCATION
IS NOT KNOWLEDGE BUT ACTION.*

Herbert Spencer

2011 WINE



The North Shore Land Alliance held its 8th annual Wine Auction and Dinner chaired by Aimee and George Eberle on September 24th. This year the event was held at Youngs Farm in Old Brookville overlooking the permanently protected 60-acre Banfi fields.

Over three hundred conservation supporters attended the event. The mesmerizing evening began with horse-drawn carriage rides through the fields. Guests not only enjoyed the magnificent wide open space but were treated to one of the most beautiful sunsets of the year.

The less intrepid meandered through the barn and adjoining tent which featured wine tastings,

silent auction wines for bidding and a selection of dinner wines to enjoy at the table. Chair George Eberle organized a raffle for an “Instant Wine Cellar”. The cellar included 100 bottles of wine rated 90 and above by Robert Parker. All the wine was donated from the wine cellars of some of our most sophisticated wine connoisseurs. Rosemary Bourne, a trustee of the North Shore Land Alliance, was the lucky winner. Congratulations Rosemary!

Guests entered the clear dinner tent which was nestled amongst the fields with the trees and night sky lit. Guests couldn’t help but feel as if they were in the midst of one of the most treasured places on the North Shore. Ed Mangano, Nassau County Executive, and Bernie Ryba, Mayor of Old Brookville,

AUCTION & DINNER

PROTECTING TREASURED PLACES



were presented with a thank you plaque for playing such a vital role in preserving the Banfi Fields. A short movie about the status of the 42-acre DeForest Williams property, one of the last remaining tracts of open space in Cold Spring Harbor, was shown. The preservation of this property is one of the Land Alliance highest priorities.

Elyse Luray, auctioneer, appraiser, author of 'Great Wines Under \$20' and historian began the auction. A golf trip to New Zealand, special wines, a weekend in England and Clarence Michalis's famous prohibition era bourbon were some of the special auction items. Over \$300,000 was raised for the Land Alliance and its efforts to protect and

preserve our cherished open spaces. The evening was capped off with dancing in the barn and a special performance by Mad Pursuit.

Of course, the evening would not have been such a success without all the hard work of the Youngs Farm family and our volunteers. As special thank you goes to Paula and Richard Weir and P.J. Gooth for allowing us to hold the party at such a special place.

Next year the Wine Auction will be held Saturday, September 29th, so please mark your calendars and become part of the tradition.

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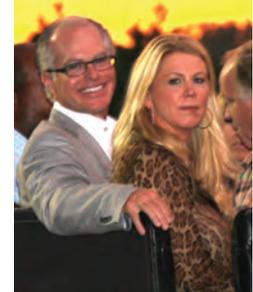
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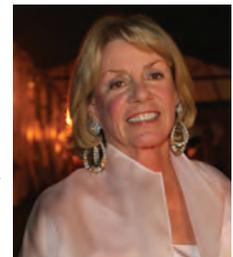
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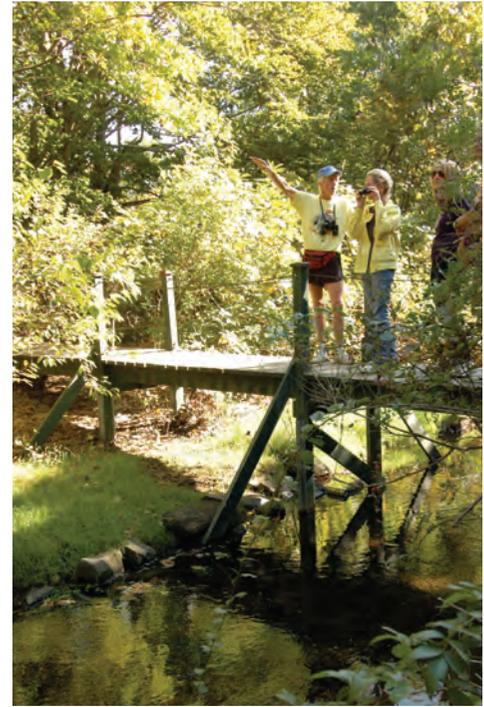
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STEWARDSHIP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jane Jackson, Land Alliance Associate Director, reviewed stewardship and community outreach for 2011. The Land Alliance currently monitors 144 acres of private and public easements and stewards 125 acres of local preserves. We are pleased to report that 45 acres of easements are in progress and expected to close by year end.

This year, due to Hurricane Irene, our stewardship volunteers were more important than ever! Both Fox Hollow and Iselim Preserves had significant blow downs and considerable debris falling on the trails. Luckily volunteers were able to clear the enormous trees that fell over the trails, resulting in considerable savings to the Land Alliance.

Roosevelt Preserve Program: 2011 is the final year of the 73-acre Roosevelt Preserve program. The Land Alliance received a \$25,000 grant over two years from NY State through the New York State Conservation Partnership Program and administered by the LTA. The grant allowed for a seasonal educator and a part-time steward at the Preserve. There were 250 participants this summer at the Preserve. At the end of the program, Nassau County gave the Land Alliance a citation for their good work at the Roosevelt Preserve.



The Land Alliance hosted its series of Walks in the Woods again this year, drawing nearly 220 participants. We continued communicating our mission by Action Alerts, the website, newsletters, Facebook and Twitter. Also, Land Alliance continues our community outreach by tabling at numerous community events such as BOCES Conservation Education Day, Long Island Sound Day at the TR Sanctuary, Envirothon at Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Arbor Day at Roosevelt Middle School, Earth Day at Hecksher State Park and the Oyster Festival.

VOLUNTEERS and MEMBERSHIP

Andrea Millwood, Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, discussed the important role and value of volunteers to the Land Alliance. This year we had 130 volunteers who performed 862 hours of service. This contribution provided approximately \$16,000 in deferred costs to the Land Alliance. Our volunteers lead Walks in the Woods, assist with events and educational programs, maintain trails, manage invasive species, inventory flora and fauna, plant bulbs, photograph events and provide numerous office help such as mailings.

The Land Alliance needs your help during the upcoming year! If you are interested in volunteering, know a friend who has an interest in preserving open space or a student who needs to fulfill community service hours, please contact Andrea Millwood at volunteers@northshorelandalliance.org.

In 2011 the Land Alliance brought its total membership up to 1,890 members. This year alone we acquired 70 new members generated through a series of events, including the Wine Auction dinner, the Golf Outing and Walks in the Woods. There were also a total of 425 membership renewals this year.





ORGANIZATION

The Land Alliance will begin 2012 with 32 Trustees, four full-time staff and two part-time staff.

FUNDRAISING

The Land Alliance held a series of successful events this year beginning in May with our New York City Cocktail Party and Lecture featuring economist Stefan Heck. The next event was the Open Space Dinner, which was held at a private residence in Old Brookville and was a Celebration of Country Life. Making an appearance at the event were numerous Alpacas, miniature horses and chickens! The third annual Golf Outing was held at Piping Rock Club in Locust Valley on June 14th. Finally, we were able to bring our annual events to a close overlooking the Land Alliance biggest accomplishment that year, the Banfi fields in Old Brookville, at this year's Wine Auction and Dinner. The Land Alliance would like to give special thanks to Paula and Richard Weir and to P.J. Gooth and their families for allowing us to hold this special event at their beautiful farm, Youngs Farm, which overlooks the Banfi fields.

Following the staff reports, the floor was opened up to the members to ask questions. The meeting closed with a series of slides featuring those places yet to be protected and a very cold and rainy tour of The Farm at Oyster Bay. There is much more work to be done which can only be accomplished with the help of our members.



NEW TRUSTEES



Hope Geier Smith is the President of the Geier Foundation and the managing director of the Geier Investment family office. Hope, who currently runs her own consulting business, has worked in marketing and public relations with Hill and Knowlton, specializing in the travel industry, and finance with John Hassall, a privately held manufacturing company.

She is a founding member of Golden Seeds, a network of angel investors dedicated to investing in early stage companies founded and/or led by women as well as a founding investor in the Dignity Fund, a microfinance institution. Hope is also an active fundraiser for Autism Speaks and the Whitney Museum and a trustee of Suffield Academy in Connecticut.

Hope is a former Co-Chair of the North Shore Land Alliance Wine Auction and Dinner and lives in Locust Valley with her husband Ted and their two children.

Peter Bartley has worked for over 30 years in media. A graduate of St. John's University, he began his career as a producer of sports programming, which led to production assignments in Europe, Asia and South America. Moving from sports, he served as Vice President Business Development for The Bravo Channel, then Vice President of Business Development for American Movie Classics.

Peter left to launch a performing arts and film channel in Italy and managed the channel, with offices in Rome and NY, for eight years before selling it to NewsCorp. Peter recently founded Catalyst Partners LLC and is currently working in collaboration with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation on the development of a website that will feature conservation videos and outdoors sports. The goal of the endeavor is to increase awareness among young people participating in outdoor activities about the conservation organizations working to keep their oceans clean, rivers running free and open space undisturbed.

Further information can be found in the Announcements section at www.NFWF.org

NEW STAFF



Kathryn Harlow joins the Land Alliance as Associate Director of Development. Having successfully managed the development and fund-raising of The Freedom Calls Foundation, a national, public charity that provides the highest quality satellite communications to the soldiers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan free of charge. Kathryn brings a trove of hands on knowledge about small business, marketing and not-for-profit work to enhance the mission of the Land Alliance.

Restoring a historic home and 5 acres on the Humes property in Locust Valley, she and her husband John can be found painting, patching, hauling or roofing on the weekends, except for Sunday morning when she sings in St. John's of Lattingtown's church choir. A graduate with honors from Columbia University, Kathryn speaks fluent Italian, has published a best selling book about vernacular American English that is on bookstore shelves in China, *The Cute Book of Ugly Words*, and is an amateur mycologist.

Kathryn will be responsible for managing parts of the Alliance's fundraising program, nurturing foundation and corporate partnerships and working to grow our solid base of supporters without whom Land Alliance could not complete its vital land conservation mission.

A CELEBRATION OF THE COUNTRY LIFE



North Shore Land Alliance celebrated its Sixth Annual Open Space Society Dinner on June 25th at Elizabeth and Lee Ainslie's beautiful Old Brookville home. This year's party celebrated the country life we are all so fortunate to enjoy here on Long Island's north shore.

Local experts were set up during the cocktail hour to answer questions and share their knowledge about such topics as environmentally friendly lawn care, utilization of native plants in the landscape, growing plants and vegetables organically and raising small scale livestock. Cocktails were followed by a locally-grown dinner under

a tent surrounded by good friends, great conversation and an inspirational view of one of the most beautiful open spaces around.

Many thanks to the Ainslie Family, our supporters and the friends who volunteered their time to answer questions and provide advice about why it is important to protect what remains of our lovely countryside and how to do it. In the event you were unable to attend and have questions about any of the following, you may contact these folks directly:

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Why are native plants important? Plant this not that!

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