



# CONSERVATION NEWS

*Protecting Open Space on Long Island's North Shore*

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## LAND CONSERVATION: AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE SOLUTION

News about climate change is everywhere! Experts say that climate change poses one of the greatest threats to people and nature. Yet the ultimate impact on our environment doesn't need to be a foregone conclusion. We can take steps to lessen the impact and conserving more land is a vital part of the solution.

Land conservation maintains trees and other natural groundcover which absorb carbon and cools the areas beneath them. Healthy watersheds require forests, vegetation and open ground to filter rain and snow. In fact, water quality is likely to be impaired when more than 10% of the land surface in a watershed is impervious. Plants and trees also store moisture, reducing the impact of storms, thus minimizing drought and preventing excessive flooding.

Prioritizing the protection of coastal areas and wetlands helps ensure against the impact of more frequent coastal storms and sea level rise. Directing development away from sensitive groundwater protection areas protects the quality and quantity of our drinking water supply.

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Dear Supporters of Conservation,

Thanks to the help of our members, the North Shore Land Alliance (NSLA) has already made a significant impact on our local landscape. Since our beginning five years ago, we will have protected about 780 acres by the end of this year through both private and public conservation. Though our acreage tally may seem small compared to, say, the Adirondacks, the places we have protected are very meaningful to our community.

Places like the Pullings' Red Cote Farm in Oyster Bay, where our grandchildren will enjoy the feeling of country every time they pass those gently rolling fields. The acquisition of Smithers Pond and portions of the Humes Estate will enhance the beauty, serenity and habitat protection values of the Shu Swamp area for future generations. The quality and quantity of our drinking water is protected by the purchase of the Richardson and Boegner Properties, coupled with private easements in the state-designated Oyster Bay Special Groundwater Protection Area (SGPA). Meyer's Farm in Woodbury will continue to grow corn and tomatoes and supply plants and vegetables to a densely populated part of our community.

When NSLA began, our mission to protect the North Shore's remaining open spaces centered on maintaining quality of life. And, today it still does in an even more pertinent and timely way. Deforestation and changes in land use contribute to more than 20% of the world's carbon emissions that are driving an increase in the world's temperature. Land conservation is an essential part of the solution to the scourge of climate change whether it involves protecting trees that sequester carbon, avoiding severe carbon emitting cuts into sloped land, or protecting important wetlands that shield us from severe storms and provide habitat for migrating species.

With your support, the North Shore Land Alliance stands ready to face the challenges that lie in front of our community.

In gratitude,

<b>CONSERVATION IMPACT 2003-2007</b>	
<u>PRIVATE EASEMENTS</u>	<u>139 Acres</u>
77 Acres Completed	
62 Acres in Progress	
<u>Lands Under Mangement</u>	<u>65 Acres</u>
<b>LAND PROTECTED BY PUBLIC FUNDING</b>	
<u>Nassau County Bond Completed</u>	<u>141 Acres</u>
Pulling (18 Acres)	
Boegner (47 Acres)	
Richardson (35 Acres)	
Red Spring Woods (8 Acres)	
Baldwin Harbor (6 Acres)	
Publisher's Clearing House (2 Acres)	
Smithers Ponds (25 Acres)	
<u>Nassau County Pending</u>	<u>Approximately 260 Acres</u>
<u>Town of Oyster Bay Completed</u>	<u>76 Acres</u>
Littauer (26 Acres)	
Mill Pond Overlook (4 Acres)	
Liberty Industrial Site (14 Acres)	
Bethpage Borella Field (10 Acres)	
Underhill (8 Acres)	
Andrews Road Hicksville (4 Acres)	
Massapequa Field of Dreams (10 Acres)	
<u>Town of Oyster Bay Pending</u>	<u>Approximately 100 Acres</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>781 ACRES</b>

# 2008 LOCAL OPEN SPACE UPDATE



*Vallardi Property, Baldwin Harbor*

## NASSAU COUNTY

The first open space purchases made with the 2006 Environmental Bond Program were the 25-acre Smithers Property in Mill Neck and the 1-acre remainder of the isthmus-shaped Vallardi Property in Baldwin Harbor. Upon closing, both properties will be opened to the public for passive recreation.

Offers have been accepted and contracts signed on 8 additional properties which will be presented to the Legislature for approval later this month. E-mail alerts to follow!

## TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Since the passage of the Town of Huntington's first open space bond, they have completed 24 projects and protected 214 acres of land. Recent highlights include the purchase of the 1.9 acre Lewis-Oliver Dairy Farm in Northport Village. Suffolk County partnered with the Town to secure the protection of this treasured site.

In support of the Northport Rails to Trails Program, the Town signed a 10-year license agreement with the NY State Department of Transportation for 8.4 acres of abandoned rail corridor which will be invaluable in the development of this recreational area.

The anchor parcel for the Huntington Station Gateway Park was acquired in 2006. An additional .2 acre parcel was added this year, increasing the capacity of this recently revitalized area.

## TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD

Three lots totaling 6.7 acres known as the Island Tennis Property were purchased by the Town of North Hempstead. The acquisition of these properties will enable the Town to nearly complete its Shoreline to Shoreline Greenway Trail. One parcel remains to make the trail complete!

## TOWN OF OYSTER BAY

Since the enthusiastic passage of the 2007 Sea Fund III, the selection committee appointed by Supervisor Venditto has been busily reviewing the 39 nominations it has received from citizens of the Town of Oyster Bay. Almost all of the sites have been inspected and the Town expects initial offers to be made very soon.



*Smithers Pond, Mill Neck*

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Land conservation also helps shape economic development, encouraging more “smart growth” principles like redevelopment of existing communities and energy-efficient transportation patterns. Proper stewardship of protected lands decreases the spread of invasive species and other pests.

Conserving parcels of all sizes is increasingly important in areas such as the North Shore of Long Island where less than 10% of our green spaces remain undeveloped. These conserved areas provide opportunities for planting more trees, growing local foods and protecting endangered plants and animals.

Government is a critical part of the climate change solution and this year holds new hope. With a new president comes the possibility of passing strong and decisive climate change legislation.



*Lattingtown Beach vulnerable to sea level rise*



*Old Westbury tree absorbing carbon*

Governor David Paterson gave conservationists and environmentalists great hope on Earth Day when he advocated for the passage this year of the Bigger Better Bottle Bill, which would create hundreds of millions of dollars for recycling and land acquisition programs. The Earth Day agenda for the New York State Assembly contained 16 environmental bills...all of which passed. (Senate action remains to be seen.)

NSLA is actively engaged in this effort. With greater awareness and a commitment to conservation in our personal lives, we can be part of the solution and ensure a better world for our children.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: LEADERSHIP FROM FEDERAL TO LOCAL



## FEDERAL

### CONGRESS PASSES CONSERVATION TAX INCENTIVE FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENT DONATIONS

GREAT NEWS! On Thursday, May 22nd, the Senate voted to overturn the President's veto of the Farm Bill, following a similar action by the House.

Despite an earlier procedural glitch, the final bill emerged as expected with our conservation tax incentive now enacted for two more years. This puts in place the incentive that had expired January 1st with the exact same terms: raising the deduction for donated conservation easements from 30% to 50% of adjusted gross income and extending the time period for using the deduction from 6 to 16 years.



This Farm Bill is not perfect, but it contains these top land trust priorities:

- Extends the tax incentive for conservation easement donations until December 31, 2009! This two-year extension is retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup> and includes no other substantive changes.
- Provides a total of \$733 million over 5 years for the Farmland Protection Program. It also clarifies the eligibility of land trusts to participate directly and specifies the following funding levels: \$97M in FY08, \$121M in FY09, \$150M in FY10, \$175M in FY11 and \$200M in FY12.

We are grateful to our elected officials for moving this legislation forward. Had they not, the bill would have reverted to its 1946 version.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



## NEW YORK STATE UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

The North Shore Land Alliance applauds Governor Paterson and the Legislature for enacting the 2008-2009 New York State budget which includes the most funds ever for New York State Parks and open space protection. The new State budget includes an unprecedented \$95 million for badly needed repairs and improvements at State Parks.

Further, the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), a dedicated fund for critical environmental programs, contains record amounts for open space and farmland protection. The EPF now totals \$255 million, \$66.575 million of which will be available for land acquisition, up from \$55 million last year, and \$30 million for farmland protection, up \$2 million. The EPF also includes \$1.57 million, or a 57% increase, in funding for the New York State Conservation Partnership Program that is administered by the Land Trust Alliance Northeast Program.



*Nassau County Executive, Tom Suozzi at Roosevelt Preserve illustrating the importance of passing the Bottle Bill.*

## THE BIGGER BETTER BOTTLE BILL

The Bigger Better Bottle Bill (BBBB) is once again being considered in the State Legislature. The bill would expand the current legislation and require a nickel deposit on non-carbonated beverages such as bottled water, iced tea, sports drinks etc. The original bottle law was introduced 26 years ago as a way of reducing litter and, as a result, changed the mentality of how we dispose of our garbage. Reuse and recycle became the new mantra. The only reason that non-carbonated drinks were not included in the bill the first go-around was because no one imagined that there would one day be such a demand for bottled water. Right now about 80 percent of deposit beverage bottles are recycled, 70 percent through the bottle law and ten percent through curbside pickup, but unfortunately only 20 percent of non-deposit containers are recycled.

The BBBB will not only reduce litter but it will also create a new funding source for the Environmental Protection Fund. The EPF gets \$255 million this year in state money. This fund is the source from which all environmental programs draw, from land acquisition to landfill closures. It is estimated that an additional \$100 million would be generated if the bill is passed. The funds generated will come from beverage companies that will be required to return any unclaimed deposits to the state.

As this newsletter goes to press, the legislation is in the Assembly and will most probably be passed, as it has in past years, and sent to the Senate.

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Governor Paterson has indicated that he will sign the legislation if it gets passed by the Assembly and Senate.

For more information on the Bill, please go to the [www.nypirg.com](http://www.nypirg.com) website.

*“While it may sound unbelievable, every year the amount of bottles and cans thrown out equated to more than 50 million barrels of crude oil and 5 million tons of greenhouse gases,” said Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. “Twenty-five years ago when the original bottle law was enacted beverages like bottled water, iced teas, and sports drinks did not exist. It is time to update the laws of our state in order to help protect our natural resources, lower gasoline prices, and protect the future of our state’s environment. I am very hopeful that the expanded, bigger better bottlebill will be a part of this year’s enacted state budget.”*



### SUFFOLK COUNTY FERTILIZER LIMITS

A new county law was enacted by the Suffolk County Legislature which prohibits the application of lawn fertilizers between November 1 and April 1. This law will go into effect in January 2009. Violators of the law, the first of its kind in New York, will risk \$1,000 in fines for fertilizing outside the permitted period.

The county itself will go one better, and ban its use of fertilizers altogether on county property with exceptions for playing fields, county golf courses and the Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank, where fertilizer use will be curtailed.

Overuse and misapplication of nitrogen-rich fertilizers are degrading Long Island’s ground and surface waters. For more information, please see page 18.



### NASSAU COUNTY GREEN PROCUREMENT

On April 7, 2008, the Nassau County Legislature unanimously passed a local law to amend the Administrative code to establish a green procurement (defined as the purchase of environmentally preferable products) policy for the County. Materials include the following:

Paper Office Supplies, Non-Paper Office Supplies, Office Equipment, Cleaning Supplies, Food Service Products, Building Construction Products, Park and Recreational Products, Exterior Site Work and Landscaping Products, Vehicle and Vehicle Maintenance Products, and Road and Transportation Products.





## TOWN OF OYSTER BAY TREE ORDINANCES

On January 1, 2008, the Town of Oyster Bay Parks Department updated and expanded Tree Preservation Ordinance went into effect. Oyster Bay was the first town on Long Island to adopt an ordinance when it did so in 1973, but the updated and expanded regulations better protect the Town's trees. The new Ordinance establishes a process for any property owner to remove one or more trees, which requires a permit. Any property owner seeking to cut down a tree must submit an application to the Town Parks Department and have an inspector visit the site to determine if a permit should be granted. The Town encourages property owners to replant trees, preferably native

species, after trees are removed. Oyster Bay has also recently created a Tree Preservation Bureau, under the Parks Department, to which people can report observations about tree issues. The telephone number for the Bureau is (516) 797-7956. The Tree Preservation Ordinance brochure can be found on the Town of Oyster Bay website: [www.oysterbaytown.com](http://www.oysterbaytown.com).

Congratulations to the Town of Oyster Bay for its 20th Consecutive designation as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

## Remember how it felt to run, climb and explore in the woods?

Our children's chances of having the same experiences are better because of caring supporters like you who've thought ahead and remembered North Shore Land Alliance in their will.

Your actions today will guarantee a better community for the generations that follow.

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Please contact us for information about remembering the North Shore Land Alliance as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan or life insurance policy. Learn more about Retained Life Estate Benefits, Charitable Remainder Unitrusts, and Charitable Lead Trusts.

Join the North Shore Land Alliance Legacy Club today.  
Call Barbara Hoover at (516) 626.0908 for more information.



# HAPPY ENDING, NEW BEGINNINGS... A CONSERVATION STORY

On Thursday, April 24th, Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John Venditto planted a beautiful pink dogwood in the front of the house at the Littauers Hillside Farm. It was a bright sunny day and a perfect gesture to mark the beginning of a new life for this charming and historic 26-acre site.

As many of you know, the North Shore Land Alliance began talking with Andrew Littauer in the summer of 2003. Sadly his mother, Mary Littauer, died in January of 2006. The Town of Oyster Bay purchased the property in the Fall of 2007.

Upon completion of the transaction, the Town of Oyster Bay formed a steering committee of local citizens, employed a very capable executive director, Linda Mondello, and engaged the firm of Douglas A. Wilke, Architect and Engineer to review and assess all property issues.

The preliminary report was a joy to read and contained the following plans:

- The property will be named The Farm at Oyster Bay
- The Main House and surrounding buildings will be maintained and restored
- The Barn complex will be converted to classrooms and art studios while maintaining the architectural integrity of the façade
- Subtle, but necessary, arrangements will be made for parking and restroom facilities
- Site appropriate programs will be developed with the goal of educating Town residents about local heritage, environmental resources and sustainable gardening practices

Initial funding will be provided through proceeds from SEA Fund III with the ongoing intent to establish a non-profit organization, pursue grant opportunities, and engage partners and friends.

Andrew Littauer when asked to comment about the transaction said the following: *“Without the invaluable assistance of the NSLA, the acquisition of Hillside Farm by the Town of Oyster Bay might never have taken place. It was through their good offices that I first contacted The Town of Oyster Bay, and it was through their role as a neutral, but determined, intermediary that the sale of Hillside Farm to the Town of Oyster Bay was eventually effected. The NSLA has continued to play an important role in terms of Hillside Farm’s future: by placing a conservation easement on the entire property. This guarantees that the property will be preserved in perpetuity, regardless of the political changes that might occur among the Town’s elected officials. In spite of all the other responsibilities and duties that NSLA carries, they have made a point of remaining involved in the planning for Hillside Farm’s future as a public park and a museum.”*

The Farm at Oyster Bay has plans for a “soft” opening later this summer. Minor structural and environmental concerns will be addressed throughout the year with the official opening of the house scheduled for 2009.

We are grateful to Andrew Littauer and Town Supervisor Venditto for this gift of nature that will live long after us.



*NSLA was presented a Proclamation by Town Supervisor Venditto for their efforts in protecting the Littauers Hillside Farm. l to r: Senator Carl Marcellino, Mayor Rosemary Bourne, Joe Mondello, Chairman State Republican Party, Lisa Ott NSLA and Supervisor John Venditto*

# A HISTORY OF THE FA

Hillside Farm 1750-2005



*Amanda Roberts, 4th generation superintendent*



**T**he Farm at Oyster Bay, formerly Hillside Farm, began life in the 1750's as a modest farmstead.

The original farmhouse can be found in what is now the library, the two downstairs powder rooms, the front half of the hall and what was above the ground-floor space. The original 18th century barn with its adzed beams sits parallel to the main house, forming the backdrop for the barn-building courtyard. The wisteria adjacent to the swimming pool and closest to the house roughly dates from the farm's inception. At that time, the farm comprised fifty acres on both sides of Split Rock Road.

Toward the end of the 19th century the Strongs, a wealthy New York family, purchased the property as a summer residence and began to transform Hillside Farm into a gentleman's farm. The Strongs would complete the barn-complex courtyard with the addition of a stable and a garage running at right angles to the original. The Strongs would also add what is now the rear half of the front hall and the present dining room. But this family did little to change what was very much a farming use of the land.

The subsequent owner, John Minturn, purchased Hillside Farm in the early 1920's. It was his civilized eye that understood the inherent possibilities of making Hillside Farm into a uniquely beautiful estate. To further those endeavors, he not only retained the services of a landscaping firm but also used his own strong and innate talent. John Minturn had two thousand rhododendrons trucked up from North Carolina in the 1920's. He would not only add the service wing to the main house but would also build the superintendent's cottage. He would buy Hillside Farm as a bachelor but when he married, he added the living room, the rooms above it and the boxwood garden as a wedding present to his wife. Mrs. Minturn had the red birch paneling of the living room painted in keeping with 18th century aesthetics which were being revived at the time. What had been a marshy pasture area would become the present gardens based on a 17th century Dutch parterre design. But, perhaps, his most genial idea was to create a pond out of a spring-fed boggy area at the base of the hillside surrounded by woods but visible from the north side of the main house. Unfortunately, Mrs. Minturn developed very serious allergies, and it became clear that the Minturns would have to sell the estate on which they had devoted so much love, time and treasure. Refusing to admit that they would have to sell, the Minturns rented Hillside Farm from 1940-1942 to Vladimir and Mary Littauer.

In 1943, the Littauers purchased the Farm. They saw their role as largely that of custodians. They did, however, change things at the margins. The bookcases in the library and the 17th century Dutch tiles around two of the fireplaces were

# RM AT OYSTER BAY

From Notes of Andrew Littauer



*Grassy Meadow*



*Organic garden*

installed. A fire in 1956, that began in the wall that separates the front hall from the living room, did structural damage to the third floor. This event was used to reconfigure the west end of the third floor, to lay down the 18th century wide board flooring from old houses in Connecticut, and to put a bay window in the library.

The Littauers also made minor changes to the landscaping: introducing new hedges, planting trees in a variety of places and adding the marsh marigolds, skunk cabbage, the swaths of grape hyacinths, bluebells, lily of the valley and may apples down by the ponds. But the Littauers always obeyed John Minturn's code: only flora native to North America would be permitted. The large stand of evergreens on the north segment of the property were planted to buffer the noise and lights of Rt. 25A.

During this period, there were always cows to be milked and horses to be ridden. Hay was made in the hills and meadows that run between the ponds and Rt. 25A. The orchards were productive with apples, peaches, plums and cherries. The superintendent in the 40's and 50's, Gus Rausch, also kept bees, made cider from the apples, and milked the cows. The cook canned fruits and vegetables, made ice cream and churned butter. The root cellar was used to store apples and various root vegetables during the winter months. This was in no way a self-sufficient farm, but it did produce much of what was consumed in the spring, summer and fall. Animals, however, were allowed to live out their years and were never slaughtered.

Life at Hillside Farm was one of ritual and routine. Meals were always taken at the dining room table and were always served by the butler or waitress. The staff was never less than five. Flowers were arranged in the flower room and the laundry, hand-washed in porcelain tubs, was then hung up to dry on clothes lines in the drying yard.

Although the lifestyle which the Littauer family enjoyed in the 40's and 50's was gradually scaled back over the years, Mrs. Littauer would continue to live out her days in a household that still had a butler and a cook, chickens in the yard and horses in the pasture, and good friends dropping by for afternoon tea. If her way of life seemed strangely anachronistic to the outside world, she persisted in living this, albeit attenuated, manner through 2005.

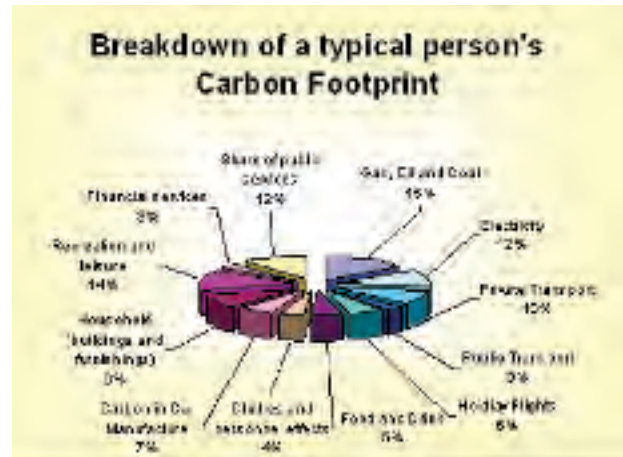
This article is an excerpt from a report prepared by Douglas A. Wilke, Architect and Engineer for the Town of Oyster Bay in April 2008. Many thanks to them for their excellent work on this important project.

# GOING GREEN

Here are some tips for reducing your carbon footprint.

A Carbon Footprint is a measure of the impact human activities have on the environment in terms of the amount of greenhouse gases produced, measured in units of carbon dioxide.

- **Get off junk mail lists** - Register with the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service ([dmaconsumers.org](http://dmaconsumers.org))
- **Be picky about produce at the supermarket** - Download shoppers guide to pesticides in produce at [ewg.org](http://ewg.org). This list sorts out the fruits and veggies that tend to be higher in pesticides.



## Other Information - 5 Eco labels you can trust

- USDA Organic – Seen on Food Products  
*Food is produced without antibiotics, genetic engineering, or most synthetic fertilizers and pesticides.*
- Rainforest Alliance Certified – Seen on coffee, chocolate, bananas  
*Companies harvesting the food practice soil and water conservation; they also reduce the use of pesticides.*
- Fair Trade Certified – Seen on fruit, rice, sugar, coffee, tea, chocolate  
*Food is grown on small farms; farmers receive a fair price.*
- Certified Humane – Seen on eggs and meat  
*Animals raised for dairy, meat, and poultry products are treated humanely. Growth hormones are prohibited, and animals are raised on a diet without antibiotics.*
- Green Seal – Seen on napkins, paper towels  
*They must meet recycling and bleaching standards.*

## • Recycle Rechargeables

The Town of Oyster Bay has a S.T.O.P. Stop Throwing Out Pollutants Program

Initiated in 1986, the Town of Oyster Bay S.T.O.P. program provides Town residents with a safe disposal means for household hazardous and electronic waste which, if discarded improperly, pose a threat to our groundwater.

### Collection Days and Time 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 14 - MASSAPEQUA, Town Hall South, 977 Hicksville Rd.

Saturday, July 12 - SEA CLIFF, Sea Cliff Dept. of Public Works Garage, Altamont Ave.

Saturday, Aug. 16 - HICKSVILLE, Hicksville Fire Department, West John St.

Saturday, Sept. 13 - OLD BETHPAGE, Old Bethpage Solid Waste Disposal Complex, Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 18 - MASSAPEQUA, Town Hall South, 977 Hicksville Rd.

Sunday, Nov. 16 - SYOSSET, T.O.B. Dept. of Public Works Garage, 150 Miller Place

### Some of the things you can bring to S.T.O.P.

Most pesticides and insecticides, motor oil and antifreeze, solvents, paints, automobile and consumer batteries, outdoor gas grill propane tanks, compact fluorescent bulbs

# COWBOYS AND SPACEMEN: GLOBAL WARMING AND A THEORY OF ALMOST EVERYTHING

GEORGE S. HAWKINS



(L to R) Barbara Hoover-NSLA, Sarah Meyland-NYIT, Peach Schnier-NSLA, George Hawkins, May Newburger-Planning Federation, Carol Schmidlapp-NSLA, Jane Jackson-NSLA

On March 13, NSLA and the Nassau County Planning Federation hosted a spring training program featuring George S. Hawkins, Esq., a widely recognized expert on land use planning. The event was held at the de Seversky Center in Old Westbury and was attended by more than 100 local municipal leaders. The title of Mr. Hawkins' presentation was "Cowboys and Spacemen: Global Warming and a Theory of Almost Everything".

He described the historical basis for our current system of zoning and land use and why it is in transition. He posited that for 300 years the land use philosophy in America was based on the idea of unlimited natural resources and open land: the "Cowboy" culture that resulted in resource consumption and laws that emphasized the procedural rights of the landowner and developer. The Cowboy culture produced planning and zoning laws that plan all lands for development and emphasize the landowner's and applicant's rights. In the Cowboy world, local planning emphasized fairness to landowner and developer.

Today, the Cowboy culture is evolving into the "Spaceman" culture - one premised on constrained resources and resource depletion, sprawling development, and traffic jams. In the Spaceman culture, planning and zoning laws are based on how the ecological capacity of the system is used

and allocated, and constrain landowner rights within the concept of sustaining the resource. The key outcomes of the Spaceman culture are that resource protection and sustainability become important, and laws begin to emphasize substantive outcomes about how resources are used.

Mr. Hawkins concluded his talk by explaining the relationship among cowboys, spacemen and the critical environmental issues of the day: open space, habitat, water use, species extinction, and global warming. His thesis is that global warming is the most high-profile outcome of the cultural characteristics that are at the core of a significant set of challenges facing humanity. The characteristics that govern our society are changing between the two fundamental norms - Cowboys and Spacemen. Both sets of customs make sense based on some underlying assumptions, but yield very different outcomes.

Today, we are struggling with the change from one cultural reality to another - with those who embrace the change, fight it or are as yet unaware. We are now facing the problems created by 300 years of Cowboy culture: endless sprawl, loss of open space and natural resources and suburban communities dependent on cars.

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# OPTIONS TO KNOWN INVASIVES ON LONG ISLAND

by Guest Author Richard Weir, III



Richard Weir III

All good gardeners and ecologically-minded people are aware of the serious threat to native plant communities posed by invasive plants. For years, some thought these innocuous “things” looked pretty along our local roadsides or even in the garden. Many could actually be purchased at local nurseries and garden centers. Others, some years ago, were considered beneficial as part of wildlife habitats or proved worthy as highway plantings. Well, at least, we’re wising up and government (Nassau and Suffolk Counties) is even helping by instituting bans on certain plants. but, in many cases, it’s already too late, for the weed/invasive is out of control in far too many areas of Long Island! Controlling and/or ridding our woodlands and meadows, stream beds and marshlands, lawns and gardens of these plants is extremely difficult.

One thing, however, that can be done is to never plant any of these exotic (or native) (Yes, there are native invasives!\*) monsters in your yard! There are many great alternatives that are much more worthy of your landscape! Listed on the next page are plants that are considered especially hard

\*The Nassau and Suffolk Counties “Do Not Sell” lists of invasives regard only non-native vegetation as invasive.

on our local ecology. They are difficult to control and can dramatically change the character of our native plant (and animal) communities. Most of the alternatives listed are regional natives. There are, however, some non-natives that are also good substitutes (and not invasive) and are worth seeking out. These are noted in parentheses.

There are other local invasives that have not been mentioned, including Kudzu Vine (*Pueraria*), Mile-A-Minute Weed (*Polygonum perfoliatum*), Japanese Stilt Grass (*Microstegium*), and Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria*).

Please bear in mind that all of the listed invasives are for our Long Island area specifically. The list could be quite different elsewhere. And also remember that most naturalized and/or exotic plants are not a threat to our landscapes and environment and will not alter our ecosystem by “escaping” from cultivation.

For those wishing further information on this topic, and for more extensive coverage nationally, we suggest obtaining the Brooklyn Botanic Garden Handbook #185 Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants. Copies are available from the BBG for \$8.95 by visiting <http://www.bbg.org/>.



# RICHARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS

## Bad Guys

## Good Guys

### TREES

Norway Maple	Red and Sugar Maples; Tupelo; Tulip Tree; American Linden and other Tilia species (native and exotic); (Sargent Cherry); Scarlet, Shingle, Red, and Willow Oaks
Tree of Heaven	Yellowwood (genus); Bitternut Hickory; Serviceberry; Ash species (native and exotic)
Royal Paulownia	Coffeetree; Flowering Dogwood
Callery Pear	Serviceberry; Winter King Green Hawthorn; Silverbell; (Korean Mountain Ash; Galaxy and Loebner Magnolias; Japanese Tree Lilac); Hornbeam (native and exotic); (Okame Cherry)
Black Locust	Coffeetree; Quaking Aspen; (Gleditsia [legume family])

### SHRUBS

Japanese	Witchalder; Sweetspire; Ceanothus; Diervilla - Honeysuckle family; Highbush Blueberry; Myrica (including Bayberry); (Abelia - Honeysuckle family)
Autumn Olive	Myrica; Witch-hazel {native and exotic}; Baccharis [daisy family];
Barberry	Inkberry; Beach Plum; Northern Spicebush; (Cornelian Cherry Dogwood;) Fringetree; Blackhaw Viburnum
Winged Euonymus /Burning Bush	Highbush Blueberry; Sumac {native and exotic}; Possumhaw, Arrowwood and Maple-leaved Viburnum; Chokeberry (Abelia [honeysuckle family]) {Enkianthus [heath family]}
Privet	Chokeberry; Blackhaw Viburnum; (Osmanthus [olive family];) Linderla [laurel family]; Inkberry; (Enkianthus [heath family])
Honeysuckle	Common Winterberry; Red osier and Silky Dogwoods; Chokeberry; Bottlebrush Buckeye; Serviceberry; Arrowwood Viburnum; native Azalea; (Smoke bush;) Baccharis [daisy family]
Tallhedge	Witch-hazel {native and exotic}; Gray Dogwood; Chokeberry;
Buckthorn	Blackhaw and Arrowwood Viburnum; Nannyberry; Winterberry
Multiflora Rose	Rosa Setigera, R. Virginiana, Clethra, Prunus Virginiana

### VINES

Fiveleaf Akebia	Virginia Creeper; Trumpet Creeper
Porcelainberry	Virginia Creeper; Aristolochia (Birthworts)
Oriental Bittersweet	Virginia Creeper; American Bittersweet

### PERENNIALS AND GROUNDCOVERS

English Ivy	Pachysandra {native and exotic}; Yellowroot; Creeping Barberry; Dryopteris (evergreen Wood Ferns);
Purple Loosestrife	Butterfly Milkweed; Meadowsweet; Dense Blazing Star; Eupatorium (Bonesets, Thoroughworts, Snakeroots); Cardinal Flower; New York Ironweed
Japanese Silver Grass	Indian Grass; Switchgrass
Golden Bamboo	Indian Grass; Big and Little Bluestem; (Fargesia - some clumping bamboo species)
Japanese Knotweed	Aruncus (Rose family); Rose Mallow; Culver's Root
Lesser Celandine	Marsh Marigold; Wild Geranium; Green and Gold; Foamflower



# SHOP LOCALLY!

Long Island is one of the country's largest agricultural regions. During the growing season there is little excuse not to buy locally-grown produce and other goods at one of many area farmers markets and farm stands. Local products are often from small farms that tend to use more environmentally sound growing practices than large producers. They generally taste better, too!

If you buy locally, you won't have to rely on farms that ship food nationwide, which helps to decrease our dependence on foreign oil and reduces harmful carbon emissions.

Below is a sampling of the markets (many of which run from early June to November) and stands that operate seasonally (and year-round in some cases with farm stands) in our area:



## **Farmers Markets:**

- Bayville** - Bayville Commons lot, Bayville & Ludlam Avenues, Tuesdays 7 am to 1 pm (631) 323-3653
- Garden City** - 101 County Seat Drive, Tuesdays 7 am to 1 pm (631) 323-3653
- Glen Cove** - 18 Village Square, Sundays 7 am to noon (631) 323-3653
- Huntington** - Elm Street parking lot on Main Street, Sundays 7 am to noon (631) 323-3653
- Locust Valley** - Forest Avenue, across from the post office, Saturdays 8 am to 1 pm (631) 323-3653
- New Hyde Park** - Long Island Jewish Medical Center, 400 Lakeville Road, Wednesdays 7 am to 2 pm (631) 323-3653
- Port Washington** - Town Dock, Main Street, Saturdays 8 am to noon (516) 883-0887
- Roslyn-North Hills** - Christopher Morley Park, Seasingtown Road, Wednesdays 7 am to 1 pm (631) 323-3653



## **Farm Stands:**

- East Meadow** - Friendly Farm Market, 832 Merrick Avenue (516) 486-2448
- East Northport** - Johnson's Farm, 123 Cedar Road (631) 266-1822
- Glen Head** - Youngs Farm, Hegemans Lane (516) 626-9638
- Huntington** - Makinajian Poultry Farm, 276 Cuba Hill Road (631) 368-9320; Mediavilla Orchards, 1527 East Jericho Turnpike (631) 423-4794
- Northport** - Richter's Orchard, Pulaski Road (631) 261-1980
- Old Bethpage** - Restoration Farm, 1303 Round Swamp Road info@restorationfarm.com
- Old Brookville** - Rottkamp Brothers Farm, McCouns Lane (516) 671-2566
- Woodbury** - Meyer's Farm, next to 146 Woodbury Road (516) 364-1777

If you would like more information, try [eatwellguide.org](http://eatwellguide.org) Just plug in your zip code and find suppliers of organic and sustainably produced meat, poultry, eggs and more. (Info. from Brad Tito at Healthy Nassau, New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets, Ethel Terry/Farmers Market Federation of New York, [www.localharvest.org](http://www.localharvest.org), and [erica.marcus@newsday.com](mailto:erica.marcus@newsday.com))



## RECONNECTING WITH NATURE NSLA'S 2008 WALKS IN THE WOODS

Whether you're an adventurer, someone seeking to expand your environmental knowledge and skills, or simply need a peaceful encounter with nature, the North Shore Land Alliance has organized a series of guided nature tours designed to reconnect the nature enthusiast with their natural environment and reinforce the reasons why it's beneficial to preserve our last remaining open spaces.

On Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, more than a dozen nature lovers joined the NSLA and Stella Miller, President of the Huntington Audubon Society, for a relaxing and educational "bird walk" through the 200-acre Shu Swamp Preserve. Shu Swamp is home to an amazing number of ephemeral spring flowers, rare plants, and a variety of birds. Hikers spotted a northern Rough-winged Swallow, Black Duck, Rusty Blackbird and a Downy Woodpecker, to name a few.

NSLA's *Walks in the Woods* are not designed to be aerobically challenging. The pace is slow with frequent stops to look, listen and learn about the natural world around us. These walks are a great opportunity for budding conservationists to learn more from experts such as naturalists Dan Kreisberg, Friends Academy Professor and Newsday Science Dad, Peter Warny, retired zoologist of The Nature Conservancy and the New York State Natural Heritage Program, and botanist Andrew Greller, retired president of the Long Island Botanical Society and Queens College professor.

The NSLA's own Jane Jackson says, "These walks are also a great opportunity to get people back into nature. They not only offer educational opportunities, but recreational as well. The peacefulness of the environment can also be therapeutic and a reminder to slow down and value the experience nature provides."

Please join us on an upcoming walk and remember to bring your binoculars which are useful for identifying birds and other natives that aren't so easy to see. Water (canteens preferred), sunscreen, bug repellent, comfortable shoes, and appropriate clothing are also encouraged though the most important thing to bring is your curiosity!

To register and for directions please contact the NSLA at 516-626-0908 or email Andrea Millwood at [andrea@northshorelandalliance.org](mailto:andrea@northshorelandalliance.org). A \$5 donation is suggested for non-members.



*Rod Cushman, Richard Lundgren and Diana Russell*

### Walk Dates:

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm - Prepare for an exploration with naturalist Peter Warny at Bailey Arboretum to find out who lives in and around the water.

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 11 am - North Shore Land Alliance's Jane Jackson will lead a walk through a variety of wildlife habitats at Roslyn's Nassau County Museum of Art,

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11 am - Botanist Andrew Greller will describe his research of forest communities on this walk through Fox Hollow Preserve in Oyster Bay Cove and Laurel Hollow.

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm - The Long Island Mycological Club will lead us on a hunt for mushrooms at Cushman Preserve.

# PROTECT YOUR DRINKING WATER WITH BEST LANDSCAPING PRACTICES

How often have you or your landscaper thought you could get a jump on spring's hectic planting and maintenance activity by fertilizing your lawn in March? Well, that's about to change if you live in Suffolk County. As of 2009, applying fertilizer to lawns between November 1 and April 1 may result in a \$1,000 fine. Why the change?

Heavy spring rains can cause substantial flooding. The capacity of the ground to absorb all the rain (and, in the old days, melting snow) is not limitless. When it rains this hard some of the water does not percolate into the ground, but rather makes its way along impermeable surfaces (such as asphalt roads) and on into sewers or directly into water bodies, such as our local estuaries. So nitrogen in the fertilizer you apply to your lawn ~ especially in early spring ~ may wind up in Huntington Harbor or Oyster Bay, causing excessive growth of vegetation there and ultimately lowering oxygen levels which can lead to serious harm to marine life.

Equally as important is fertilizer's impact on groundwater. The Peconic Estuary Program states that 56% of nitrogen from residential areas that affects groundwater comes from fertilizers.

To minimize these threats and help protect the drinking water, please:

- Dispose of harmful substances properly. Never discard toxic products like gasoline, oil, paint thinners, and degreasing agents into the soil or your house drains.
- Replace any buried home heating oil tanks with an indoor or vaulted tank.
- Have your septic system pumped out every two to three years.
- Use environmentally sound landscaping and lawn care practices.
- Plant and maintain native vegetation to reduce the water and pesticides needed to care for it, and minimize the amount of your landscaping and lawn area.
- Don't use pesticides or fertilizers that are "fast release" and excessively high in nitrogen.
- Use compost and natural mineral additives to improve your lawn's health.
- Water lawn and landscape areas at an appropriate depth and frequency.
- Keep your grass at least three inches high to discourage weeds.
- Leave grass cuttings on the lawn; their decomposition will further enhance the soil.
- Consider Integrated Pest Management and/or organic landscaping techniques that incorporate a spectrum of approaches to lawn maintenance.



The Neighborhood Network website has a Long Island Organic Lawn Guide and Organic Landscaper List: <http://www.neighborhood-network.org/pesticides/index.htm> and Cornell Cooperative Extension, [www.cce.cornell.edu](http://www.cce.cornell.edu).

# EARTH DAY AT ROOSEVELT PRESERVE

A good time was had by all and the forest ended up a little cleaner when the North Shore Land Alliance and Nassau County partnered on an Earth Day cleanup at the County's Roosevelt Preserve. The site, a 50-acre strip of forest lining Meadowbrook Parkway in the Town of Hempstead, contains a remnant red maple swamp, a rapidly declining natural community on Long Island. It also contains numerous hiking trails that are suitable for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter. But it is troubled with invasive vegetation, dumping by neighbors, and extensive use by all terrain vehicles that have exposed tree roots throughout much of the trails

Lakeview 21<sup>st</sup> Century's Cynthia Cooper, Roosevelt Junior and Senior High School, Lufthansa Airlines, Camp Coleman, Hempstead Council Member Dorothy Goosby, the Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc., North Shore Land Alliance volunteer Janet Barton, several staff from Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Museums and the North Shore Land Alliance, and community residents. Snacks donations were generously provided by A to Z Party Rental, Whole Foods, and Wild by Nature.



County Executive Tom Suozzi with volunteers at Earth Day Clean up

Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi joined volunteers in the Preserve to do his share removing trash, particularly some of the thousands of discarded plastic bottles that have been trapped at several locations along the Meadow Brook where it runs through the Preserve. Dozens of bags of trash were removed that day from the site and scores of people who had previously not entered the Preserve established a connection to the site. This was only the beginning of what we hope will be a beautiful relationship. Stay tuned.

network. Clearly, there is much work to be done and great potential to minimize these threats through encouragement of more positive use of the Preserve. The North Shore Land Alliance believes that, once residents have experienced caring for and learning about their local natural area, they will be more likely to be better stewards of and advocates for open space and its protection.

The cleanup opened on a balmy April 21<sup>st</sup> with a festive gathering at Mount Sinai Baptist Church on Frederick Avenue. Approximately 75 participants at the event included the Girl Scouts, the Police Activity League,



Volunteers Janet Barton with Leslie Peters

# NORTH SHORE LAND ALLIANCE RECEIVES GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Land Trust Alliance and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation announced \$825,000 in Conservation Partnership Program Grants to 40 New York Land Trusts. The North Shore Land Alliance received \$16,000 for a project that will support the NSLA's work to update and expand a 12-village comprehensive plan that will ultimately guide North Shore communities and local leaders in protecting many of Nassau County's last remaining wetlands, natural habitat and open space.

NSLA was awarded the grant by DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis with members of the New York State Legislature and local land trust representatives at the New York State Capitol. "Land trusts are an invaluable partner to state and local governments in the implementation of smart growth principles," said Commissioner Grannis. "The success of this partnership is reflected by the record \$1.575 million set aside for the program in this year's state budget. Further, the growth shows that the conservation program strikes a chord with communities around the state."

State Senator Carl Marcellino, chair of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, said, "The partnership between the Land Trust Alliance and New York State has a long and proud history. By working together, we have taken great strides to preserve and protect our natural resources. I am proud to announce that, with the award to the North Shore Land Alliance, planning efforts with municipalities will ensure crucial protection for Nassau County's remaining wetlands and open spaces. Once again, this partnership with the land trusts around the state has shown real results in improving the quality of our life for generations to come."

In a very tight budget year, both Senator Marcellino and Assemblyman Sweeney, chairman of the Senate and Assembly Environmental Conservation



*l to r: Jansen Hahn, executive director of the newly established Fire Island Land Trust, DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis & Lisa Ott, NSLA President*

Committees are to be commended. They worked extremely hard and succeeded in increasing the Environmental Protection Fund which is so integral to the healthy future of our community.

Since 2003, the New York Conservation Partnership Program has invested a total of \$3 million for technical assistance and funding for over 200 competitive grants to 64 land trusts serving rural, suburban, and urban communities in more than 30 counties across the state. The North Shore Land Alliance has received 5 grants from this program since 2004 totaling \$92,100.

**Our Spring Rains are  
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at [jjackson@northshorelandalliance.org](mailto:jjackson@northshorelandalliance.org)  
if you're interested in volunteering.

The preserves and the NSLA  
will thank you!

# VILLAGE OF LLOYD HARBOR UPDATES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Village of Lloyd Harbor is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. Although there have been extensive revisions of the zoning code in recent years to address changing conditions, the Comprehensive Plan has not been updated since the mid 1970s. The purpose of comprehensive planning is to identify a clear and compelling vision for the future and to develop strategies to reach that vision. The updated Comprehensive Plan will provide guidance for future development and for preservation of natural resources and open space.

Under New York law, local governments have the key role in land use regulation. Local governments may adopt zoning ordinances and maps which guide the future development of their communities. Section 7-704 of the New York State law governing villages requires that zoning regulations be made in accordance with a Comprehensive Plan.

A Comprehensive Plan, however, is not of itself a law. The Village Trustees legislate local laws as needed to implement features of the Comprehensive Plan. Zoning actions in contradiction of a Comprehensive Plan have often been invalidated by the courts.

The process of developing a comprehensive plan starts with an analysis of existing conditions and trends regarding the physical, environmental, social, and economic aspects of the Village.

After an in-depth survey of village residents conducted in 2001, the Lloyd Harbor Village Board determined that the fundamental objectives of its Comprehensive Plan were:

- 1) Maintaining the low density and attractive residential character of the village,
- 2) Protecting the property values by resisting the pressure of exploitation of land,
- 3) Proper legal safeguards against destruction of the Village's natural beauty, and
- 4) Protection of environmentally sensitive and ecologically valuable property.

The draft Comprehensive Plan identifies these goals along with a set of strategies that will help the Village reach them. The plan sets forth a guide to assist Lloyd Harbor in maintaining its natural beauty and community character.

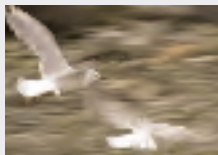


# LLOYD HARBOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Plan includes these recommendations:

- 1) That future development in ecologically sensitive areas be contingent upon strict compliance with best management practices;
- 2) That remaining large estates be rezoned so as to change the minimum required lot size from two acres to five acres;
- 3) That historic buildings be protected through enactment of a local historic preservation law,
- 4) That the Harbor watershed be protected by the adoption of Critical Natural Resource Protection Areas.

Community hearings continue with adoption of the updated plan projected for later this year. The draft Plan is available on the Lloyd Harbor Village website, at <http://www.lloydharbor.org>.



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# SPACEMEN AND COWBOYS

Municipal leaders and planners need to be cognizant of the new Spaceman cultural reality in adopting laws and implementing policies that help sustain the natural environment and build sustainable communities.

George Hawkins suggested local government initiatives, should include energy efficiency programs, hybrid vehicle purchases, green building incentives and public education. Governments should revise comprehensive plans to protect, preserve and enhance water resources, open space and natural resources and encourage appropriate development, redevelopment and economic growth. To avoid the problems of suburban sprawl, existing urban centers should be redeveloped and new growth should go where existing public transportation and infrastructure exist.

George Hawkins is currently the Director of the District Department of the Environment and a Professor of Environmental Law and Policy at Princeton University.



# OPEN SPACE SOCIETY DINNER



The third annual dinner of the North Shore Open Space Society was held on Friday evening, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at Old Orchard, the Glen Cove waterfront home of Virginia Mailman's family.

Although we missed Virginia, our beloved trustee who passed away last June, her son Bruce Addison and daughter-in-law Simone Mailman, who share their mother's vision, were on hand to host the party and greet all the guests.

The skies were sunny and the atmosphere festive, with friends of NSLA enjoying cocktails on the terrace overlooking Long Island Sound. John Schwartzberg played piano while guests enjoyed the delicious hors d'oeuvres and dinner prepared by Restaurant Daniel's Feast & Fetes.



*Bob Osterhus, Rosemary Bourne, Marjorie Isaksen*

Keynote speaker, Andrew Sharpless, CEO of Oceana, spoke to us about his organization's challenge of saving the world's oceans. "What is exciting about this issue is that saving the oceans is the most serious environmental problem that the world faces for which there is a politically achievable solution. In just two years, our 70 full-time advocates working on three continents have made significant headway. We've restricted destructive fishing practices in almost 10 million square miles of ocean."

This interesting and fun evening was attended by over 100 avid conservationists and loyal supporters, raising \$70,000 to support NSLA's mission to preserve the last remaining open space on Long Island's North Shore.

We thank the Mailman Family for their gracious hospitality and generosity.



*Lee Edwards and Michael Crane*

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# NSLA WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

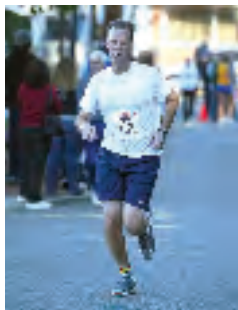


H. Murat Davidson

Hal recently completed a successful career in the investment management business.

After college at Vanderbilt and business school at Northwestern, he entered the training program at Scudder, Stevens and Clark. He finished the CFA program and rose to First Vice President while managing several of the firm's large institutional client accounts. Later, Hal was David Dreman's partner and helped popularize the field of value investing. After the sale of the Dreman Firm, he moved into the hedge fund world working for Tiger Management, Regan Partners and K2 Advisors.

Hal is an avid conservationist. His family's ancestral farm has just been sold to the local park board with attached conservation easement to ensure perpetual green space.



Gilbert W. Chapman III

Gib joined Bernstein Global Wealth Management in June 2001 as Vice President and was named Principal in November 2006. Previously, he was President of a unit of ACTV, Inc., an interactive television and technology company. He spent the preceding 15 years in the magazine publishing industry in management positions at Condé Nast Publications and as publisher of Sport magazine. He earned a B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Gib is a Board Trustee, treasurer and head of the investment committee for The Green Vale School. He lives with his wife, Emily and sons, Nick and Wilson in Laurel Hollow. He is an avid runner.



Hollis F. Russell

Hollis heads the trusts and estates practice for Ackerman, Levine, Cullen, Brickman & Limmer. Mr. Russell's practice focuses on estate planning, and estate and trust administration as well as taxation and charitable giving and foundation matters. He has substantial expertise in wealth transfer planning involving partnership and trust arrangements for business and other property interests. Before joining the firm, Mr. Russell was a partner in a New York City national law firm practice, and previously served until its dissolution as resident partner-in-charge of the Palm Beach, Florida office of Donovan Leisure Newton & Irvine.

Hollis received his B.A. from Princeton University and his J.D. from Cornell Law School. He is admitted in practice in New York and Florida.

Hollis has delivered numerous law journal articles and lectures in the field and has served on key bar association committees. He has also served as an adjunct professor of law in the LLM, Estate Planning Program at the University of Miami School of Law. Mr. Russell is a fellow in the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel and member of its Business Planning Committee.

Hollis lives in Upper Brookville with his wife, Alice Russell, and has two children.



*Is your wine rack too full?*

If so, NSLA would be grateful for donations of special wines and spirits to sell at our 2008 Wine Auction.

If not, please join us on September 27<sup>th</sup> to restock.

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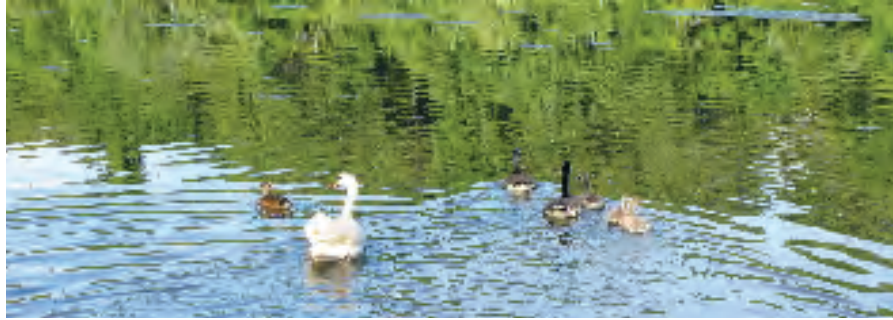
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