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DEFOREST WILLIAMS ACQUISITION MOVES FORWARD

The North Shore Land Alliance is pleased to report that on June 4, 2013 the Town Board of Huntington formally adopted, in a unanimous decision, a resolution authorizing spending of up to \$1.5 million toward the acquisition of the DeForest Williams Property. While the Town has been continuously supportive of this project, the adoption of the resolution allocating the Town's funds takes the project one step closer to completion.

The County is also moving along with its process to acquire this environmentally sensitive property. The offer made by the County to the property owner was accepted in May and we are hopeful that an authorizing resolution from the County is near.

Meanwhile, the Land Alliance is focusing its efforts on fundraising for its portion of the acquisition costs. The protection of this property is vital to the health of Cold Spring Harbor and Long Island's drinking water aquifer, and we commend the Town Board of Huntington for taking us one step closer toward permanent preservation.

When the transaction is complete, the 32-acre property will be designated a passive use parkland, land that will be retained in its natural state allowing only passive uses, such as walking, birdwatching and nature study.



Dear Friends in Conservation:

This June marked the 10th Anniversary of the North Shore Land Alliance. It has been a decade of interesting challenges, important learning and strong impact in protecting our North Shore community from excessive residential development and overcrowding.

Here are a few metrics that show the impact of a decade of effort:

- More than 900 acres of land protected through conservation easements, private and public acquisition and land donations.
- More than \$8 million of funds raised to date through annual dues, grants, events and special campaigns for land acquisition.
- A membership that now includes 2,250 households. With most households containing two or three people of voting age, the voting power of our membership exceeds 5,000 voters, enough to make a real difference in local elections.
- More than 2,000 residents participating in our Walks in the Woods series, including special programs at the Roosevelt Preserve and in local schools.
- Educational seminars, newsletters and press releases that have helped inform thousands of residents about the relationship between land conservation, clean water, clean air, recreation and the availability of fresh, local farm-grown food.

Plainly, land conservation is critical to a healthy future for Long Island. When we started the Land Alliance, our purpose revolved around maintaining community character, property values and overall quality of life. After a decade of work, our purpose has expanded to include land conservation for the benefit of public health.

With continuing climate change and human-driven growth in nitrogen pollution, both our drinking water and our surface waters are increasingly threatened. In addition, Superstorm Sandy demonstrated how vulnerable Long Island is to increasingly severe storms, including storm-caused flooding.

It is clear to me that land conservation is a key part of the solution for a healthy future for us, our children and grandchildren. Our collective success is directly related to the support of our members. Thank you for your generous support throughout these ten years.

When I see our members in the community, they often ask “What is next?” And I can honestly say there is much remaining for us to do together in the coming years. For example, currently more than 300 acres of environmentally significant local lands are being offered for sale—lands that are crucial to our community character. Together we have a wonderful opportunity to protect our community from rapid suburbanization but we cannot do so without your continued support.

Please help us move forward into the next decade of protecting the rural heritage of the North Shore.....

Cheers,

Carter F. Bales
Chair

P.S. I hope you will join other Land Alliance members in celebrating Our First Decade by attending one or more of our Founder’s Day events on Saturday, October 26th.



FOUNDER'S DAY FESTIVITIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013

Land Alliance members are invited to join in the celebration at one or all of the following Founder's Day events.
Invitation and details to follow. RSVP PLEASE!

9:00-11:00 Breakfast Walk at Fox Hollow Preserve

11:00-1:00 GPS Scavenger Hunt Adventure for Families

Geocaching is a relatively new, real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices like smartphones. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the hidden treasure at several Land Alliance preserves.

1:00-4:00 Land Alliance Annual Meeting Picnic

Bring a picnic and join us for lemonade and dessert as we recount the Land Alliance's first ten years and share in a variety of fun and games.

4:00-6:00 Sunset Soiree with Wine Tasting and Classical Music

To be held at the former ExxonMobil Site, Shore Road, Cold Spring Harbor.

\$150,000 TENTH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE FUND

In September, we will be launching a challenge fund for a 1:1 matching grant to enable the Land Alliance to start the next ten years of land conservation in a position of strength. It is our hope that the initial \$75K will be raised from foundations with match to come from Land Alliance members/community. The kick-off will begin with an appeal at the Tenth Anniversary Wine Auction and Dinner Celebration on September 29th at the Barn at Groton Place, Old Westbury.

The fund will be comprised of two parts.

1. \$75,000 - Revolving Fund for Operations to be used to bridge the seasonal gap between fundraising activities/events and replenished at the end of each year.
2. \$75,000 - Capacity Building Fund to invest in outside consultants/services that will help us build capacity and reduce operational risks. Investments could include employment of professional grant writers to grow foundation contributions, establishment and implementation of a deferred giving program, expansion of Internet reach and fundraising efforts, etc.

For more information or to participate, please contact Lisa Ott at 516-626-0908 or lisa@northshorelandalliance.org

PHOTO CONTEST

There is a call for photo submissions in celebration of the Land Alliance's 10th Anniversary of conservation. The subject for entries is the beauty and nature of western Long Island. Winning entries will be displayed during the Founder's Day celebration on October 26th and will be posted to the Land Alliance website.

Guidelines:

- Send up to 2 images as JPEGs of no more than 300 ppi to: sbyrnes@northshorelandalliance.org
- Selected images must later be provided upon request at print resolution
- Entry to include name, address and phone number
- Deadline for entries is August 15, 2013

POETRY CONTEST

In celebration of the Land Alliance's 10th Anniversary, there is a call for poetry submissions on the subject of the nature of western Long Island. Three of the winning poems will be read at the Founder's Day Celebration on October 26th and will be posted to the Land Alliance website.

Guidelines:

- Send up to 2 one page poems of no more than 40 lines each to: sbyrnes@northshorelandalliance.org
- Entry to include name, address and phone number and title of poem
- Deadline for entries is August 15, 2013 (New and previously published poems are welcome).

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION PROPERTY DONATION IN COLD SPRING HARBOR



On Saturday, April 27th at 1:00 p.m., nearly 100 people gathered at 95 Shore Road in Cold Spring Harbor to celebrate the oil tanks coming down, the completion of the environmental cleanup and the donation of the 8-acre waterfront parcel from ExxonMobil to the Land Alliance for conservation purposes.

On a picture perfect spring day, Land Alliance officers and staff were joined by elected officials including State Senator Carl Marcellino; Huntington Town Councilmen Mark Cuthbertson and Mark Mayoka; Heather Amster, Region 1, New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and community members to thank ExxonMobil for this valuable gift.



Jane Jackson, Land Alliance stewardship director, reviewed the land trust's plans for developing this currently blank canvas into a colorful native grassland and bird habitat. She asked attendees to try to picture what's to come over the next decade or so: a diversity of wildflowers and short and tall grasses (including the switch grass that is present today); the vibrant yellows and purples of goldenrods, asters and blazing star in summer and early fall; wet meadow where the soils are particularly moist, to be planted with additional grasses punctuated by stands of blue flag iris, swamp milkweed and cattail; an array of butterflies along with bluebirds and many other species that will be viewed by quiet observers from a bird blind; and a winding path to lead Long Islanders across the upland to the Harbor, where the existing *Spartina* will be greatly enhanced by additional salt marsh plantings. Perhaps, at the shoreline, a container of young oysters will be nurtured by Cold Spring Harbor and Oyster Bay East Norwich high school students for later deposit at an oyster bed.

Lisa Ott, Land Alliance President, added, "This is a very exciting project for the Land Alliance - one unlike any we've taken on before. Our goal is to install a suite



RESTORATION OF EXXONMOBIL PROPERTY IN COLD SPRING HARBOR

of ecological communities (some of them rare) that will optimize habitat values for native birds and other wildlife. We are beginning to fundraise for habitat work, but it will take some time.”

Heather Amster, DEC, noted, “I have been practicing conservation real estate in New York for nearly 25 years and must say the project we are here to celebrate today inspires me more than any. While it is rewarding to protect a piece of nature before it has been developed, I find it even more so to return a formerly developed property to nature.”

This project also addresses many pressing environmental concerns. For example, salt marshes are shrinking on Long Island. This project creates new salt marsh. Grasslands as another example, are the most rapidly disappearing habitat on LI and the world. This project creates new grasslands.

After a brief ceremony, attendees were asked to take part in the beginning of the restoration process by taking a handful of seeds of native grass species (little bluestem, switchgrass and deer tongue) and spreading them throughout the property. They are then invited back to watch them grow.

Two weeks prior to the celebration, on April 13, 25 volunteers dedicated a morning to a cleanup at the site, removing debris and spreading straw bales that had been used with silt fencing during remediation and can contribute organic matter to the soil as they decompose. Two killdeer nests were discovered that morning, perhaps a harbinger of the wildlife habitat to come.

ExxonMobil donated the former industrial property that fronts Cold Spring Harbor to the Land Alliance in November 2012, just after Superstorm Sandy hit our community. See our fall 2012 newsletter for more information about the property and transfer.



NORTH SHORE LAND WORK TO RE-ESTABLISH TREE



Everybody has Sandy stories. As far as our preserves are concerned, perhaps our biggest tale had to do with working with our neighbors and other partners to keep a lid on invasion by unwanted non-native plants. In April and May, North Shore Land Alliance and over 100 volunteers planted nearly 200 native red maple, tupelo and oak tree seedlings in two preserves. Our partners included the Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club, MSC Industrial Supply Company and some local residents on April 25 and May 7 at our 26-acre Fox Hollow Preserve in Laurel Hollow, where 140 trees succumbed to Superstorm Sandy and the northeaster that followed. The Roosevelt Middle School Green Team, Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center and a crew of seasoned volunteers participated on May 2 at Nassau County's Roosevelt Preserve, where nearby Mount Sinai Baptist Church provided water for the thirsty, newly-planted trees. A number of the oak and tupelo seedlings installed at both locations were donated by the North Country Garden Club, which had grown them from acorns to commemorate its 100th birthday.

Before Sandy, a dense tree canopy covered the planting areas, limiting the amount of sunlight that filtered through to the forest floor. The restricted sunlight on the ground helped to keep at bay many invasive plant species, which can be at their most aggressive in open,



ALLIANCE AND PARTNERS CANOPY IN NATURE PRESERVES

sunny areas. Now the canopies have gaping holes, which may create avenues for invasive plants to enter the preserves quickly. The two- and three-year-old seedlings are species that should grow quickly to compete with non-native species.

“Usually when trees fall on our preserves, we leave them alone except where they’re blocking trails or creating a hazard, because dead or fallen trees can provide habitat, too,” noted Land Alliance Advisory Board Member Richard Weir. “But the damage Sandy caused is too extensive to leave Fox Hollow to recover without a little help. We are concerned that by the time new trees grew back on their own, the habitat quality of the forest would be compromised by a surge in invasive vegetation.”

Lisa Ott, President of the Land Alliance, expressed satisfaction in community members’ commitment to the plantings, explaining, “Restoring this beautiful forest with involvement from Long Island residents, businesses and volunteers is a wonderful example of how our entire community, coming together to steward our open spaces, can conserve a landscape that benefits native plants and wildlife while protecting our water supply and treasured access to beautiful natural areas for our children and grandchildren.”



GO NATIVE

If you lost trees during Superstorm Sandy, we encourage you to replant with a species native to Long Island.

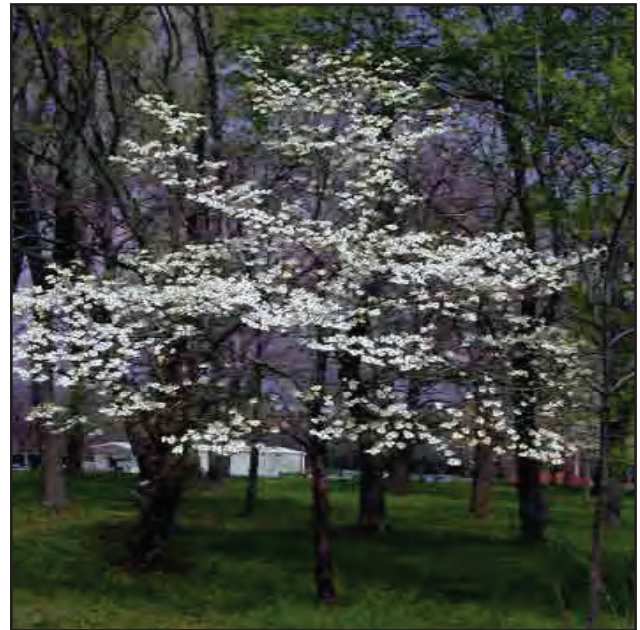
American Basswood/Linden (*Tilia americana*)
American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)
American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)
American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)
Atlantic White Cedar (*Chamaecyparis thyoides*)
Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
Butternut Hickory (*Carya cordiformis*)
Black Birch (*Betula lenta*)
Black Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)
Chestnut Oak (*Quercus montana*)
Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperis virginiana*)
Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
Mockernut Hickory (*Carya tomentosa*)
Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)
Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)
Pignut Hickory (*Carya glabra*)
Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*)
Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)

River Birch (*Betula nigra*)
Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*)
Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*)
Shagbark Hickory (*Carya ovata*)
Shortleaf Pine (*Pinus echinata*)
Sourwood (*Oxydendren arboreum*)
Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)
(though this may struggle as the climate warms)
Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)
Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)
Willow Oak (*Quercus phellos*)

Two specialty nurseries for native trees are Country Gardens (<http://www.countrygardensnursery.com/>) in Eastport and the Greenbelt Native Plant Center (<http://www.nycgovparks.org/greening/greenbelt-native-plant-center>) on Staten Island, which sells locally-sourced plants.



American Beech



Flowering Dogwood

RESTORATION OF HISTORIC TROUSDELL HOUSE BEGINS

The North Shore Land Alliance is pleased to announce that an enthusiastic buyer for the Trousdell House in Oyster Bay has been found. And, best of all, restoration has already begun with completion targeted for early Fall 2013.

The Land Alliance was confident all along that this property had great potential, but finding that visionary buyer with the funds and the foresight necessary to bring it back to life was a challenge. Thankfully, that challenge was met and a lovely young family will be moving to Oyster Bay this Fall.

When our buyer hired restoration builder Tim Lee, Tim was concerned about the years of water damage that had compromised parts of the house. As he began opening up walls, he was delighted to find that “things were not as bad as they looked from outside.”

As decades of lead paint were stripped away, lovely high quality wood was revealed. As temporary walls were removed, impressively scaled rooms achieved their former grandeur. When the wall between the kitchen and the laundry room came down, a perfectly centered brick fireplace was revealed.

The new owners’ plan to leave the design of the house as it has always been. They intend to live there full time with their family, and they love the idea of being able to walk to town.

We are very grateful to the community of non-profits that helped us along the way, the Town of Oyster Bay and the donors to the Trousdell House Restoration Fund that allowed us to seal up the leaks until we could find a buyer. And, we are particularly grateful to our conservation lender who allowed us to step in and purchase the

house and then extended our no-interest loan until a buyer was found.

When asked about the significance of the Trousdell House, Alexandra Wolfe of the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities said, “This handsome Greek revival building with subsequent Colonial revival alterations was one of the principal houses of Oyster Bay’s mid-nineteenth century summer colony.” Phil Blocklyn from the Oyster Bay Historical Society added, “Hillside’s (as it was called in 1861) direct connection with the Irvin and Roosevelt families alone makes the place a vital and irreplaceable part of the history of Oyster Bay.”



The Land Alliance is very pleased to have played a part in protecting the history of the Town of Oyster Bay.



FEDERAL

63 Representatives Have Signed On to Support Conservation Tax Incentive

The top legislative priority for the land trust community this year is to make permanent the enhanced tax incentive for conservation easement donations now set to expire at the end of 2013. This deduction has helped America's land trusts work with farmers, ranchers and other modest-income landowners to increase the pace of conservation by a third to over a million acres a year!

Last year's bills to make the incentive permanent, S. 339 and H.R. 1964, were championed by the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees and had an impressive 311 co-sponsors in the House, more than any other legislation, but, ultimately, were not successful.

Current Status:

- In the House: Reps. Jim Gerlach (R-PA) and Mike Thompson (D-CA), are seeking 100 original co-sponsors (50 Republicans, 50 Democrats) before introducing legislation.
- Senators Max Baucus (D-MT) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT) co-sponsored the Rural Heritage Conservation Extension Act, S. 526, which was introduced in March. With less than 200 days left before the enhanced incentive expires, the Land Alliance will be working diligently to persuade our elected officials in both the House and Senate to sign on as sponsors.

Farm Bill Passes Senate with Strong Bipartisan Support, Voted Down in House

The Senate passed its five-year Farm Bill by a strong bipartisan vote of 66-27 on Monday, June 10th. The bill contains important victories for land trusts, with \$1.38 billion in funding for the new Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) program. Despite tens of billions in cuts to the overall bill and to the conservation title, the ALE Program retains the same level of funding from last year's bill. Additionally, for the first time ever, a match waiver was included to allow landowners to donate more of the value of the easement to match the federal government's share. This match waiver is expected to save land trusts millions of dollars and increase the pace of conservation.

On Thursday, June 20th, the U.S. House of Representatives failed to pass the Federal Agriculture, Reform and Risk Management (FARRM) Act of 2013. The major reason cited for the failure was the huge reduction in funding for food stamps (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)) which offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low income individuals and families. SNAP is the largest program in the domestic hunger safety net and one of the largest nondiscretionary elements of the Farm Bill. Other reasons cited were failure to reduce crop insurance subsidies, failure to link crop insurance to soil conservation and wetland protection and failure to encourage development of local and regional markets.

The Farm Bill contributes more to land conservation funding than any other government program.



Fernando Lloveras, Lisa Ott and Congressman Steve Israel

The Land Trust Alliance (LTA) advocates for America's land trusts on Capital Hill. This March LTA invited land trusts from key states to come to Washington to lobby for legislation integral to the success of land conservation across the US.

Luis Rinaldini and Lisa Ott represented the North Shore Land Alliance. We were partnered with the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust and made visits to twelve congressional offices that day. Meetings included Congressman Steve Israel and the staffs of Senator Gillibrand, Senator Schumer, Congressmen Rangel, King, McCarthy, Meeks, Meng, Velasquez, Jeffries, Clark and Crowley.

*North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)
Set to Expire*

The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) provides matching grants to organizations and individuals for the acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetland ecosystems for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. Administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, funding is available as small grants up to \$75,000 and standard grants up to \$1 million. Appropriations fell to a recent low of \$33.8 million in Fiscal Year 2013, but wildlife law fines bring the total to more than \$50 million. President Obama has requested an appropriation of \$39.4 million in FY 2014.

While NAWCA continues to receive appropriations, its authorization actually expired in October 2012, putting the program in great peril. The Land Alliance will be asking our elected officials to support the following legislation. Many thanks to Rep. Carolyn McCarthy who has already signed on.

S. 741 ~ Introduced by Senate Environment and Public Works Committee chair Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and ranking member David Vitter (R-LA)

H.R. 2208 ~ Introduced by Reps. Rob Wittman (R-VA), John Dingell (D-MI), Steve King (R-IA) and Bennie Thompson (D-MS).

As local funding for land conservation grows increasingly scarce, the Land Alliance is exploring all sources with the potential to help with our local land conservation efforts and NAWCA is a program for which Long Island should qualify.



Plum Island Update

On May 7 the Town of Southold held a hearing regarding proposed zoning for Plum Island, because its federal designation falls outside of local zoning restrictions. When the Island is sold, the zoning authority will be placed in the hands of the Town. Recognizing the habitat and conservation values of the property, the Town has proposed the following zoning scenario:

- Plum Island Conservation District to preserve the Island's significant natural resources
- Plum Island Research District to allow for the use of part of the Island for research and educational purposes and employment opportunities while protecting its natural, cultural, historic and scenic resources

A comment period was held through June 14. For further information, visit the website of the Preserve Plum Island Coalition (of which North Shore Land Alliance is a member) at www.preserveplumisland.org.





STATE

EPF Increases from \$134M to \$153M for FY 2013/2014

The Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) saw an overall increase of \$12.45M dollars over FY 2013/2013. We are pleased to report that monies allocated for land protection increased by \$2.5M. Other areas which saw modest increases were farmland, invasive species management and agricultural non point-source-pollution. An important addition to the program was an allocation for Water Quality Improvement Programs including studies relating to Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for septic systems and green infrastructure.

We are pleased to see a positive direction for the EPF which reached an all-time high of \$250M in FY 2008/2009.

New Community Disaster Risk Reduction Legislation -A. 6558 (Sweeney) S. 05138 (Fuschillo)

The Nature Conservancy has been working with Governor Cuomo’s office to better understand the impacts that may be caused by future storms and ways to help our communities be more resilient. Nothing in

today’s building and subdivision codes, natural resource permits, public investment guidance and other items recognize that sea level rise has been happening and is now accelerating, nor do they account for the impacts of extreme weather events. These bills would modernize government decisions with good science. The proposed law is sponsored by Long Island’s Assemblyman Robert Sweeney and Senator Charles Fuschillo. The bills takes a modest step that says officials need to consider sea level rise and extreme weather events when decisions regarding items such as land acquisition, waterfront revitalization, sewage upgrades, etc. are made in the due course of work and investment that government undertakes. Many towns, villages, counties and state agencies do not have their own expertise to evaluate these matters of science and probability; thus this bill actually provides public agencies and the at-risk public with clearer direction from a reasonable set of guidelines set by the state.

A. 6558 passed the Assembly and S. 05138 was in the process of making its way through the Senate when the session ended.

DID YOU KNOW THERE IS AN ANNUAL STATE TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE TO EASEMENT DONORS?

New York State offers a tax credit to landowners whose land is permanently restricted by a qualified conservation easement. New York enacted the Conservation Easement Tax Credit (CETC) in 2006.

A landowner can apply for the credit annually. The credit is calculated as 25% of the school district, county and town real estate taxes paid on the restricted land, up to \$5,000 per year (does not include city or village taxes). The advantage of a credit versus a deduction is that a tax credit, unlike a tax deduction, which is an adjustment to taxable income, offsets a taxpayer’s tax liability on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Another advantage of this credit is that it is a refundable income tax credit, which means that if a landowner’s tax credit exceeds the amount he or she owes in state income taxes, the landowner gets a check for the difference! Landowners can claim this rebate when they file their New York State Income tax return.

The CETC applies to all qualified conservation easements, regardless of when they were created. Entitlement to the CETC runs with the land, not the landowner, so subsequent landowners can also apply for the credit provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

To find out if your conservation easement qualifies or if you have any questions regarding the Conservation Easement Tax Credit, call the North Shore Land Alliance office at 516-626-0908.

New York's formal Open Space Conservation program began in 1990, and was designed to ensure citizen input into the land acquisition decisions made by the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). Since its beginning, the program has developed a comprehensive statewide Open Space Conservation Plan (Plan) that represents current open space conservation actions, tools and programs administered by DEC, OPRHP, the Department of State (DOS), the Adirondack Park Agency (APA), the Department of Agriculture & Markets (DAM) and the Department of Transportation (DOT); and has become an important and popular advocacy voice for conserving New York's open spaces - and the quality of life which they provide us. The Plan is updated every four years.

Regional committees are appointed by the County Executives, DEC and OPRHP. The committees, comprised of representatives from local municipalities and the land conservation community, are asked to provide Region 1 representatives from DEC and OPRHP with the latest updates regarding properties that appear on the list, currently, and others that are important to include. The Region 1 committee is also asked to make policy recommendations that relate to open space conservation. Recommendations which will be added to the report this year include water resource protection, the economic value of land conservation, land re-use and the importance of adaptation to climate change.

County Executive Ed Mangano appointed Lisa Ott, Land Alliance President, to serve on the committee for the third time. With the help of the Nassau County Planning Department more than 3,000 acres of qualified open space have been added to the State list and this year, for the first time, a waterfront golf course will also be included. While golf courses may not be qualified for inclusion in upstate New York, they represent Nassau County's largest category of unprotected open space. A property's inclusion in the New York State Open Space Plan is most helpful in supporting a private donor's ability to receive a tax deduction for the donation of a conservation easement.

FARMLAND FACTS

Due to receding farmland, New York farms can only feed 30% of our population.

New York State loses one farm every 3.5 days - 500,000 acres in the last 25 years.

81,430 acres out of New York State's 730,389 total acres are farmland today.



GOLF COURSE STATISTICS

Golf Courses remain Long Island's largest category of unprotected open space and the future of some of the less successful ones is not trending well.

There are 10 fewer golf courses in Long Island than there were in 2004.

In 1998, 576,850 rounds were played at state public golf courses. In 2012, the number of rounds dropped to 369,595.

In 2012 golf courses generated \$68.8B in revenue down from \$81.2B in 2000.



NASSAU COUNTY

*Brooklyn Water Works Purchased
for Conservation Purposes*

In 2012 Nassau County acquired the 4.6-acre Brooklyn Water Works in Baldwin Harbor for \$6.2M. The property will be adjoined with the neighboring Brookside Preserve, an important South Shore habitat for birds and the headquarters for the South Shore Audubon.



SUFFOLK COUNTY

*New Open Space Acquisition
Procedures Adopted by Suffolk County*

On April 23, 2013, the Suffolk County Legislature adopted revised procedures for acquiring real estate in the County by amending Chapter 1070 of the Code of Suffolk County for Real Estate Appraisal, Acquisition and Disposition. Nicknamed the Triple "A" acquisition procedure, referencing the appraisal, acquisition and approval steps of the process, this new method is meant to provide lawmakers more information early on in the acquisition process and a new prioritization method for those properties acquired through the Drinking Water Protection Program. The Drinking Water Protection Program is a successful County program, which has preserved over 60,000 acres of land by spending over \$1,079,069,727 on open space, farmland and active recreation acquisition.

The old acquisition process involved two steps for the legislature. The first step was a planning step, which takes the acquisition process from evaluation to extension of an offer and an environmental site assessment all in the first step, and then allows the Legislature to authorize purchase without considering other properties in the pipeline. Under the new procedure, projects will go through three steps: an appraisal step, a procedural motion and an approval resolution, which allows the Legislative EPA Committee and then the full Legislature to prioritize the properties through a procedural motion. After the procedural motion, the Legislature considers the prioritized properties and authorizes further acquisition steps, such as extending an offer.



A SUCCESSFUL GRANT YEAR FOR THE LAND ALLIANCE

The Land Alliance is pleased to announce we are the recipient of approximately \$543,000 in grants so far this year. The funds are for a variety of exciting projects we are working on.

It was just after New Year's that we received word from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation that we were awarded a \$500,000 grant for the Deforest Williams acquisition. The Land Alliance will use the funds towards its portion of the acquisition costs. This acquisition, on which the Land Alliance is partnering with Suffolk County and the Town of Huntington, will permanently preserve approximately 31 acres of environmentally sensitive land in Cold Spring Harbor.

In other grant news, the Land Trust Alliance in association with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) selected two Land Alliance projects for funding through the NYS Conservation Partnership Program totaling \$39,000. The first grant is for \$14,000

and will fund two studies that will be helpful in developing a management/restoration plan for our recently acquired waterfront property donated by ExxonMobil. The second grant, in the amount of \$25,000, is to be used towards organizational development. At a press conference on April 25, 2013, the DEC Commissioner Joe Martens stated that, "[b]y increasing open space funding by \$2.5 million in this year's budget, Governor Cuomo has placed a priority on preserving and conserving New York's natural resources."



The fourth grant awarded to the Land Alliance is from the Norcross Foundation for \$5,800. The funding will be used towards acquiring computer equipment and software that will provide the technology to create sophisticated maps and studies to help us refine our management and conservation efforts.

With the year only half over, we are excited about our successful grant awards and can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring the Land Alliance.

LAND TRUST ALLIANCE TRANSACTION GRANT USED FOR SIGNS AND DISPLAY BOARDS AT NEWLY-ACQUIRED PRESERVES

The Land Alliance received in 2012 a New York State Conservation Partnership Program transaction grant (from the Land Trust Alliance with support from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation through the Environmental Protection Fund) for purchase of entrance signs, trail markers and display units at the four preserves it acquired from The Nature Conservancy in 2012 and 2013. The grant also covered the cost of surveys and appraisals carried out just prior to transfer of the properties. Now when you



visit them you will see signs containing a bit of information about what makes each preserve unique. Display units will showcase trail maps, information about Land Alliance activities and images of wildlife and plants that occupy the preserves.

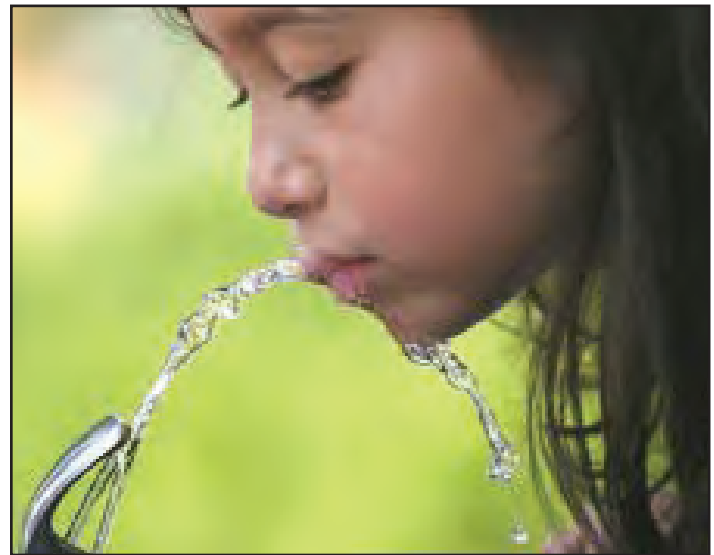
We are very grateful to the Land Trust Alliance for providing this opportunity to share information with preserve visitors.

WATER

Long Island will once again need to step up and defend its most precious natural resource, its water. The quality and quantity of Long Island's drinking water are in serious jeopardy and many environmental groups, including the North Shore Land Alliance, are bringing this issue to a boil. According to these groups, the time to act is now. Recent water quality problems, including red and brown tides, are plaguing Long Island's beaches and negatively impacting our health and quality of life.

In response to this urgency The Nature Conservancy, Group for the East End, Citizens Campaign for the Environment and Long Island Pine Barrens Society, with the help of scientist Christopher Gobler, PhD from Stony Brook University, launched a campaign on April 18, 2013 at their second annual "Water Worries" conference to demand change. According to these groups, water quality and quantity should be a priority for not only the government, but also all Long Island residents. The group declared that its goal is to "regain an Island lifestyle in which we can safely drink our groundwater and swim and fish free of pollution. We must reestablish an environment in which shellfish and finfish are plentiful and safe to eat. We must also restore the full economic potential of our island's clean water resources."

Approximately 126 government officials, press, environmentalists, scientists, and citizen groups attended the conference held at the Wind Watch Golf & Country Club in Hauppauge. To kick off the conference, Christopher Gobler, PhD, gave an overview of the problems facing Long Island. Specifically, Dr. Gobler's presentation highlighted concerns regarding the high levels of nitrogen detected in our groundwater and coastal waters. Increasing levels of nitrogen pollution in our groundwater can make drinking water unsafe and increased levels of nitrogen pollution in our coastal surface waters which fuel harmful algal blooms. Increased levels of nitrogen also kill seagrass meadows. These meadows are vital as habitat for a long list of economically important fish and shellfish. Dr. Gobler noted that much of the increased levels in nitrogen are



a result of development patterns, land use trends and residential septic systems.

Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment, discussed the contamination of groundwater from improper pharmaceutical disposal, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), pollution and pesticides. A recent study by the U.S. Geological Survey, in coordination with the U.S. Department of the Interior and Suffolk County, found pharmaceutically active compounds in Suffolk County's groundwater. The most detected compounds were anti-seizure and antibiotic drugs. Ms. Esposito urged state and local governments to provide consumers with convenient, safe, efficient and secure means to dispose of unused/expired pharmaceuticals and develop contamination standards for these products in drinking water.

TESTING THE WATERS

A Guide to Water Quality at Local Beaches

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has put together a website that allows people to search beach water quality by zip code.

<http://www.nrdc.org/water/oceans/ttw/default.asp>

WORRIES

The Nature Conservancy's Kevin McDonald and Group for the East End's Executive Director, Bob DeLuca, provided the attendees with a strategy for dealing with the issues facing Long Island's water. Some of these strategies included updating existing sewage treatment facilities and encouraging the use of new septic system technology. They also noted the need for a comprehensive water protection plan to provide insurance against continued damage to our groundwater.

Dick Amper, Executive Director of the Long Island Pine Barrens Society, and Beth Baldwin, the Land Alliance's Associate Director and Legal Counsel, presented an outline of everyone's role in addressing



the water concerns on Long Island. First, they charged all levels of government with different tasks. Some examples include reauthorizing the Federal Clean Water Act, adopting stricter groundwater discharge standards for sewage treatment plants and on-site wastewater systems and establishing an adequately funded regulatory agency for Long Island Resources Management. Second, they also charged business and industry with establishing strict limitations on the disposal of hazardous chemicals, especially VOCs, and preventing discharge into the groundwater. Third, they stressed that developers and farmers also have a role: Locate future development to avoid groundwater contamination and limit new density to levels that

will prevent adverse impacts to the aquifer and adopt fertilizer application management practices, including slow-release nutrients, to reduce nitrogen input to groundwater and surface waters. Fourth, non-government organizations were charged with educating consumers on household products that impair water quality and to suggest alternatives. Finally, individuals and families also have their role, including using less fertilizer and fewer pesticides on lawns and outdoor plants.

This conference is just the beginning of what will be a campaign to change how Long Island thinks about water. It will take lifestyle changes on all our parts to truly improve the quality of our drinking water and surface waters and to protect our groundwater resources for our children and grandchildren. These lifestyle changes will provoke government to do its part to improve water quality on Long Island. We all need to start making these changes now.



ACCREDITATION PROGRESS

The North Shore Land Alliance is pleased to announce that we officially submitted our accreditation application to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission in April 2013. After a year of preparation and a final push in the last four months, the Land Alliance team gathered all the necessary documentation and information the Commission needs to comprehensively review our organization. The Land Alliance feels strongly that becoming an accredited land trust is an essential step toward taking our organization to the next level. The public's perception of accredited land trusts is invaluable and will allow the Land Alliance to further its mission in the community. Publicly demonstrating compliance with established policy standards should bring great public confidence in our ability to protect the North Shore's important natural places forever.

While much of the staff's time and energy was focused on the application in the last few months, we found that the process itself provided valuable insight into how far our organization has come in the past 10 years. As the Land Alliance celebrates its 10th anniversary, the accreditation process couldn't have come at a better time. Beth Baldwin, the Land Alliance's Associate Director and Counsel, who was point person for the process, noted, "The process became the perfect opportunity for us to see how our organization has evolved and take a hard look into our strengths and weaknesses. The process has brought new ideas to the organization and the occasion to streamline old ones."

During the application process, the Land Alliance was asked to answer questions based on the Land Trust Alliance's *Standards and Practices*. The *Standards and Practices* were adopted by the North Shore Land Alliance in 2005 and are guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust, which is run legally, ethically and in the public interest and conducts a sound



program of land transactions and stewardship. We were also required to submit evidence of our practices as part of the application. Evidence included such things as organizational policies and minutes from Board meetings documenting the Board's review of a potential project. The application also asked the Land Alliance to submit documentation from four of its completed projects.

The next steps in the accreditation process will include following up with any additional information requested by the Commission and a conference call with the Commissioner assigned to our application. We expect the Commission's official announcement regarding our accreditation in February 2014. So stay tuned!

WHAT IS A LAND TRUST?

Today, there are 1,700 land trusts that have more than 100,000 volunteers and 5 million members. So far, land trusts have conserved 37 million acres of land in America - an area roughly the size of all the New England states combined.

A land trust is a nonprofit organization that as all or part of its mission actively works to conserve land by undertaking or assisting in land or conservation easement acquisition, or by its stewardship of such land or easements.

Land trusts work with landowners and the community to conserve land by accepting donations of land, purchasing land, negotiating private, voluntary conservation agreements on land and stewarding conserved land through the generations to come. Most land trusts are community based and deeply connected to local needs, so they are well-equipped to identify land that offers critical natural habitat as well as land offering recreational, agricultural and other conservation value.

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY PLANTS TREES

We knew we were hosting a veteran crew when 18 volunteers showed up at the cul de sac in long sleeves and pants, each armed with insect repellent, sun screen, durable work gloves and bottles of water. They were well prepared to carry out the Superstorm Sandy recovery work with which they'd been charged that day and then some.

On May 7 at our Fox Hollow Preserve, MSC volunteers removed copious amounts of invasive English ivy, burning bush and garlic mustard; completed restoration of our beloved pine plantation trail (installed by Eagle Scout Greg Cocchi and Shelter Rock Troop 201 in 2011) that had been off limits since Sandy struck, and planted and watered dozens of native red maple and swamp white oak seedlings where numerous trees had succumbed to the storm. Before Sandy, a dense tree canopy covered the area, limiting the amount of sunlight that filtered through to the forest floor. The storm left a gaping hole in the canopy, which may create avenues for invasive plants to enter the Preserve quickly. The two- and three-year-old seedlings are species that should grow quickly to better compete with non-native species.

Among the tools of choice that day, one that was new to our volunteers, was a big orange weed wrench used to pull mature burning bush out of the ground before it could launch another generation of hundreds of new

seedlings. Other highlights illustrated workers' keen observation skills and included separate discoveries of a gray tree frog (alive) and a less fortunate animal's kidney (or other organ) along the trail, the latter near a large American Beech tree containing a red-tailed hawk nest (thought to be inactive this year but now we're not so sure!).

The day after the event, Alessandra Cavalluzzi, MSC's Senior Manager, Community Relations, communicated that the volunteers had all "expressed feelings of pride and satisfaction in being able to assist with such a meaningful and important project ...and we look forward to partnering with the Land Alliance for more volunteer opportunities in the future." After an event like Sandy it can take a village's coming together to keep our open spaces healthy. We thank MSC for helping to ensure this legacy is sustained.



NSLA TO TAKE ON MANAGEMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL PRESERVES FROM THE NATURE CONSERVACY

This year, NSLA will begin stewarding two additional TNC preserves in northern Nassau County, adding 12 acres to the current 135 acres under its ownership and management.

Davenport Sanctuary, an eight-acre moist woodland preserve in Laurel Hollow, boasts a mix of native shrubs and hardwood trees (among them hickory, red maple, American holly, black willow at the pond, mountain laurel and spicebush), the most noteworthy of which are a number of old-growth tulip trees. Its eastern portion features a one-acre kettlehole pond. The site, once part of a 60-acre farm with a blacksmith and sawmill shed that still stands, was acquired by Charles Davenport about 1900, only a few years before its canopy of American chestnut trees was done in by blight introduced in 1904.

And in Lake Success, four-acre Harbor Hill Sanctuary is a tiny island of forest, surrounded by development, that is a haven for a multitude of birds, among them Northern Parula, Blackpoll Warbler and American Redstart observed during fall migration last year. It was the site of a bird-banding operation more than a decade ago; some mist netting and the shed that housed operations remain on the property. There are a number of large trees dotting the steep slope. We plan to restore a trail that existed at one time.

In the winter of 2007, the North Shore Land Alliance and The Nature Conservancy on Long Island entered into a memorandum of agreement that set the stage for The Land Alliance stewardship of 65 acres of land in northeastern Nassau County. Under the two-year term of the agreement, The Land Alliance took responsibility for managing Fox Hollow Preserve in Laurel Hollow, Cordelia H. Cushman Preserve in Oyster Bay Cove, Louis C. Clark Sanctuary in Old Brookville and Bertha & Reginald Rose Refuge in Upper Brookville. Over the last 15 months the Land Alliance has taken ownership of these four preserves. We continue to manage, with Conservancy input, 62 acres in Upper Brookville and Old Brookville at Hope Goddard Iselin and James Preserves.



MEADOW RESTORATION IN NASSAU COUNTY: PRESERVING SPECIAL HABITAT, ONE STEP AT A TIME

The North Shore Land Alliance is moving ahead with restoring a meadow in The Nature Conservancy (TNC)'s 42-acre Hope Goddard Iselin Preserve in Upper Brookville. When Davey Trees generously offered to donate a three-person crew for a day of clearing fallen and invasive trees, stumps and dense vines from the site this winter, the Land Alliance gratefully accepted, advancing meadow restoration at the site and furthering efforts to enhance valuable wildlife habitat.

The Land Alliance has been managing Iselin (and a field at TNC's James Preserve in Old Brookville) for about three years. Since then, the site has undergone annual mowing, in or near winter, when plant and wildlife activity (while never at a complete standstill) is relatively quiet. During spring and summer growing seasons, Land Alliance and TNC staff and volunteers have worked to remove invasive vegetation that wastes no time in blanketing sections of the field and its periphery.

Over the past year a Long Island Invasive Species Management Area grant (funded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) allowed for wildlife surveys and installation of educational signage and native plants in demonstration areas in addition to the maintenance and monitoring we do every year. (See our fall 2012 newsletter.) Volunteers from Huntington-Oyster Bay and North Shore Audubon Societies have

carried out breeding bird surveys, Christmas Bird Counts and owl prowls there. This summer interns Gabby Santangelo and Rob Katz are hard at work organizing invasive plant pulls and monitoring last year's planting areas.

Over the winter Davey Trees provided tree removal and chipping services which included removal of a 20-foot high dome of invasive vines that had been growing, unmowable, over fallen trees for many years. "We're happy to be able to make a direct contribution so that Iselin's field can provide great wildlife habitat as well as a place for people to explore a part of Long Island natural history," said Davey Trees' District Manager Bill Aitken. These actions, along with ongoing monitoring of plants and animals that occupy the sites, will continue to inform future actions that will result in healthier habitat and a more beautiful community.

SCHEDULE OF MILE-A-MINUTE PULLS AT ISELIN PRESERVE, UPPER BROOKVILLE

Thursday July 11th - 6:00pm
Saturday July 13th - 9:30am
Sunday July 28th - 9:30am

OWL PROWL
Thursday July 25th - 8:00 pm



NEW TRUSTEE RAY SCHUVILLE

Ray Schuville is a Managing Director with U.S. Trust where he manages high net worth relationships, coordinating investment management, fiduciary, wealth advisory and banking services for wealthy families, endowments and foundations.

Mr. Schuville joined U.S. Trust in July of 2010. Prior to joining U.S. Trust, Ray worked for Barclays Wealth following the Barclays acquisition of Lehman Brother' Private Investment Management business in the Americas. Prior to joining Lehman Brothers, Mr. Schuville was a Senior Investment Banker at J.P. Morgan Chase, with over 30 years of domestic and international experience.

Mr. Schuville received a B.A. from John Carroll University, and earned a Masters in International Management, The American Graduate School of International Management. Mr. Schuville has served on the National Advisory Board and Parents' Advisory Council of the Robert Emmett McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Association and the Board of Managers of the Cold Spring Harbor Beach Club, where he was President. Ray is a long term resident of Lloyd Harbor where, upon returning from a ten-year overseas assignment in Madrid and London, he and his wife Nancy raised their three children.

TERRAFIRMA

An increasing threat for land trusts like the North Shore Land Alliance is that one day they will need to pay out significant funds to defend their conserved land. As land values continue to rise and developers are willing to go to battle to try to develop conserved land, the land trust community, through the Land Trust Alliance, came together with a solution to take on this threat of mounting legal costs.

Formed in 2011, the Terrafirma Risk Retention Group LLC is an insurance company formed by more than 420 land trusts. These land trusts, protecting more than 6,000,000 acres of land, now have the resources they need to take on rising litigation costs threatened by deep pocketed developers who are willing to challenge the legality of conservation easements. Some other threats include successor owners who do not share the original donor's vision of the conserved property and trespassers who do not appreciate the restrictions placed on conserved lands. These costs for some land trusts recently have exceeded \$1 million, but tend to hover around \$250,000.

The North Shore Land Alliance, which signed on right away to be a part of this innovative insurance program, received its policy in 2013. The policy limits claims to a maximum of \$500,000, subject to a \$5,000 deductible per claim.

While land trusts are required to have resources to monitor and defend their easement properties, the liability insurance offered by Terrafirma offers easement donors and the IRS the assurance that the land trust will be able to defend its conserved lands in perpetuity.

ART IN THE GARDEN



A fundraiser was held at Martin Viette Nursery, Muttontown, to benefit the work of the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District (NCSWCD). Local artists donated their works to be sold in support of NCSWCD's efforts to build ecofriendly gardens and provide programs and technical services to all Nassau County residents.

The evening included games and yoga on the front lawn, a performance by the Vegetable Orchestra, a silent auction and the presentation of the Inaugural Theodore Roosevelt Environmental Legacy Awards. Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano presented Betsy Gulotta, Conservation Project Manager, Friends of Hempstead Plains and Lisa Ott, President, North Shore Land Alliance with handsome inscribed portraits of Theodore Roosevelt by artist, Dan Christoffel.

A CONVERSATION ON SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Luis Ubiñas, President of the Ford Foundation, engaged a room full of more than ninety members and friends of the North Shore Land Alliance on the evening of April 25th at the Explorers Club in New York City. The evening began with a cocktail reception where friends were greeted and new connections were formed. Carter Bales, Chairman of the North Shore Land Alliance, kicked off the conversation with Luis with an update on recent accomplishments of the Land Alliance, including ExxonMobil and DeForest Williams.

Mr. Ubiñas, as President of the Ford Foundation, brought his unique perspective from the frontlines of advancing social change. His underlying message was clear, that the current path the world is on is unsustainable, for both the planet and its people.



After some encouragement from the audience, Luis did point to some signs of hope for the future. He referenced specific examples of work done by the Ford Foundation in Brazil, which has shown that small investments in community forestry can reap enormous benefits, as native populations are empowered to preserve forests that would otherwise fall into the hands of ranchers and loggers.

Luis commended the work done by the Land Alliance, and recognized Carter's vision and leadership in the conservation movement that began many years ago and has resulted in hundreds of acres of conserved land.

All in all, the intimate access to Luis and his insight into macro and micro issues of social and environmental change proved thought provoking and educational.

OPEN SPACE SOCIETY

The Land Alliance will host its Open Space Society Dinner on Saturday, July 13th at the Red Cote Preserve in Oyster Bay Cove. Dinner will take place in the middle of one of several beautiful meadows located on the property.

Our speaker, Larry Weaner, is a veritable meadow expert having designed some of America's preeminent modern meadows. His design and restoration work for public facilities, institutions and private residences spans more than ten states, and his work has been profiled in national publications, including *New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Garden Design*, *American Gardener* and *Wildflower Magazine*.



In 2008, he received the Landscape Design Award from the New England Wildflower Society for his use of native plants in "exceptional and distinctive landscape compositions".

He has been practicing professional landscape design since 1977 and earned a national reputation for work combining the environmental sciences and garden design.

If you would like more information about the Open Space Society or would like to purchase a ticket for July 13th, please call the office at 516-626-0908.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE KICKS OFF SEASON IN NYC



On June 4th, one of the most beautiful evenings of the year, nearly 100 young professionals who care about land conservation gathered for cocktails at the Jefferson Market Garden.

Committee Chairs David Holmes, Max Stenbeck, Sarah Crocker and Tim DiPietro found the most wonderful location for the party - a third acre oasis in the heart of Greenwich Village, one of Manhattan's great historic neighborhoods. Roses were in full bloom as was the chatter among this attractive group of young conservationists.

Both the garden and the neighboring public library are named for the food market located here in the early 19th century. The ornate Victorian Gothic library building was originally a courthouse. The site of the garden was once a women's prison.

In the 1960s, Greenwich Village residents organized

to save the courthouse from demolition. They persuaded the City to renovate it for use as a public library and successfully demanded that the prison be demolished. Energized by this accomplishment, the community created the garden as a public green space in place of the women's prison.



In 1974 the land was transferred to the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation. A newly formed committee of local residents became its stewards. In the spring of 1975, Jefferson Market Garden's first flowers bloomed.

Carter Bales, Land Alliance Chair, provided a brief history of the Land Alliance and its accomplishments to date. DR Holmes thanked attendees for their support and highlighted the important role they will play in future conservation efforts.

The Jefferson Market Garden, like the Land Alliance was born of community activism and grassroots enthusiasm. Today the

Jefferson Market Garden is sustained by volunteer efforts and the support of visitors and neighbors, whose attention in every season enables the garden to flourish. The very existence of the garden is proof of what involved neighbors can accomplish together.

Many thanks to our Heritage Committee members for organizing such an outstanding event. For more information or to join the Heritage Committee, please contact the Land Alliance at (516) 626-0908. Additional activities are planned for the summer.

BARBARA PREY OPENS HER STUDIO TO BENEFIT LAND ALLIANCE

World renowned contemporary landscape artists Barbara Ernst Prey has offered the Land Alliance a private viewing of her new paintings and prints at her studio and home Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 – 5:00 pm. A portion of the proceeds from sales will be donated to the Land Alliance. A naturalist and Long Island native, Barbara was appointed by President George Bush to serve on the National Council on the Arts, the 14 member advisory board of the National Endowment for the Arts. Members are elected for their established record of distinguished service or achievement in the arts. She was invited by the President and First Lady to paint the official White House Christmas card and two of her paintings are in the new Bush Presidential Library. Barbara's paintings are in many of the nation's most esteemed museums and collections including the White House, the Brooklyn Museum, the Smithsonian National Museum of American Art, Kennedy Space Center and Tom Hanks. As an artistic Ambassador, her artwork is displayed in more than 100 Embassies and Consulates worldwide through the U.S. Art in Embassies program. As a NASA artist she joins an elite group of American artists who have documented space history. She was recently featured on the CBS Evening News for her NASA artwork, which is part of a Smithsonian traveling exhibit. Prey is the recipient of many honors and awards including the New York State Senate *Women of Distinction Award*. The New York Times writes, "Prey is going where icons Rauschenberg and Warhol have gone before". A graduate of Williams College with a master's degree from Harvard, she was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and a grant from The Henry Luce Foundation. She is Adjunct Faculty at Williams College. Proceeds to benefit the North Shore Land Alliance.

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GOLF AND TENNIS OUTING

On Monday, June 17th, over 100 golfers and 20 avid tennis players gathered at the Piping Rock Club to test their skills in golf and tennis in support of the conservation work of the Land Alliance. The golfers had the opportunity to play the challenging Charles B. MacDonald designed course and the tennis players had the opportunity to play on the grass courts - some of the few remaining grass courts in the Country.

The golf was sold out thanks to the stellar work of our fabulous golf committee chair Frank Segarra, and all of our loyal sponsors. Thank you all.

The golfers began the day with a continental breakfast and practice time on the driving range. It was “best ball” format with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. The prize for the hole-in-one was \$10,000. There was a google map at the hole with a vector drawing for golfers to see where they should land the ball. We almost had a winner with a ball coming within inches of the cup.

The low net winner with a score of 51 was Michael Comeford, Thomas McCambridge, Kevin Connelly and Bernie Kennedy.

The first place gross winners were Hugh O’Kane, John O’Kane, David Powers and Alan Kupferman. Second place gross winners with a score of 66 were Peter Fazio, Gary Karetsky, Chris Spencer and Steve Sowell. As they were leaving Peter’s group was overheard discussing where the one shot was that they ‘left on the course’. Maybe next year! Also tied for second place were Matt Bruderman, John Colgate III, Duke Barnett and Lou Body. Winner of the longest drive in the men’s division was Paul Cullen and Hope Reese in the women’s division. John Reese (Hope’s husband) won closest to the pin.

The inaugural tennis competition was chaired by Russell Selover. The tennis began with a continental breakfast followed by a clinic conducted by the pros at Piping Rock. The pros then put on an exhibition to the delight of the tennis players. Hal Davidson and Dawn Barnard won the Wimbledon Flight and Laurie Winkler and Debbie Cox won the U.S. Open Flight.

Thank you all for your support and participation.

We hope to see you all back again next year!





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BOTANICALS AND BIRDS 2013 – 2014 ART SALE AND EXHIBITION TO BENEFIT LAND ALLIANCE

Newhouse Galleries will host a world-class art show and sale to benefit the North Shore Land Alliance on Saturday and Sunday, November 2 & 3 at the Dowager House at Planting Fields Arboretum. The exhibition titled *Illuminations – Botanicals and Birds 2013 – 2014* will feature 12 of the world's most renowned botanical painters.

The exhibition, curated by Carol Woodin, Director of Exhibitions, American Society of Botanical Artists will feature works by the following artists: Francesca Anderson, Gillian Barlow, Jean Emmons, Ingrid Finnan, Monika deVries Gohlke, Asuka Hishiki, Kaaren Kluglein, Katie Lee, Bryan Poole, Fiona Strickland, Jessica Tcherepnine and Carol Woodin.

A Preview Cocktail Party will be held on Saturday evening, November 2nd, and the show will be open to the public on Sunday, November 3rd.

Botanicals and Birds 2013 – 2014 will be the preeminent botanical art show of the year. The images featured here are not necessarily images that will be included in the exhibition, though they are examples of current work. Most artists will be producing artworks specifically for the exhibition.

We hope you will join us on November 2nd and 3rd to view the work of these truly exceptional artists. For more information or to make sure you receive an invitation to the Preview Party, please call the Land Alliance office at (516) 626-0908.



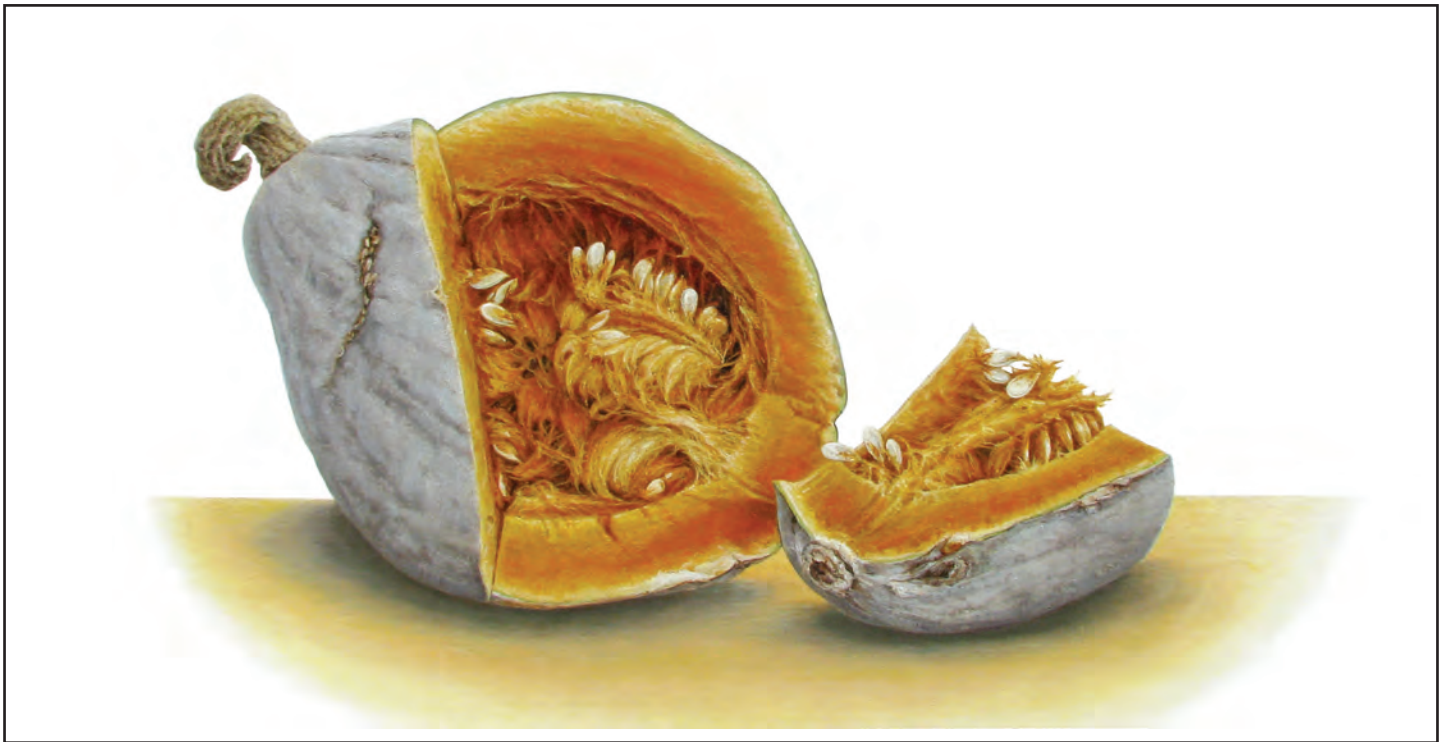
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