

A vibrant photograph of a natural landscape. In the foreground, a pond is covered with lily pads. A large, leafy tree with a thick, gnarled trunk leans over the water from the right. The background is filled with a dense forest of various green trees under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and verdant.

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In Loving Memory!

We pay tribute to the individuals who served us over the years and honor them for their dedication, wisdom and unwavering commitment to the Land Alliance mission.



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Dear Friends,

As the North Shore Land Alliance celebrates its 20th anniversary year, I've been thinking about how we've grown and evolved and how much more we have to do. Since 2003, the Land Alliance has undergone remarkable programmatic and geographic expansion. It has transformed from two all-volunteer village land trusts to the go-to group for local land conservation matters in western Long Island. We have learned that facilitating land conservation is not enough and that people need to understand why it is important both for today and for the future. In short, we need a shared vision of what our community will be.

When we started to calculate the measurable impact of our land and water conservation victories, I was amazed. The dollars were big, \$200M+, but so were the numbers of people involved. Hundreds, even thousands, of supporters, partners, donors and colleagues have been there for us, project after project, supporting and inspiring our work and protecting our community. Collectively, we have given a voice to the value of land protection and made it a vehicle for open space to be available and welcoming to all.

Along the way, we also learned to deeply appreciate the meaning of land, not only in telling stories of our past but also in writing the stories of our future. I learned a new word this spring – topophilia – which means love of place. While you may not have heard the word before, I am certain you have felt it. The term was coined by geographer Yi-Fu Tuan. He defined it as “the affective bond between people and place.” We experience it in places that hold special meaning to us or elicit feelings of pride, joy or love. These impressions can be fleeting, like a scent, tactile like walking on a carpet of cool, green grass or deep and profound, like memories of childhood adventures by a river or in the woods.

This is a significant moment in the future of our world. Land is a part of so many critical issues our society is facing today – such as climate resilience, mental and physical health and community well-being. These are issues that will define our future. Saving land is also a big part of the solution. We must do everything we can to protect this beautiful place we are fortunate to call home.

It has been the privilege of a lifetime to be a part of this Land Alliance community of active and engaged citizens. Together, we have built something wonderful: a thriving, highly effective conservation organization whose impact will resonate for generations to come.

On occasions such as this, it is important that we not rest on our laurels. But it is ok to pause for a moment, say thank you and whisper a little woo-hoo! We have big goals and high expectations to meet our next decade, none of which will be possible without your continued support.

Together, we can do so much more!

Yours in conservation,



Lisa W. Ott, President & CEO



Jane Jackson and Lisa Ott

Estate Planning on a Divine Scale



We are delighted to report that the Sisters of St. Joseph have committed to donating to the Land Alliance a 47-acre conservation easement on a forested parcel of their 212-acre property in Brentwood (Suffolk County). This is just one of many actions the Sisters are taking to protect their valuable work and the future of our world.

According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, in communities of religious women, the number of aging members who are dying is much larger than the number of those entering. In an effort to continue their critical work, the Sisters are doing some very sophisticated estate planning. They are selling off hard assets such as buildings to create an endowment to ensure the continuation of their missionary work, which is at the heart of the church.

The Sisters consider holding land as a sacred trust,

believing that land should be maintained for the ecological health of the earth. In 2015, the Sisters adopted and affirmed a Land Ethic Statement to protect the Brentwood lands and other holdings now and into the future.

In 2016 and 2019, they worked with Suffolk County and the Peconic Land Trust to preserve a 28-acre portion of their Brentwood property and return it to agriculture. Parcels of the land were leased to farmers. Fields have been restored for food and seed production. The organic vegetables that are grown there are available to the community for purchase at a farmstand.

In 2018, the Sisters partnered with organizations interested in promoting clean, sustainable energy use and generation on Long Island. With a desire to control energy costs, reduce the environmental footprint and

move toward energy independence, they installed a ground mounted solar array system on the Brentwood property. The 1MW system (3,192 panels) supplies approximately 63% of current campus energy usage. It is the largest privately owned solar array on Long Island and has been operating since January 2018. The Sisters are also recycling water for irrigation purposes.

The Land Alliance looks forward to establishing a conservation easement later this year on 47 acres of pine forest in Brentwood. It will include both celestial and interpretive trails for the community to enjoy!

According to Yale Climate Connections, the Catholic Church owns 177 million acres of land across the globe for its churches and schools. It also owns a lot of farmland and forest land. In comparison, the largest landowner in the United States, the Emerson Family of Sierra Pacific Industries, owns 2,330,000 acres. The decisions made about land use within religious institutions like the Catholic Church can have a huge impact on our environment. We hope all of these institutions are as good stewards of our planet as the Sisters of St. Joseph.

More about the Sisters of St. Joseph

The Sisters of St. Joseph were founded in France in 1650 to meet the needs of the people and to witness a unifying love of God and neighbor. They arrived in Philadelphia in 1836. At the request of the Bishop of Brooklyn, Mother Austin Kean was called to Brooklyn to found what is now the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood. She was accompanied by Sister Baptista Hanson and Sister Theodosia Hegeman. They founded their first school in St. Mary's Parish on Maujer Street in Williamsburg.

“Reading about nature is fine,
but if a person walks in the woods and listens
carefully, he can learn more than what is in
books, for they speak with
the voice of God.”

- George Washington Carver -

In 1896, the sisters needed additional space. Mother Mary Louise purchased the 123-room Austral Hotel, the Pearsall House and other buildings on a 350-acre property in Brentwood. The Austral Hotel became the Motherhouse and novitiate, and the Pearsall House became a chaplain's residence. Saint Expedite Cottage, another former hotel building, became the Academy Infirmary. The Academy Building, also known initially as St. Charles Hall, was completed in 1903 and opened to its first academic class on June 1. Meanwhile in Brooklyn, St. Joseph Commercial H.S. was founded in 1904.

The congregation's reputation in education and parish ministry spread. As the Catholic population grew, the Sisters were increasingly asked to staff schools and parishes. More congregationally owned schools were also opened: St. Joseph Juniorate, 1931; The Mary Louis Academy, 1936; Fontbonne Hall Academy, 1937; Stella Maris H.S., 1943; Sacred Heart Academy, 1949 and Academia María Reina, 1967.





A Look Back at Our First 20 Years

On our 20th anniversary, we are celebrating some of our proudest moments – all achieved with the support of members, partners, advocates and friends. We are optimistic that these experiences will propel our efforts to be even more successful in protecting land in the years to come. We highlight here some of our accomplishments over our first 20 years.

Photo credit: Don Neblasky

2003

2003

Centre Island and Oyster Bay Cove Land Trusts merge and join The Nature Conservancy, Rauch Foundation and local conservationists to establish the North Shore Land Alliance. Board formed.

Carter Bales is elected as first Chairman.

Lisa Ott hired as part-time employee.

2004

\$50M Nassau County and \$30M Town of Oyster Bay Environmental Bond initiatives are placed on local

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ballot. Land Alliance spearheads campaign to promote the bonds which pass by a 77% majority.

2005

Land Alliance maps local conservation opportunities, identifying 300 5+-acre parcels. Based on this information the NYS Open Space list is expanded to include 3,600 additional acres of land in western Long Island.

Nassau County Bond proceeds protect 55 acres.

Land Alliance membership grows to 700 families.

2006

Nassau County places \$100M Bond on ballot. Land Alliance sponsors campaign which, again, wins by a 77% majority. Nassau County Bond proceeds purchase Boegner Estate in Old Westbury, Pulling and Northwood properties in Oyster Bay Cove and several others.

Town of Oyster Bay purchases the Littauer family's Hillside Farm in Oyster Bay Cove and 80 additional acres.

IRS increases federal tax deduction for conservation easements.

NYS enacts state tax credit for conservation easements.



2007

Town of Oyster Bay places \$60M environmental bond on ballot. Land Alliance runs campaign and measure wins by 72% majority.

Suffolk County ¼ cent sales tax passes to support water quality and land acquisition.

Uh oh, screening trees are planted along Hegeman’s Lane in Old Brookville.

2008

Smithers Pond (aka Upper Francis Pond), Old Mill Farm and a portion of the Humes Estate are added to the “saved” column.

Town of Oyster Bay sets a precedent by placing a conservation easement on public land to ensure long-term protection.

Walks in the Woods series begins.

Town of Huntington places \$15M environmental bond on ballot.

Land Alliance runs campaign and wins with a 75% majority.

Ballot measures across the U.S. top \$7B in conservation funding.

2009

Despite the recession, 65 acres of open space are preserved.

Land Alliance assumes management of an additional 135 acres of Nature Conservancy preserves plus programming for the 73-acre Roosevelt Preserve in Roosevelt.

Land Alliance partners with Nassau County to purchase Banfi Fields in Old Brookville. Deal closes on December 31st. A very happy year end for all!



2010

To date, the Land Alliance has been instrumental in the protection of 800 acres of land.

Membership grows to 1,700 families.

Rauch Foundation initiates a study to determine the financial contribution of open spaces to Long Island. It finds that Long Island’s parks, farms and open spaces contribute \$2.74B annually in economic benefit. These results arm the Land Alliance with a valuable weapon to save more land.

2011

D’Loren, Morgan and Northwood conservation easements (all in Oyster Bay Cove) close.

Land Alliance purchases historic Trousdell property in Oyster Bay hamlet to protect from development, then resells to a conservation buyer.

Inaugural Small Farm Summit hosts 400+ community members interested in promoting local, sustainable agriculture.

Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, foundations and community members commit to joining the Land Alliance in the protection of the DeForest Williams Estate in Cold Spring Harbor.

2012

Land Alliance raises funds needed to purchase a one-year option on DeForest Williams property.

ExxonMobil donates an eight-acre waterfront property to the Land Alliance for conservation purposes, a precedent-setting gift of land from a major corporation.

Enhanced federal tax deduction for conservation easements is renewed for two years.

Young members Heritage Society kicks off with a presence at the Harriman Cup.

2013

Land Alliance celebrates 10th anniversary, with nearly 1,000 acres protected and membership nearing 2,500 families.

Nitrogen pollution in our waters tops the list of Long Island's most serious environmental problems.

Restoration of ExxonMobil property is enhanced with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant to Land Alliance.

Land Alliance volunteers and staff replace more than 200 native trees destroyed in local preserves by Superstorm Sandy.

2014

Land Alliance begins year with 16 conservation easements in place, 104 acres owned in fee and management responsibility for an additional 124 acres.

Land Alliance receives national accreditation. Of 1,700 land trusts nationwide, only 254 have been accredited.

Five-year strategic plan was completed, new website is launched and social media efforts are geared up.

Long Island Water Education Program is launched in both public and private schools.

The Red Truck Estate Sale takes place, raising awareness about the important need to recycle, renew and reuse.



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2015

Land Alliance and partners purchase the 32-acre DeForest Williams property in Cold Spring Harbor.

Land Alliance takes on debt to purchase the 28-acres Humes property in Mill Neck and three more acres of DeForest Williams. It begins the improvements necessary to open both properties to the public.

Shore Road Sanctuary (former ExxonMobil property) comes to life with a generous grant from NYS for native plantings and a small parking lot.

Land Alliance launches the quiet phase of a \$25M Capital Campaign to create a land acquisition revolving fund.

Land Alliance takes ownership of the 42-acre Hope Goddard Iselin Preserve in Upper Brookville from The Nature Conservancy.

O'Neil Conservation Steward Program for college students is launched with a generous five-year endowment from the William C. and Joyce C. O'Neil Charitable Trust.

2016

28 acres of forest in the Village of Matinecock are purchased through a generous gift from the Roderick V. Cushman family.

Seven-acre Smithers Connector Parcel is purchased to connect Shu Swamp to Upper Francis Pond and the Humes Preserve.

Land Alliance acquires the 20-acre James Preserve in Old Brookville from The Nature Conservancy and makes a deposit on the 126 - acre Cedar Brook Golf Course. (The golf course did not work out!)

2017

Land Alliance purchases the seven-acre John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden.

Roosevelt Community Garden infrastructure is built with help from Nassau County and a \$20K grant from the Long Island Community Foundation.

Land Alliance hosts its first BioBlitz, resulting in the documentation of 514 species at five preserves in the Beaver Brook watershed.

2018

Land Alliance celebrates 15th anniversary. Founding Chair Carter Bales passes the baton to Hoyle Jones.

John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden is re-opened to the public after being closed for six years.

Red Cote and Hope Goddard Iselin preserves and the Clark Sanctuary get facelifts with new entrances.

Roosevelt Community Garden opens its gates to the first season of gardeners.

Verena and Rod Cushman are honored at Wine Auction for their

donation that allowed the Land Alliance to purchase the Cushman Woods Preserve (Matinecock).

2019

Land Alliance acquires 55 additional acres of land including the Mayrock Preserve (Matinecock).

Our stewardship responsibility grows to 600 acres.

A historic landscape report and cultural resource inventory of the Humes property is completed.

A master plan is developed and work begins to convert the Humes

Estate to a public preserve. Its meadow is seeded and repairs on structures are begun.

The reach of our Long Island Water Education program surpasses 7,000 students in 25 schools and 14 school districts across Long Island.



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2020

COVID-19 rocks the world. After a brief work-from-home period, the Land Alliance team rallies to keep its preserves open and accessible to the public. The Land Alliance gratefully receives support through the Payroll Protection Program, enabling us to retain our entire staff.

On September 30th the Humes Preserve is opened to the public.

In partnership with The Nature Conservancy, we launch the Water Quality Improvement Program to reduce nitrogen pollution in local waters.

2021

Von Bothmer Family donates a six-acre postmortem conservation easement in Centre Island.

MacDonald Family donates a 2.7-acre parcel of land for conservation purposes (Matinecock).

We begin working with the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Lloyd Harbor to protect its 200+-acre treasure, which houses a Frederick Law Olmsted outdoor amphitheater.

We launch our 30 x 30 Conservation effort, which documents thousands of acres of conservation opportunities in our community.

We develop Wawapek master plan and begin restoring the greenhouse complex with a generous gift from Pat Petersen in honor of Ralf Lange.

2022

Construction begins on the Land Alliance's first owned headquarters in the Tavern House at the Humes Preserve. This is also the first time we have operated on property we've protected.

The Williams Family donates 4.5 acres of land in Lattingtown to become the Williams Preserve.

Cushman Woods five-acre meadow is seeded.

Climate change takes its toll on local preserves, with more invasive pests and plants knocking at the door...beech leaf disease among them.

The Dedicated Team Behind Our Conservation Efforts

In every successful endeavor, there is a dedicated team that works tirelessly behind the scenes. It is with immense gratitude and appreciation that we recognize the individuals who are working to make our vision a reality.



Charlotte Brennan
Stewardship Associate

“Land conservation is important to me because it protects our natural environment and preserves the beauty of our community and planet. By conserving land, we promote biodiversity and ensure that plants and animals have a home forever.”



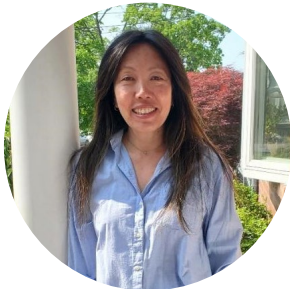
Claudia Michalak
Office Manager

“The problem is not the hardship of deforestation but the softness of indifference.”



Jane Jackson
Director of Stewardship

“Land conservation is one of the most impactful ways to alleviate climate change effects and if we don’t do it now there will be not be an opportunity to do it in the future.”



Mimi DeSena
Finance Manager

“Saving land today ensures a sustainable tomorrow.”



Andrea Millwood
Associate Director & Roosevelt Community Garden Manager

“Land Conservation safeguards nature’s most precious gifts and ensures it’s protected for generations to come.”



Meghan Leverock
Associate Director of Stewardship & GIS

“Land conservation is important to me because protecting open space provides protection for our drinking water, habitat for native plants and animals, and can strengthen our mental, physical and emotional well-being.”



Andrew Geisel
Director of Conservation

“A tragedy is the memory of what was once open space....”



Lisa Ott
President & CEO

“When a land trust protects a special place, it makes a promise that the land will be there - for us, for our children, for our children’s children, forever. Forever is a wonderful thing.”



Mary Schmutz
**Humes Japanese Stroll Garden
Manager**

“We protect green spaces, waterways and habitats for plant life, birds/ducks and animals; while providing educational opportunities for present and future generations.”



Liz Swenson
Events Manager

“Conserving land keeps our community, ecosystems and waterways healthy. It’s important that my kids benefit from the same open space access we have now, for both outdoor education and recreation.”



Debra Wiener
Director of Development

“There is something extraordinary about a community coming together to preserve and safeguard its natural beauty and resources for future generations. Incredible things are achieved when we work together towards a common goal.”

Looking Forward



Our New Mission Statement

To conserve and steward Long Island’s natural lands and historic places, waters and environmental resources. Through education, outreach and volunteerism, we connect people to nature and inspire a community conservation ethic.

Our New Vision Statement

To protect, in perpetuity, 10% (or an additional 800 acres) of our community’s most important natural areas by 2030. That will ensure that Long Island remains a beautiful and healthy place to live, where all lives are enhanced by nature.

Our New Climate Change Responsibility Statement

The North Shore Land Alliance acknowledges the harmful effects climate change will have on our community and the urgency of climate action. We recognize our responsibility as an organization to address climate change in our goals and programming. Through conservation of open spaces, conscientious stewardship of our lands and climate focused education, the Land Alliance works every day to mitigate and abate the harmful effects of climate change and restore our natural environment to ensure a sustainable future.

Where We Are Today - 2023

The following metrics demonstrate the impressive progress of the Land Alliance. They show our substantial growth, but also highlight the abundant opportunities that lie ahead for us.



Organization

38 Trustees
16 Advisory Board Members
12 Staff

20 parcels owned in fee with a value of \$27M.

132 additional acres under stewardship on behalf of local government

Walks in the Woods, Lectures and Other Cool Things to Do Outside – 3,350 attendees to date.

O’Neil Stewards Internship program – 31 college students to date

Land Protection

1,347 Conservation Worthy Acres Protected to Date

16 preserves owned and opened to the public.

27 conservation easements held with a value of \$13M+

Community Outreach

Members - 4,220

Volunteers - 208

Long Island Water Education Program - 12,000+ children served in 35 schools and 17 school districts across Long Island

Roosevelt Community Garden - celebrating its 6th season

Clean Water Septic Program – 5,000 community members reached, \$8M in grant funds raised, 199 applications made with 50 systems installed to date

Our New Headquarters at the Humes Preserve



Main entrance at rear of house via the Humes Preserve parking area



Front of the house



Handicapped path



With sincere gratitude to those who made the renovation of the Tavern House at the Humes Preserve possible.

The William C. and Joyce C. O'Neil Charitable Trust

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation

The Paul and Maxine Frohring Foundation

The Gerry Charitable Trust

The Oliver R. Grace Charitable Foundation

Anderson Family Charitable Fund

The New York State Environmental Protection Fund



Outdoor Meeting Area

Enjoy the Gift of Nature: Explore Land Alliance Preserves

Land Alliance preserves are free and open to the public from sunup to sundown seven days a week.

Please join us at these wonderful places filled with flora and fauna and the wonders of nature.



Louis C. Clark Sanctuary - 8 acres Valentines Lane, Old Brookville

One of the most ecologically diverse preserves also happens to be one of our smallest. This 8-acre property contains a mixture of upland forest and freshwater wetlands, with trails traversing the narrow strip of forest separating Valentines Lane from the wetlands. Cedar Swamp Creek, which flows into Hempstead Harbor at Glen Cove, runs through the Sanctuary. Together with nearby James Preserve, over 100 bird species as well as several species of fish, frogs and turtles make their home in this special environment.

Cordelia H. Cushman Preserve - 15 acres Route 25A, Oyster Bay Cove

Mature hardwood forest comprises nearly all of this pristine 15-acre preserve. Chestnut and white oak trees dominate the canopy, with maple, beech and tulip

trees making a presence as well. The preserve also has mountain laurel and a large variety of other native plants, 13 of which are protected by New York State. They include dwarf rattlesnake plantain, pink lady's slipper and spotted wintergreen. Robust populations of numerous fern species, including cinnamon, New York and Christmas ferns, also are there.

Cushman Woods - 28 acres Still Road, Matinecock

This hilly, 28-acre forest is brimming with big trees. It boasts an intricate trail system that was once a popular fox-hunting route for the Meadow Brook Hunt (an event that occurred in the late 1800's). The trail system at Cushman Woods is the largest of all our preserves and has several restored carriage trails. Many bird species, fox and other mammals make their home here. The preserve also makes up a significant portion of the Beaver Brook



Hope Goddard Iselin Preserve

watershed. It contains hundreds of acres of protected woodlands, wetlands, ponds and meadows that provide invaluable habitat for wildlife. Their connectivity and their value in preserving our underground water supply are additional reasons why the Land Alliance and its partners are so actively protecting land there. Additional ecosystem services here, like recharging our groundwater, absorbing harmful carbon emissions and cleaning our air, ensure a healthier community for all that follow us.

Fox Hollow Preserve – 26 acres
Near White Oak Tree Road on 25A
Laurel Hollow (parking by arrangement)

This beautiful 26-acre preserve contains an unusual variety of distinct forest types. It features a diversity of oak, beech and other hardwoods, with white pine woodland and shrub layers dominated by mountain laurel and maple-leaved viburnum. The diversity attracts many different bird and other wildlife species to the preserve. Take a stroll there down the hilly trails, which contain some of the steepest sections of trail in Nassau County. Depending on the time of year, you could easily spot or hear Great Horned Owls, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, a diversity of Warblers and Red-tailed Hawks.

Hope Goddard Iselin Preserve - 42 acres
Chicken Valley Road, Upper Brookville

A beautiful hardwood forest, a white pine plantation, which was planted in the 1930s, and a colorful meadow

comprise these 42 acres. To make this preserve more accessible to the public, the Land Alliance upgraded the entrance in 2018. It converted a barely visible driveway and dirt parking area into a larger, more attractive lot covered with bluestone gravel and surrounded by a rustic split rail fence. Over 100 native plants, like wood fern and witch hazel, were added to the entrance. They help reflect the natural beauty of Long Island’s countryside. Stroll down the interpretive trail and you’ll not only spot or hear a variety of bird species like the Eastern Towhee, you might notice a large, out-of-place boulder called a glacial erratic in the middle of the forest. It was transported hundreds of miles to its present location by a continental glacier which covered the land 25,000 years ago and formed Long Island!

Humes Japanese Stroll Garden - 7 acres
Dogwood Lane, Mill Neck (weekend hours only)

This unique and historic seven-acre gem of landscape design and woodland boasts an impressive collection of North American and Asian plants. They constitute a beautiful Japanese landscape and impart a meditative experience. The landscape was inspired by a mountain setting by the sea. A stunning stepping stone path is one of the defining features and was inspired by the intimacy of a mountain path. A gentle climb through the woodland part of the garden will lead you to a “mountain peak”. There you will meet the gravel path representing a stream that will guide you to an authentic pondside tea house.



Humes Japanese Stroll Garden

Humes Preserve - 40 acres **Oyster Bay Road, Mill Neck**

The property consists of meadow, woodland and freshwater wetlands and includes preserved land owned by Nassau County. The Humes Preserve is at the heart of a corridor of 150 protected contiguous acres of open spaces that also includes the adjoining Shu Swamp, Francis Pond conservation areas and the Humes Japanese Stroll Garden. These conserved areas and surrounding lands are the headwaters to a series of rivers, lakes and waterways (both freshwater and tidal) that eventually reach the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge and the Long Island Sound. The conservation of this property helped complete one of the most important wetland and open space corridors on the North Shore of Long Island.



Red Cote Preserve

Red Cote Preserve - 30 acres **Yellow Cote Road, Oyster Bay Cove**

This property boasts a beautiful mix of woodlands and sweeping meadows. White pine dominates the woodland area in the southern part of the property. A mixed deciduous forest with some large oaks is between the fields and in the forest on the eastern side of the preserve. Three mature red cedars stand sentinel over the middle of the western meadow. The large field is mowed once a year in early spring, which optimizes habitat by allowing for all bloom and leaving the dead remains of wildflower stalks to provide refuge for small mammals and songbirds in winter.



Shore Road Sanctuary

Shore Road Sanctuary - 8 acres **Shore Road, Cold Spring Harbor**

This eight-acre parcel in Cold Spring Harbor was once an ExxonMobil fueling site. It has been transformed into a thriving grassland preserve boasting a beautiful shoreline, salt marsh and wet meadow (where you will find standing water after rainstorms and ice in winter). The grassland, first seeded in 2011 following the property's remediation, is dominated by four native warm season grasses. It provides invaluable wildlife habitat for foraging and breeding. A pollinator garden was added in 2015. The sanctuary provides significant conservation values not only to the natural upland habitat but also to Cold Spring Harbor, a New York State Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat. These habitats are known to offer maritime beach bird nesting habitat and waterfowl wintering areas, as well as highly productive nursery and feeding areas for marine finfish and shellfish. The beach is an important nesting site for horseshoe crabs. The property has also served as a field trip location for the students of the Land Alliance's popular Long Island Water Education Program. And throughout the winter, volunteers steadfastly conduct weekly waterfowl surveys at the shore line.



Upper Francis Pond

Tiffany Creek Preserve - 200 acres **Sandy Hill Road, Oyster Bay Cove**

A mix of ecological communities can be found on this spectacular parcel of land. It includes old growth woodlands and oak forest, extensive fields, freshwater wetlands and a large pond (which was acquired by Nassau County with Environmental Bond Act funding). The preserve lies within the Oyster Bay Special Groundwater Protection Area, Nassau County's largest SGPA. Protecting undeveloped land, whether at this preserve or at any of our preserves, is critical to protecting Long Island's sole source aquifer of drinking water. This property is surrounded by an additional 250 acres of privately protected lands, which enhance its conservation values.

Upper Francis Pond - 25 acres **Oyster Bay Road, Mill Neck**

This 25-acre preserve is an integral part of a corridor of 150 contiguous acres of protected open space in the Beaver Brook watershed (which includes the Humes Estate and Japanese Stroll Garden and the North Shore Wildlife Sanctuary's enchanting Shu Swamp). The trail from the parking area skirts a field before entering the forest. It leads to a large, treasured pond, situated in

the center of the preserve. The site is a popular spot for River Otters. The corridor also provides vital breeding habitat for Brook Trout and a large variety of birds, fish and other wildlife species.

Wawapek Preserve - 32 acres **Mowbray Lane, Cold Spring Harbor**

Perched above the historic hamlet of Cold Spring Harbor, this stunning 32-acre preserve was once being considered for development into 13 house lots. Mature hardwood forest, which comprises over 60 percent of the preserve, protects air quality and provides erosion control throughout its steep ravines. Native trumpet honeysuckle was planted in 2018 to replace wisteria at the preserve's trellis. An assortment of highbush blueberry bushes are laden with delectable fruit in summer. A pollinator garden that attracts a variety of indigenous insects, a historic yew round and specimen trees complete the formal garden, while woodland trails allow visitors to explore the forests on site. Take a stroll and you might catch a glimpse of some of the animals that live there, like foxes and state-protected Box Turtles.

In 2022, the property's entrance underwent an expansive habitat restoration. In addition, the Ralf Lange Garden was created and restoration of the greenhouse was launched.



Wawapek Preserve





Banfi Fields 60 Acres in Old Brookville

I feel privileged to be involved and support the North Shore Land Alliance. Open space on Long Island - particularly the North Shore of Nassau County - is finite. The Land Alliance has been able to help preserve and conserve much of this land - providing habitat for wildlife, replenishment of our groundwater, and local opportunities for education and connection with nature. Additionally, I am most directly impacted by preserved historic farmland which Youngs Farm continues to be able to cultivate and provide fresh organic produce to our community. Long Island is a beautiful and special place. The work of the North Shore Land Alliance will help preserve it for generations to come.

Tim Dooley
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees
Executive Director of Youngs Farm

"I started as Nassau County Executive on January 1, 2002. We had just been rated "the worst run county in the country" ...before I arrived ... and had massive financial problems.

It was soon thereafter that some idealistic visionaries approached me, and suggested the crazy idea that the County, which we had recently guided off the brink of bankruptcy, borrow \$150M to preserve open space. Wow!

After some back and forth, we followed Luis Rinaldini, Carter Bales, and Lisa Ott's vision, and today properties that would have been developed with McMansions and worse are now preserved for all time!

Thanks to all the crazy visionaries and those that helped them make this wonderful 20th Anniversary of major accomplishment a reality!"

The Honorable Thomas R. Suozzi
Retired U.S. Congressman
Nassau County Executive (2002-2009)





Cushman Woods 28 Acres in Matinecock

As a fourth generation resident of the Oyster Bay area, I have been acutely aware of the suburban sprawl inflicted on the north shore of Long Island and the need for sensible development, the protection of open space along with the natural flora and fauna, as well as our sole source aquifer.

I have many pleasant memories of the area from my childhood including a time when Northern Boulevard in East Norwich consisted solely of two lanes as well as the abundance of farmland including Filaski's in Brookville in addition to pumpkin and corn fields along Remsen's Lane where we used to play. All of those places are now populated only by large sized private residences.

Twenty years ago I had the opportunity and the privilege of becoming associated with a group of forward thinking people with a common mind set of ensuring that we would leave to future generations a place of natural wonder and beauty that made living here worthwhile. I am proud of the accomplishments of the North Shore Land Alliance, some of which we may have not fully grasped as being possible in the beginning when we started as a group of local concerned citizens. And I am grateful for the wisdom, generosity and stewardship of all of those who have joined our cause in the ensuing years. I look forward to this organization continuing its yeoman's work for the benefit of all those who live here and even those just passing through.

Jonathan Moore
Board Treasurer and Founding Member





Humes Preserve 27 Acres in Mill Neck

“As a relative newcomer to the Land Alliance, I have been most impressed by the organizations’s enthusiastic commitment to protecting our environment. I think we have been successful in engendering within the community a sense of awareness of how fragile our ecosystem is and how important it is to protect it for future generations.”

Hoyle Jones
Chairman of the Board of Trustees





Hope Goddard Iselin Preserve 42 Acres in Upper Brookville

As a founding member, I was privileged to be part of the Carter Bales, Julie and Luis Rinaldini's team of eight. All were extremely knowledgeable, well-connected, passionate environmentalists. We would meet early Saturday mornings around the Rinaldini dining room table. Creating this new organization required a diversity of expertise, time, and money. So, with my fundraising hat on, I promoted and launched with Julie the idea of a wine auction. Little did I know that introducing Nancy Douzinas and the Rauch Foundation would result in a very special partnership. Nancy proved to be an invaluable advisor to Carter while the foundation's sharpened focus on LI's environment proved to be of considerable importance. And of course, the foundation's clout and financial support enabled the Land Alliance to grow from infancy into adulthood.

Patsy Randolph Mayer
Trustee and Founding Member





Red Cote Preserve 30 Acres in Oyster Bay Cove

The concept of the Land Alliance began around our dining table at Groton Place 20 years ago with Carter Bales at the helm- we are proud of our accomplishments and would not have achieved them without Carter's persistence, energy and vision.

Julie Rinaldini
Trustee and Founding Member

Growing up on Long Island's south shore, my siblings and I enjoyed roaming open spaces, clean Bay water for swimming and fishing, a wide variety of trees to climb and find shade under. Post WWII dramatically changed that environment. Cofounding the Land Alliance, give me the opportunity to treasure and protect such childhood treats for future Long Islanders.

Rosemary Bourne
Trustee and Founding Member





Roosevelt Community Garden Project 10,000 Sq. Ft

I couldn't be more proud of my fellow board members, the staff, volunteers and members who have made the Land Alliance the great organization it is today. It's a joy to see what has been accomplished.

Saving open space, trees and fields, restoring meadows, protecting drinking water, educating students (and grownups) is its own reward.

Connecting with great people, having wonderful events, and even saving several historic buildings, all while having fun along the way, has been an added bonus.

I do want to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of three founders who were great mentors, dedicated conservationists, and just plain old, delightful people: Carter Bales, Danny Davison and Clarence Michalis. You are missed.

John Bralower
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and Founding Member





Shore Road Sanctuary 8 Acres in Cold Spring Harbor

Preserving community permanence through open space is one of the goals of the Land Alliance which calls to many of us. There is lasting satisfaction for the older generations in preserving important open spaces for ourselves and for future generations in the years ahead.

Hollis Russell
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees
Trustee of the William C. and Joyce C. O'Neil
Charitable Foundation





Wawapek Preserve 32 Acres in Cold Spring Harbor

I am forever grateful to the Land Alliance for saving Wawapek Preserve from development. This beautiful property is beloved not only by the immediate neighborhood but by many people who come from further away to stroll in the woods or just sit in the lovely meadow.

Augusta Reese Donohue
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees
President of the North Country Garden Club

Conservation of land and concern for the environment go hand in hand. On Long Island this alliance is really put to the test, as we have one of the biggest populations anywhere drinking groundwater, and unfettered development is the enemy of clean aquifers. For twenty years the Land Alliance has recognized this fragile balance and sought to have people who love the area, including their own properties, play a role in protecting them for future generations. And what a difference the Land Alliance has made: On Long Island, which many said couldn't avoid maximum development, over the past two decades the Land Alliance has insured that thousands of acres will not be developed and will continue to provide clean water and natural beauty. I recommend that anyone concerned about the environment join us for our next twenty years!

Tom Lieber
Board Secretary and Trustee

Cushman Woods Meadow Transformation



About two years have passed since we launched site preparation for the Cushman Woods meadow. The first step was forestry mulching, which involved the use of a powerful brush cutting tool to cut and shred years' growth of undesirable vegetation. It included porcelain-berry vine and multiflora rose on about five open (but badly) invaded acres of Cushman Woods Preserve. This area is located along a utility line in the northwest part of the property.

Then came monitoring and removal of invasive mile-a-minute weed, unhealthy and invasive trees and vines (that clung to desired meadow trees). This was followed by the planting of new trees to screen the debris area. The extensive tree work and the addition of four lovely benches were funded by Oliver Grace and the Oliver R. Grace Charitable Foundation.

A milestone was reached when the Cushman Woods meadow was seeded late last fall with warm season native grasses and wildflowers. Funding for site preparation, meadow design, seed and installation was provided by the Cushman family and the Nassau County Soil and

Water Conservation District. The photo above shows the wild rye coming in early to help combat regrowth of invasives before the natives can establish.



Restoration of the Williams Preserve

Williams has come a long way since Mary and Tim Williams donated this beautiful 4.5-acre Lattingtown parcel to the Land Alliance last June. We are embarking upon an extensive preserve-wide habitat restoration. Our restoration ecologist consultant Peter Meleady generously donated the plan.

Thus far, we have been readying the site for plantings. We plan to begin implementation this spring, thanks to a \$42,000 grant from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program (NYSCPP) and New York's Environmental Protection Fund. The NYSCPP is administered by the Land Trust Alliance, in coordination with the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

We are also installing irrigation lines. They will enable us to have water for plantings proposed for the lower part of the property, along the pond edge and to establish a small grassland area. Many thanks to Spadefoot Design and Construction for donating services related to infrastructure upgrades.

Our volunteers have done a great job of cutting English ivy from majestic oak, tulip and sycamore trees, uncovering and extending the stone staircase that leads from near the pond to what will be the meadow and digging out multiflora rose from the creek. They uncovered an expanse of spring ephemeral trout lily where we found only a handful of flowers last year.

Our latest Walk in the Woods on a rainy Saturday showed participants our progress and provided a bit of the property's history, along with a glimpse of what's to come.

Additional funds will be needed to complete the project. If you would like to contribute to the development of this wonderful new public preserve, please contact Jane Jackson at 516-922-1028 or jjackson@northshorelandalliance.org



Restoration and Season Opening of the John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden



Throughout the winter and early spring, Garden Manager Mary Schmutz and volunteers have been busily preparing for another season. This year's special projects included the installation of new locust log steps, bamboo harvesting, tree pruning, erosion control and new plants.

Just prior to the May 6th opening day, the Tea House received a much-needed restoration, thanks to a grant from the Kenneth Cron Family Foundation. Improvements included thorough exterior cleaning (and mold/mildew removal), replacement of veneer (and a rotted corner post) and new screening

along with repairs of mullions (vertical wooden bars between panels) on the pond side sliding doors. The Tea House, an original feature of the garden, was built in the 1960s. It is used for many events throughout the season. This much-needed work ensures that it will remain a beautiful and useful space with many more tea ceremonies and exhibitions to come.

This year's opening was particularly festive and celebratory, complete with the sounds of Daniel Nyoraku Soergel's lilting Shakuhachi (bamboo flute) and an assortment of Japanese refreshments. Visitors enjoyed strolling throughout the garden while listening to the calming

sounds of the flute and the wind blowing through the bamboo groves. The garden was in full Springtime bloom, with the striking Japanese jack-in-the-pulpit emerging just in time for opening.

The Japanese Stroll Garden will be open until the end of October on Saturdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. We look forward to welcoming you to enjoy the beauty and serenity of the Stroll Garden!



Many thanks to our dedicated Stroll Garden volunteers who made the Garden's opening to the public possible.

Melanie Howard
Gary Janosick
Peter Markotsis
Peter O'Connor
Stacey Piciullo
Paul Silchenstedt
Matthew Stanton



Humes Japanese Stroll Garden Events

We have a full calendar of Stroll Garden events this season.

Shakuhachi

Selected Saturdays, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th and October 14th

Daniel Nyohaku Soergel

Listen to the extraordinary sounds of the Japanese bamboo flute.

Japanese Tea Ceremony

Saturday, June 3rd, 3:30 pm

Omotesenke Domonkai Eastern Region

Humes Japanese Stroll Garden Members only are invited to join us for this very special presentation. (*Advance registration required*).

Principles of Ikebana

Saturday, June 10th, 3:30 pm

Professor Yoshie Takahashi

Observer participants will learn not only the technique and the theory of Ikebana, but also the Japanese culture and aesthetics. (*Advance registration required. Free for Stroll Garden Members and \$10 for non-members.*)

Bonsai Display

Saturday, August 5th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday, August 6th, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Hal Johnson, Long Island Bonsai Society

This exhibit will showcase the complex and beautiful art with a variety of bonsai species on display at the Garden.

Walk and Japanese Stories

Saturday, September 16th, 3:00 pm

Karen De Mauro

Join us for a walk, Japanese stories, inspiring anecdotes, a group Haiku gathering and reflective moments. (*Advance registration required*)

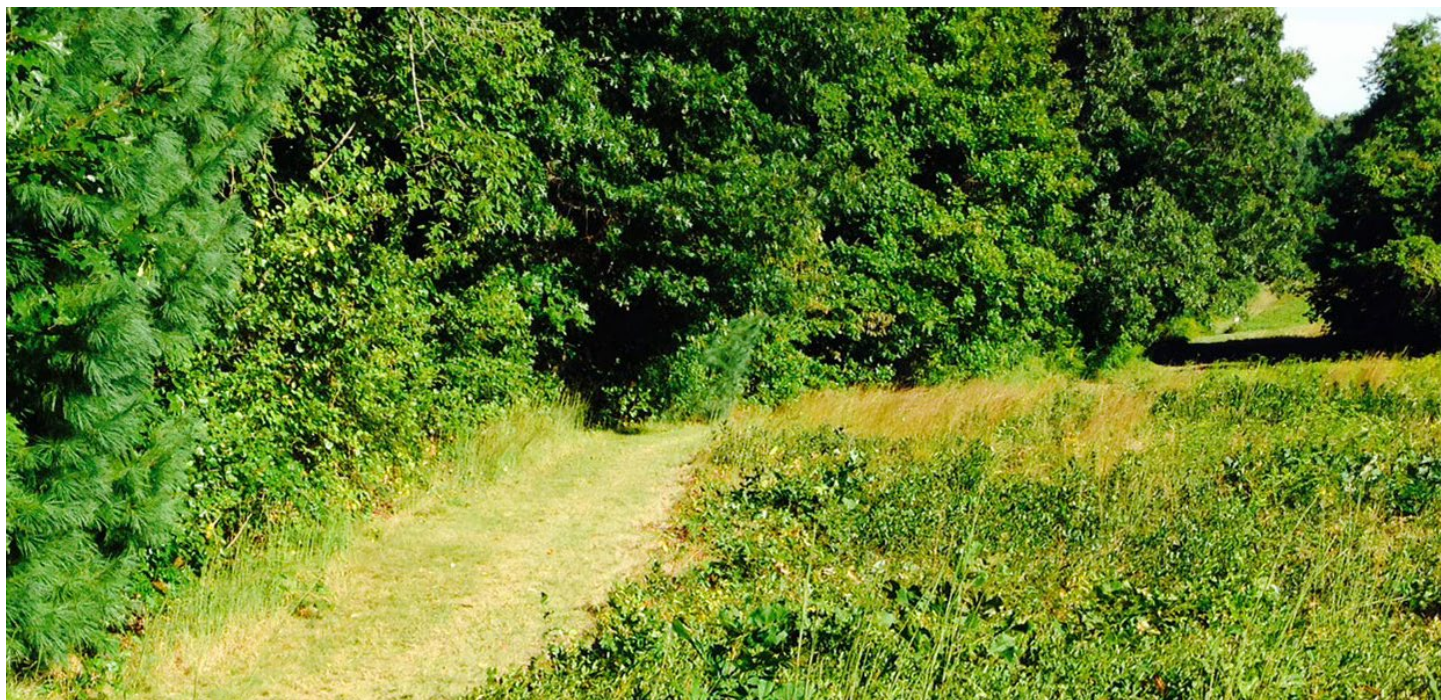
Japanese Tea Ceremony

Saturday, October 7th, 3:30 pm

Omotesenke Domonkai Eastern Region

If you're curious about this formal and beautiful ceremony, join us for a tea ceremony demonstration in the Garden. This event is open to the general public. (*Advance registration required. Free for Stroll Garden Members and \$10 for non-members.*)

Saving Land One Parcel at a Time



Open space is critically important to us all and is disappearing at an alarming rate. Privately owned land makes up 60% of the US, but only 3% of it is protected for conservation purposes.

Over the past year, a top priority for the Land Alliance has been to inventory conservation worthy property around the north shore of Long Island. This project was inspired by the Presidential executive order to conserve 30 percent of US lands, freshwater and ocean areas by 2030. The Land Alliance has named our endeavor the “Community Conservation Plan.” The success of this national effort is highly dependent upon locally driven conservation.

We recently completed our catalogue of conservation opportunities, which spanned 14 Villages from Old Westbury to Lloyd Harbor. Our basic metric for identification was 2X the Village zoning; this coupled with visual identification and research revealed over 9,000 acres of potentially conservation worthy land. While our figures are educated estimates, we feel our work provides a strong scope of the conservation opportunities around the north shore. We at the Land Alliance like to be optimistic, so in character perhaps

it is best to share the cumulative Village conservation accomplishments to date. Slightly over 7,000 acres in the 14 Villages have been protected, 2,018 acres of which are in Lloyd Harbor. The Village with statistically the greatest opportunity for potential protection is Brookville, with 514 acres of potential in a Village of 926 acres. There is an average of 24% protection potential remaining in each Village relative to its size.

So, what do we do now with all of this information? Our goal is to connect with the 250+ landowners and community members who have a say in the future of existing open space, discuss with them the importance of preserving their land and share the tools and incentives that can fortify their conservation legacy. If you love your land and are interested in ensuring that our beautiful open spaces stay open forever, the Land Alliance can help. We are happy to share our new conservation easement and land donation brochure with anyone interested in learning more about the process and potential tax benefits.

For more information about land conservation contact Andrew Geisel at andrew@northshorelandalliance.org or 516-922-1028.

Earth Day at the Roosevelt Community Garden



Senator Kevin Thomas with Garden Members and Volunteers



High School Students

Nearly 100 volunteers gathered at the Roosevelt Community Garden on Saturday, April 22nd to take part in our 6th Annual Earth Day event. We want to express our sincere thanks to all those who joined us in this year's celebration. Your involvement had a remarkable effect on our community garden and surroundings, and it helped us prepare for our annual planting day in May. We are grateful for Senator Kevin Thomas's presence at our garden and his willingness to learn more about us.



Congregation members from the UUCSR



Team members from Target stores



Land Alliance Volunteers



Hofstra University



GPI (Greenman-Pedersen, Inc)



Roosevelt PTSA

GOVERNMENT UPDATES



FEDERAL Integrity Act Passes with Omnibus Spending Bill

At the end of the 2022 session, Congress passed an omnibus appropriations bill. It included language that mirrors the Charitable Conservation Easement Program Integrity Act. The Integrity Act effectively disallows a charitable deduction for a qualified conservation contribution if the deduction claimed exceeds 2.5 times the sum of each partner's relevant basis in the contributing partnership.

The federal conservation easement tax incentive, made permanent by Congress in 2021, has helped thousands of Americans voluntarily conserve millions of acres of their own land for the benefit of their communities and the nation. By stopping abuse of this important incentive (primarily from syndications) and restoring its integrity, Congress has protected this invaluable conservation tool.



NEW YORK STATE We Have a Budget

While conservation programs are a very small percentage of NYS's \$232.9B budget, there were many good environmental programs included, which will benefit our community directly. Highlights include:

Environmental Protection Fund

The EPF supports the stewardship of public lands, including state parks and millions of acres of public lands throughout the state. The EPF will be \$400M again this year, a continuation of historic funding that was achieved last year. Locally, the Land Alliance, Planting Fields, Old Westbury Gardens and many others have received grants for distinct projects.

Clean Water Infrastructure Act

The budget provides another \$500M for the Clean Water Infrastructure Act, bringing the state's total investment

in clean water infrastructure through this fund to a total of \$5B since 2017. Funding for the installation of low nitrogen septic systems in our community is included in this budget line.

State Parks and DEC Capital Funding

The budget also includes \$202.5M for State Parks capital projects and \$90M in capital funding for the Department of Environmental Conservation. Land acquisition dollars can be found here, specifically funds that could be used to purchase the 200+-acre Seminary Property in Lloyd Harbor.

State Agency Staffing

The budget will allow state environmental agencies to increase staff levels, including 265 across multiple agencies for implementation of the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act (which passed last year). A first step in Bond Act implementation has been the formation of an inter-agency working group. It plans for a statewide listening tour to share information with stakeholders about the Bond Act and hear input on how funding programs can meet needs in different communities. A Long Island stop is planned. Date to be announced.



SUFFOLK COUNTY The Suffolk County Water Quality Restoration Act

On June 21st there will be a public hearing at the County Center in Riverhead on three measures that will: 1) extend the drinking water protection program to 2060, 2) create a new water quality restoration fund by levying an additional 1/8 cent sales tax and 3) authorize consolidation of 26 separate sewer districts into one unified district to better manage these sewer systems and to improve water quality in a more cost efficient way. All are subject to voter referenda for approval. Organizations like The Nature Conservancy, Citizens Campaign for the Environment and others have been pushing for these measures for nearly 14 years. More information to follow.

GOVERNMENT UPDATES



NASSAU COUNTY Bill Proposed to Make Nassau County Carbon-Neutral

Earlier this spring, Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan unveiled a proposal to make the County carbon-neutral by 2035. This legislation seeks to tackle ecological and infrastructure issues resulting from climate change before they become a reality.

Among major population centers, Long Island is ranked fourth in terms of its vulnerability to climate change's physical and economic impacts. Nassau County is highly susceptible to warming temperatures, extreme weather, sea level rise and water stress due to our reliance on a single-source aquifer for our drinking water. Recent environmental studies conducted by Connecticut's Council on Environmental Quality revealed that the Long Island Sound experienced its highest average temperature ever in 2021, putting wildlife at risk and increasing the likelihood of algal blooms in the Sound.

The proposal requires the County to create and deliver a carbon neutrality action plan to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2024 to provide progress updates starting December 24, 2024. It aims to give the County Executive the authority to apply for state and federal grants to back the project. Additionally, the proposal recommends the establishment of a carbon-neutral advisory panel comprised of local experts.



TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD Rebates for Green Infrastructure

The Town of North Hempstead offered a rain barrel and composter sale for Town residents in March. The Town also offered free virtual workshops on sustainable yard care, native plant gardening and creating rain gardens. In partnership with the Long Island Native Plant Initiative (LINPI) and the Nassau County Soil and

Water Conservation District, the Town also offers a \$350 rebate for anyone who purchased and installed native plants on their property. Check out the Town's website (<https://northhempsteadny.gov/Sustainability>) for more information about these great programs.



TOWN OF OYSTER BAY Community Oyster Garden Program

Calling all families, scouts, church groups and students. Together with the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee, the Town of Oyster Bay is offering residents the opportunity to raise their own oyster brood right in Oyster Bay Harbor. An adult oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day, enhances the marine habitat and supports a sustainable shellfish population. This program doesn't only benefit our marine environment; volunteers are having a blast connecting with neighbors as they become active stewards of their local waterways. The Community Oyster Garden program provides residents with the training, equipment and ongoing support necessary to successfully "garden" juvenile oysters on community floats.

Juvenile oysters (i.e., seed) are acquired from Cornell Cooperative Extension or other NYS Department of Environmental Conservation approved sources.

The oysters, measuring 6 mm – 17 mm, are grown-out in "gardens" (cages) located in Town of Oyster Bay conservation management areas. Each shellfish gardener is given a maximum of 1,000 shellfish that will be grown out in two cages.

For more information on how to become an oyster gardener, please contact the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee at (631) 848-2090 or by visiting www.oysterbaycoldspringharbor.org



Oyster Bay Cove Septic Mandates

The Village of Oyster Bay Cove is the first municipality in Nassau County to adopt a mandate requiring residents to update their septic systems, the result of a vote by the village board on April 19th. The law, which is based on similar ones in villages in Suffolk County, is meant to combat excess nitrogen in the community, which can wreak havoc on the environment.

Nitrogen pollution from septic systems is the #1 environmental problem facing Nassau County, impacting our bays, ponds, streams and drinking water source.

New technology, referred to as Innovative/Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems, can filter out as much as 90% of the nitrogen before water is released into the environment. While these systems are more expensive than traditional systems, typically costing around \$20,000, the County (matched by the State) is offering residents who install them cash incentives of up to \$20,000 to help offset the cost.

While the new law does not force homeowners to immediately change their septic systems, it requires anyone constructing new buildings or making significant changes to their property to update them or install low-nitrogen systems. Any new single-family dwelling or any expansion that is at least half as large as the original structure’s square footage must have a newer system.

Bravo Oyster Bay Cove!

Meet Our New Land Alliance Trustee Cecelia Artacho Oh



Cecilia grew up in New York, Madrid and Switzerland. She first visited the North Shore as a baby. Her grandfather had a house on Centre Island, where Cecilia spent much of her early childhood.

She first fell in love with the outdoors and developed an interest in conservation while hiking and skiing in the Swiss Alps during high school.

Cecilia obtained a B.A. and an M.A. in French from Bryn Mawr College. She then studied Human Nutrition at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, where she obtained an M.S. in Human Nutrition. Subsequently, Cecilia graduated from the veterinary school at Cornell University. Shortly after the birth of her second child,

Cecilia left her position at Manhattan’s Schwarzman Animal Medical Center to devote herself to raising her children.

Cecilia previously served on the Advisory Board of the Mount Sinai Global Health Center. She currently serves on the board of directors of Christodora, an organization dedicated to transforming the lives of NYC youth through environmental education programs for under-resourced communities.

Cecilia and her husband, Kenney, their three children and yellow labrador, Blondie, split their time between New York City and Laurel Hollow. The kids and Blondie enjoy swimming, sailing and boating in Cold Spring Harbor and going for long walks on the local trails. In her free time, Cecilia enjoys running, tennis, gardening, photography, traveling and going to visit her large extended family in Spain.

Empowering Minds, Inspiring Conservation: Land Alliance's 20th Anniversary Educational Series



In conjunction with the celebration of our 20th anniversary, we are stepping up the frequency of our educational events. The Land Alliance is committed to preserving and protecting our community's natural resources. We believe that education is key to achieving this goal. To that end, all our educational programs will be free of charge and open to the public.

Already this year, we've been honored to welcome *New York Times* Bestselling authors, scientists and other experts in their fields with more events planned for the summer.

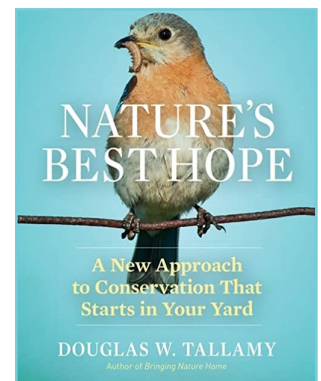
The Social Life of Trees

Mina Vescera, a Nursery and Landscape Specialist with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, joined us in February to share the fascinating way forest soil components foster communication among trees. Through this communication, healthy forests are maintained. Mina led an engaging conversation about how tiny plants, fungi and animals found in soil interact to affect forest health.

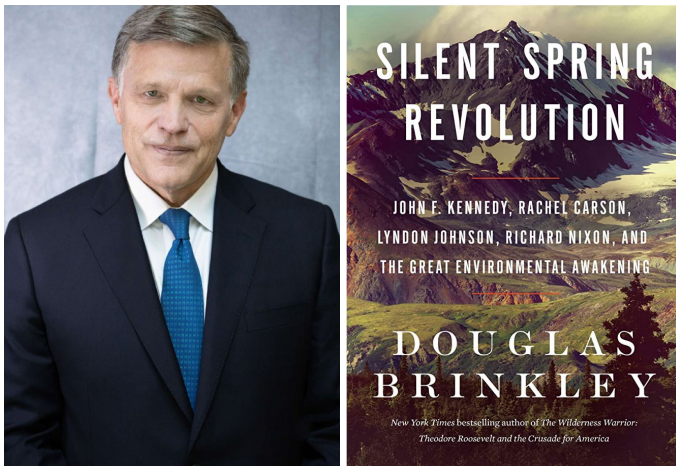
Doug Tallamy and Nature's Best Hope

On March 7th, Professor Doug Tallamy joined the Land Alliance, North Country Garden Club, The Nature Conservancy and the Planting Fields Foundation at Coe Hall to discuss his book "*Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard.*"

Professor Tallamy shared his journey of transforming his estate in rural Pennsylvania into a haven for wildlife. He narrated his experience of witnessing a revival of birds, animals and insects, all while he eliminated his lawn in favor of native plants and trees.



The message delivered by Dr. Tallamy was clear - we can make a difference if we take conservation into our own hands. He introduced the concept of the “Homegrown National Park.” 60% of US lands are privately owned, more than double the acreage of public lands. Working together yard by yard, golf course by golf course, school yard by church yard, we can improve habitat and create conservation areas larger than America’s national parks. In the end, we are nature’s best hope.



Douglas Brinkley and the “*Silent Spring Revolution*”

In April, *New York Times* Bestseller Douglas Brinkley joined Friends of the Bay and the Land Alliance at Town Hall in Oyster Bay for a fascinating recounting of the environmental heroes who established a national conservation ethic. Dr. Brinkley recounted the early contributions of Theodore Roosevelt and then how environmental activists (including Rachel Carson, Lyndon Johnson, John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon) took the baton during the Long Sixties (1960-1973) and ran with it. Keystone legislation like the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act were passed, ensuring environmental protections for decades to come.

With the United States grappling with climate change and resource exhaustion, Dr. Brinkley’s meticulously researched and deftly written *Silent Spring Revolution* reminds us that a new generation of twenty-first-century environmentalists can (and must) save our planet from ruin.

Ticks and Mosquitoes: Avoid Their Bites!

Dr. Jody Gangloff-Kaufmann, an esteemed entomologist, recently presented her popular program, “Ticks and Mosquitoes: Avoid Their Bites!” to the Land Alliance. With the arrival of spring, ticks are becoming more active (though they were with us all winter!). It is imperative to understand the species of ticks present in our area (including our nature preserves), their biology and the diseases they carry. During the presentation, Dr. Gangloff-Kaufmann, a Senior Extension Associate with the New York State Integrated Pest Management Program at Cornell University, shared invaluable tips on protecting ourselves and others from tick and mosquito bites. Moreover, she provided practical advice on managing mosquitoes safely in our home landscapes.

TIPS FOR PREVENTING TICKS

Before you go outdoors:

- Know where to expect ticks. Ticks live in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas or even on animals.
- Treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin. Permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear and remain protective through several washings. Alternatively, you can buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
- Use EPA registered tick repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. Do not use products containing OLE or PMD on children under 3 years old.
- Avoid contact with ticks. Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. Walk in the center of trails.
- When you come indoors always remember to check for ticks. Showering within two hours of coming indoors has been shown to reduce your risk of getting Lyme disease and may be effective in reducing the risk of other tickborne diseases.

O'Neil Stewards Provide Critical Support

Throughout the summer, these future conservationists will conduct plant surveys and wildlife inventories, maintain trails, manage invasive species, learn to monitor conservation easements and lead environmental programs for children. The O'Neil Stewards provide the Land Alliance

with additional capacity to not only maintain but improve our preserved lands at the busiest time of the growing season.

Many thanks to the William C. and Joyce C. O'Neil Charitable Trust for funding this critical program.



Introducing Our 2023 Stewards

Victoria Bell



Victoria is a rising junior at the University of Vermont studying Environmental Studies in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources with minors in Forestry and Music. She is from Huntington and is passionate about keeping Long Island's natural areas in good health. She's interested in conservation, ecology, environmental justice, climate change mitigation and how these disciplines intersect.

Patrick Muccini



Patrick Muccini, a rising senior at Binghamton University studying environmental science ecosystems, grew up on Long Island and went to Chaminade. At Binghamton, he volunteered with the Nature Preserve Regulars where he removed invasive species and performed trail maintenance. Patrick is dedicated to conservation and believes it is essential to protect native species biodiversity. During his free time, he enjoys hiking, skiing, mountain biking, skateboarding and relaxing on the beach.

Carter Rogan



Carter Rogan is currently pursuing a master's degree at the SUNY College for Environmental Science and Forestry. Carter, a native Long Islander, has an affinity for native plants and animals and is looking forward to applying what he's learned at school to the stewardship of Land Alliance properties. Carter joins the program with great experience gathered from the Sweetbriar Nature Center, Bayard-Cutting Arboretum and the ecology center at the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Winter Waterfowl Sightings at Shore Road Sanctuary

by Gwen Ugan



Photo credit: Julie Barton

For the last three winters, Gwen Ugan and a team of volunteers have conducted weekly winter waterfowl surveys at the Shore Road Sanctuary in Cold Spring Harbor. Shore Road Sanctuary consists of reclaimed grassland, wet meadow, shrubland and shoreline along Cold Spring Harbor. There is also an inlet, which exposes mudflats during low tide.

They have been collecting population data to document the sanctuary's important role as habitat for local and migratory wildlife. Their observations follow:

We are thrilled to report a consistent migratory waterfowl presence from October to April. Sightings include steady populations of American Black Ducks, Gadwall, Buffleheads, Scaup, Mergansers and Mallards. In addition, this year we observed several Common Loons, Long-tailed Ducks, a flock of Goldeneye and one Pied-billed Grebe. We have also observed Red Tailed Hawks,

a Northern Harrier, Bald Eagles and Killdeer.

The Land Alliance's preservation and stewardship of Shore Road Sanctuary is an essential part of maintaining a shoreline that provides shelter and food sources for wintering species. The clams, mussels, crabs and fish that swim in the waters off the preserve support hundreds of gulls and waterfowl.

The peace and renewal we find while visiting Shore Road Sanctuary is certainly a gift. The generations of wildlife that benefit from the Land Alliance's mission and stewardship should inspire us all to appreciate our shared commitment to the conservation of our local environments.

The winter waterfowl survey walks will resume in October this year. Please join us.

Return of the Osprey

By Kathy Prinz and Ben Jankowski



Photo credit: Julie Barton

Spring signifies the emergence of new life throughout the environment. The native trees and plants begin to bud and leaf, color peaks out, and more bird songs are heard. A visual and audible “Spring Symphony” begins! This Symphony also attracts migrating birds to our area. Our focus here is the annual return of the osprey to its nesting habitat on Long Island Sound, and local bays and estuaries.

Osprey rely solely on fish as their source of food and are considered an “indicator species” of the health of waterways. If osprey return, it is because the environment is healthy.

We welcome you to celebrate the return of the osprey and to learn more about their amazing life in our local waterways. There are several live osprey nest web cameras on Long Island, including Oyster Bay and Patchogue (courtesy of PSEG Long Island - we read about them on

our monthly utility bill statement) and the Eagle Dock Foundation web cam in Cold Spring Harbor. All can be easily accessed and viewed through YouTube.

Live webcams have introduced us to the amazing life of the osprey. The PSEG cams were installed in the spring of 2020, just prior to the pandemic. We checked them out right away and here is some of the information we’ve learned over these past few years:

- Ospreys migrate to and from South and Central America, a one-way trip of up to 2,700+ miles, made in about one month’s time.
- Males and females reunite following independent migration to their nesting sites, where they typically lay three eggs in mid-to-late April. Eggs incubate for about 35 days. The chicks that hatch in May learn to fly within eight weeks.

- In early fall, they migrate back to South and Central America. New fledglings migrate by instinct only. Fledglings will stay in their new winter home for more than one season before migrating north again to find an osprey mate.
- The osprey is a master fishing expert bar none, diving into the water's talons first, at speeds of as much as 50 mph!
- The osprey nest at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park has had the same adults each year, fledging

a total of nine young birds. This year, three eggs hatched on May 27th.

Since starting to watch the osprey on the live webcams, we have learned much about the osprey's habits, but also about lessons for life, about weathering life's storms, perseverance and resilience in adversity and persistence and creative problem solving. Many of these apply to land conservation, too, and as the Land Alliance celebrates its 20th birthday, we appreciate and celebrate the amazing return of the osprey, giving a window into their life, lessons and the blessings in nature that surround us.

Nature's Fleeting Beauties: Spring Ephemeral Plants



Spring Beauty



Red Trillium

Spring has sprung and the emergence of nature's early spring wonders – spring ephemeral plants – is upon us. Named for their flowers' fleeting occurrence a few short weeks after the first appearance of skunk cabbage, these species put on their delightful displays in moist woodlands in our area in April and early May. Lovely as they are, they are also vulnerable to competition from invasive plants, like English ivy and lesser celandine. Their foliage can densely cover the ground year-round or nearly so, not allowing the early spring plants to get a foothold. Fortunately, a number of preserves in our area are home to populations of several spring ephemeral species. Cushman Woods and Clark Sanctuary, for example, have abundant yellow trout lily, while bloodroot can be found at the Clark Sanctuary and the Humes Japanese Stroll Garden. A stroll through the Beaver Brook corridor, including North Shore Wildlife Sanctuary's Shu Swamp - which contains a particularly noteworthy variety - and the Humes Preserve, will yield sightings of wood anemone, marsh marigold, trillium and spring beauties. The coming weeks are the time to spend some hours in these preserves and enjoy their majesty – take a few moments or you will have to wait until next year!

A Year of Progress Thanks to Government and Private Grants



The Margaret K. Sullivan Education Annex at the Humes Preserve will be used to host classes, lectures, workshops and events. It opened on June 15th with a native plant sale and lecture.

We are so grateful to have received several government and private foundation grants so far this year. These grants are integral to our ability to fulfill our conservation mission. They have allowed us to complete our new headquarters in the historic Tavern House at the Humes Preserve, establish an Education Annex to enhance and grow educational programming, make stewardship improvements at the MacDonald and Williams Preserves and provide operational support for our organization.

\$250,000 Grant Provided by the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation

The funds provided by the Gardiner Foundation allowed the Land Alliance to complete the adaptive re-use of the historic Tavern House on Oyster Bay Road in Mill Neck. With this incredible gift, the Land Alliance's new headquarters has officially opened.

The 4,000 sq. ft. building includes offices, meeting and program spaces and environmentally friendly nitrogen

removing septic and geothermal heating systems. While the structure's interior was modernized, the Land Alliance made great efforts to preserve the building's historic façade, which dates to the 18th century. This strategic move to the Tavern House will allow our staff to better connect the lands we have conserved for public purposes to the people and the organization that made their permanent protection possible.

\$175,000 Grant Provided by the Margaret K. Sullivan Fund

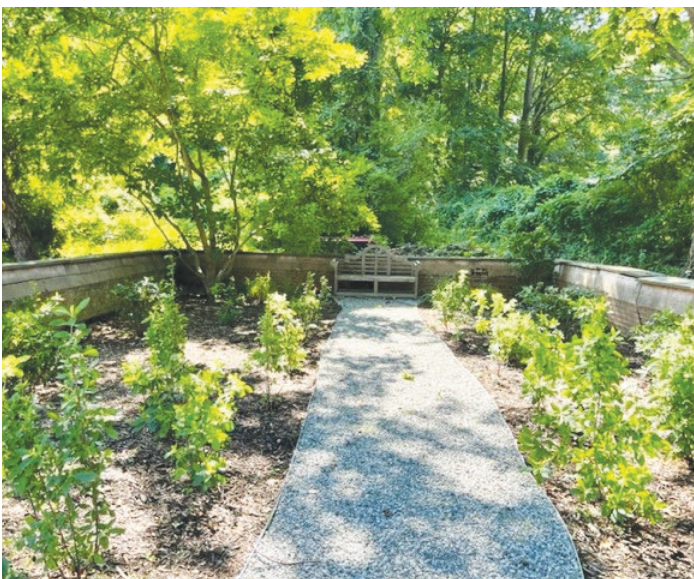
This generous gift will be used to transform an existing structure on the Humes Preserve property into our organization's first-ever Education Annex. Opening this summer, the Education Annex will host nature education programs, workshops, children's events and fitness and well-being classes. The Land Alliance strongly believes that nature education is essential to creating a strong and lasting conservation ethic in our community. This will, in turn, lead to the conservation of more environmentally significant land.



\$20,000 Grant
Provided by National Grid Project C

Monies received will be used to transform the 2 3/4 - acre MacDonald property on Underhill Road in Matinecock into a sustainable gardening education site. This gift will allow the Land Alliance to spruce up the currently underutilized area and transform it into a point of pride for the community. Once cleared of invasive species and overgrowth, we will begin to install demonstration gardens with educational signage.

This grant was made as part of National Grid’s Adopt a Park program. Its aim is to preserve and sustain important centers of community pride within the areas where they work.



Ralf Lange Garden at Wawapek

\$92,700 Grant
Provided by the Land Trust Alliance
administered NYS Conservation Partnership
Program (funded through the Environmental
Protection Fund)

This funding is part of Governor Hochul’s larger announcement of \$3M in funding for 45 land trusts across the state. This funding supports projects that protect water quality and farmland, boost public access for outdoor recreation and conserve open space to benefit our communities.

The larger of the two grants will be used at the Humes Preserve to establish the Education Annex, described previously. The other grant will provide the resources needed to restore a once-private property in Lattintown and transform it into a public preserve. Work will include removing invasive species, planting native plants and shrubs and creating a meadow all of which will serve as habitat for local wildlife.

\$5,000 Grant
Provided by the Town of Oyster Bay’s
Oyster Bay Forward Program

The program, created after the Town of Oyster Bay secured a \$45 million federal grant to assist local small business owners and non-profit organizations recover from the Covid 19 pandemic, will be used to support our operations.

We are proud to call these foundations our partners and friends and are extremely grateful for their incredible support.

“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make.”
—Jane Goodall

2023 Walks in the Woods & Other Cool Things to Do Outside



Our Walks are as popular as always, limited only by parking/access restrictions at the delightful, often off-the-beaten-path locations we introduce participants to. New locations this year include Sound View Dunes Park, Quogue Wildlife Refuge, Laurel Hill Farms and Hofstra University. Some of you may have already experienced our new protocol of delaying registration for each walk until 2 - 3 months prior to, so they don't all get filled up before our calendar brochures reach members' mailboxes. 70 attendees enjoyed walks in our first quarter, shown in photos here.

Join us for these Walks in the Woods

Advance registration is required and events are subject to change. To register or for more information, visit our website at www.northshorelandalliance.org/events.

Friday, June 16th, 6:00 pm Hofstra Arboretum, Hempstead Led by Mike Runkel

Explore Hofstra University's plant communities as Mike discusses how a warming climate plays into decisions about shifts in heat hardiness zones and what species to plant here on Long Island.

Thursday, June 29th, 6:00 pm Youngs Farm, Old Brookville Led by Tim Dooley

Tim will lead us on a tour of one of Nassau County's most treasured family farms.

Saturday, July 15th, 10:00 am Quogue Wildlife Refuge, Quogue Led by Matt Kaelin

Quogue Wildlife Refuge is home to all three of the types of carnivorous plants found on Long Island. Matt will introduce us to these and other curious species with a presentation on carnivorous plants and their habitats and a tour of the bog at the Refuge.

Saturday, August 5th, 10:00 am Hallock State Park, Riverhead Led By MaryLaura Lamont In partnership with Long Island Botanical Society

MaryLaura will introduce us to the 18 species, some now very rare, of native Long Island wildflowers planted in Hallock's garden. They all attract a huge variety of pollinating bees, butterflies and other insects. We will then stroll to the Sound for a look at beach and cliff plants. (\$8.00 parking fee)

Tuesday, August 29th, 7:00 pm
(rain date: Wednesday, August 30)
Humes Preserve, Mill Neck
Led by Peter Martin

When the full moon is nigh, Peter will lead an exploration across Humes's meadow. We may find migrating birds, crepuscular and nocturnal mammals and who knows what else?

Saturday, September 23rd, 6:00 pm
Wawapek, Cold Spring Harbor
Led by Meghan Leverock

Meghan, who resides at and manages the property, will tour its habitat restoration and formal garden areas whose dramatic improvements she has overseen, then lead us through the preserve's woodland. The tour will end at our newly installed Ralf Lange Garden and restored greenhouse.

Saturday, October 7th, 9:00 am
Laurel Hill Farms, Cove Neck
Led by Enrico Nardone, In partnership with
Seatuck Environmental Association

Join Seatuck's Enrico (and friends!) for a walk at Laurel Hill Farms. It includes some of the best North Shore deciduous forest in Nassau County. The changing foliage of early autumn and the fall bird migration should provide plenty of interest, and the topography will ensure some exercise!

Saturday, November 18th,
11:00 am (rain date Nov. 19)
Muttontown Preserve, East Norwich
Led by Glen Malings

Afraid you're relying too much on GPS? Want to practice your map reading skills? Orienteering is like a treasure hunt in the woods using a map to find controls (box shaped flags) hanging from trees. We'll give instruction and then you can go out alone or with friends. The course should take about an hour, if you don't get lost.



Paddle the Bay

Wednesday, July 12th, 5:30 pm
Launching from Shore Road Sanctuary,
Cold Spring Harbor
Led by Peter Martin and Don Niddrie

There's no better way to spend a summer evening than on the water with your friends at the North Shore Land Alliance. Come and join us for a beautiful evening on the water with our knowledgeable and friendly kayak leaders.

Saturday, September 9th, 2:00 pm
Launching from Centre Island Beach,
Bayville
Led by Peter Martin

Come paddle within the protected waters of Oyster Bay Harbor off Long Island Sound and explore the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Advanced registration is required!
Participants are invited to use their own equipment or we can arrange a rental at a cost of \$50 for a single kayak or \$75 for a double kayak.

To register, visit our website at
www.northshorelandalliance.org/events

Volunteers Help Enhance Habitat Quality and Visitor Experience at Our Preserves



Planting Fields Foundation's AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps

This Spring volunteers have been busy at all of our preserves completing meaningful projects that improve habitat quality and visitor experience. For the past two years, the Land Alliance has been fortunate to work with the Planting Fields Foundation's AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. This group of nine young adults travels throughout the country while completing hands-on projects for local non-profits.



Jericho High School's Environmental Club

This year's crew demonstrated excellent teamwork and dedication. It helped to remove invasive shrubs from the woodland at the Hope Goddard Iselin Preserve, move debris out of the John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden, prepare the pollinator gardens at the Shore Road Sanctuary and clean up the Ralf Lange Garden at Wawapek. We are so grateful to this hardworking group of stewards that have truly made a difference in our preserves. We wish them luck in their travels!

Jericho High School's Environmental Club is a treasured partner of the Land Alliance. It returns year after year to volunteer their time and improve our preserves. This spring, Jericho students visited the Humes Preserve to remove invasive garlic mustard from the meadow and lesser celandine from the wood-



Bethpage Girl Scout Troop 3535

land garden. Students learned about invasive species issues while engaging hands-on in the management of these pesky weeds. They even had a few wildlife encounters, coming face to face with a vole and a wolf spider during their activities! Thanks so much to this curious and dedicated group of young environmentalists.

Bethpage Girl Scout Troop 3535 joined us at the Shore Road Sanctuary this spring to learn about Cold Spring Harbor's coastal habitats and wildlife while picking up trash and debris on the beach. This hearty group of 10-year-old girls showed their dedication to serving their environment and community by braving the elements to rid the beach of trash big and small, from used tires to the smallest microplastics. They made sure that no trash remained at the conclusion of their project.



The Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club

Thank you to Troop 3535 for keeping our beaches beautiful!

The Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club returned to the MacDonald Preserve in Matinecock this year to remove invasive vines from trees on the property and clean up litter throughout the preserve. With help from Spadefoot Design & Construction, these middle school students were able to pull loads of vines off trees while learning about the effects of invasive plants on tree health. Thanks to Stephanie Urio and our friends from Grenville Baker for their continued help to

keep MacDonald healthy!

Care to join us as a volunteer? In the woods, meadows, beaches and gardens of the north shore, our volunteers are working hard to preserve open space and restore native habitats.

If you are interested in connecting with like-minded people while learning about nature, please visit us online at www.northshorelandalliance.org or contact Charlotte Brennan at 516-922-1028 or cbrennan@northshorelandalliance.org.

A Decade of Service by Friends Academy Students

For ten years, the Land Alliance has had the pleasure of hosting Friends Academy seniors who spend the last three weeks of the school year volunteering for independent service projects.

This year we benefited from the good works of five students: Aleaxa Moschetto, Livia Prestandra, Ines Roti, Gavin Sanders and Ryan Zouak. All participated in a variety of activities which we hope gave them a better understanding of the ins and outs of a non-profit organization.

Gavin and Ryan worked primarily at Wawapek. They helped with weeding in our habitat restoration area, spreading woodchips in our native gardens, removing invasives

and keeping our trails cleared. You may have also seen them at the Hole in One at the Golf and Tennis outing!

Livia, Alexa and Ines have been working throughout our preserves. They help with invasive species removal, trail maintenance and planting. They have also been working with the Land Alliance's volunteers to learn more about the work we do all year round in our preserves.

We are grateful for and impressed by their good nature and willingness to learn – traits that will serve them well throughout their lives. Thank you Gavin, Ryan, Alexa, Livia and Ines! Congratulations on your graduation and best of luck in your upcoming years.



Strategies for Giving to a Favorite Charity

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Since you are receiving this newsletter, you already know about many of the amazing things the Land Alliance has done to protect our beloved Long Island. The mission of the Land Alliance is: “To conserve and safeguard Long Island’s natural and historic lands, waters and environmental resources. Through education, outreach, and volunteerism, we connect people to nature and inspire a community conservation ethic.” Recently, the Land Alliance installed a new, eco-conscious Hydro-Action clean water septic system at its newly remodeled headquarters at the Humes Preserve in Mill Neck, NY. The septic system will remove harmful chemicals like nitrogen from wastewater, ultimately protecting our bays, harbors and sole source aquifer.

We are so lucky to have the Land Alliance in our own “backyard”! One way we can help to support it is through charitable giving. Some ideas of how to best do that are discussed below.

Cash donations to the Land Alliance are tax deductible for income tax purposes up to 60% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). This limit applies to all donations you make throughout the year to public charities. To the extent your contributions exceed this limit, the excess can be carried over for use in future years. Under the current tax law, to obtain a deduction for the charitable gifts you have made, you must itemize your deductions on your income tax return rather than relying on the standard deduction

(which for 2023 is \$27,000 for married couples filing jointly and \$13,850 for single taxpayers).

You can boost the value of your donation, as well as your income tax deduction, by giving appreciated securities, such as stocks and bonds, directly to the Land Alliance. When you donate an appreciated security that you have owned for one year or more to the Land Alliance, you are eligible for a charitable income tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the security you donate up to 30% of your AGI. By donating the appreciated security to the Land Alliance, rather than selling it and then donating the proceeds, the capital gains tax on the increase in value of the security will be avoided, since the Land Alliance is exempt

from income taxes. It may be worth looking at your portfolio to see if there are any appreciated securities you would like to donate to the Land Alliance.

If you are receiving required minimum distributions (RMDs) from an IRA, you can also consider a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA directly to the Land Alliance. The direct donation is not considered taxable income to you, as RMDs usually are. The result is that this reduces your taxable income by the amount transferred to the Land Alliance, even if you don't itemize your deductions. The QCD also counts towards satisfying your RMD for the year if it has not already been met. The limit on QCD is \$100,000 per year for 2023, but that amount is to be indexed for inflation beginning in 2024. For years beginning in 2023 you are not required to take RMDs until you reach age 73.

Another giving strategy to consider is "bunching up" your charitable gifts into a single year so that your itemized deductions exceed the standard deduction threshold. You can also gift funds that you have previously donated to a donor advised fund to the Land Alliance. Of course, you can make gifts to the Land Alliance in your will, which will qualify for the estate tax charitable deduction.

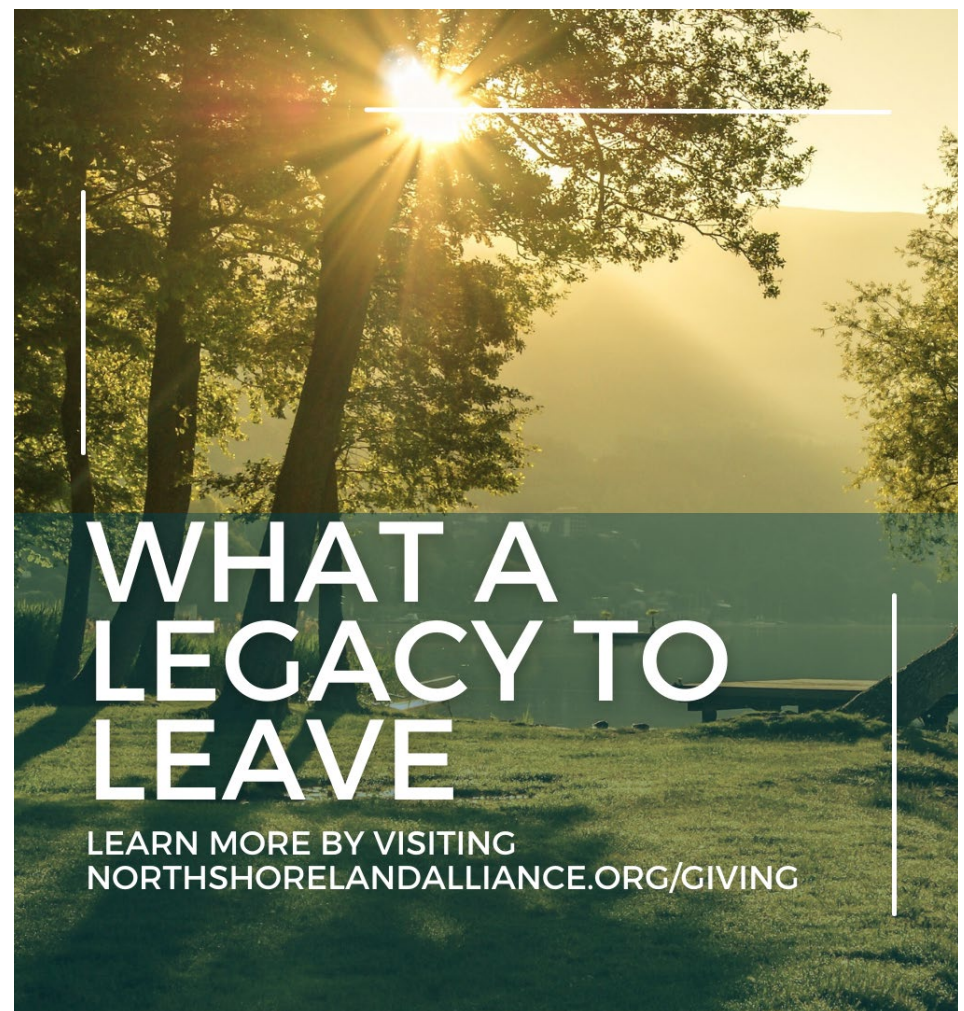
A more sophisticated charitable giving strategy is to use a charitable remainder trust (CRT), either during

your lifetime (eligible for both income tax and gift tax deductions) or at your death (eligible for an estate tax deduction). You can also avoid paying capital gains taxes on appreciated property, which would be contributed to and then sold in the CRT.

With a CRT, you or people you choose, receive a stream of payments for either your lifetime, the lifetime of the beneficiaries or for 20 years. Once the term of the lead non-charitable beneficiary ends, the assets remaining in the CRT would go to the Land Alliance. There are very stringent rules under the Internal

Revenue Code to create a valid CRT and qualify for the charitable deductions. If you are considering the creation of a CRT in your charitable giving plan, it is a must to discuss it with your estate planning lawyer and accountant to make sure you satisfy the requirements of creating a valid CRT.

If you would like to discuss charitable giving strategies, please contact your financial advisor. You can also contact Debra Wiener, Director of Development, at (516) 922-1028 or deb@northshorelandalliance.org.



Game On! Land Alliance's First Annual Paddle and Pickleball Outing at Nassau Country Club



On Friday, March 24th, the Land Alliance hosted its first annual Paddle and Pickleball Outing at the Nassau Country Club. The unlikely spring weather was a welcome surprise for our participants, who sipped rosé and nibbled on delicious snacks between rounds of competitive play.

The event was well-attended thanks to the efforts of our incredible event committee – Emma and Will Copp, Elise Corey, Carolina and Diego Fuschetto, Aileen and Ian Gumprecht, Emily and Doug Johnson, Alexis and Tim McAndrew, Campbell and Henry Mumford,

Eileen and Jon Otto and Margaret Trautmann and Jake Jarvis.

After the round-robin tournament, guests joined us in the clubhouse for drinks, supper and a lively silent auction. Fun was had by all!



Land Alliance's 15th Annual Golf & Tennis Outing Was Another Spectacular Day to Swing for Conservation



This year's Golf & Tennis Outing took place on Wednesday, May 17th at the beautiful Piping Rock Club in Locust Valley. Friends and business professionals from NYC to Eastern Long Island came together for a picture-perfect day of activities, beginning with a sunrise breakfast buffet overlooking the course and a warm-up on the driving range, followed by a caravan of carts bringing the players to their respective tees for a 9am shotgun start.

While the golfers made their rounds, the tennis players met a bit later in the morning. They began with light bites and beverages before breaking into groups for a 30-minute warm-up with the Piping Rock tennis pros, followed by a series of fun and competitive round-robin matches. We

saw the Best-of-5 finals come down to a 2-2 game tie, with the well-respected but always-feared "Piping Point" bringing the end score to a close 3-2 win.

As both activities finished, all guests came together for a buffet lunch, silent auction and winner awards in the clubhouse overlooking the back lawn. Board Chair Hoyle Jones welcomed the group and Land Alliance President Lisa Ott thanked attendees and encouraged all to take action to protect our wonderful community. She said, "In my 20 years at the Land Alliance, it has been amazing to see how people, time and time again, come together in support of nature. Doug Tallamy, in his book, *Nature's Best Hope*, introduces the concept of the "Homegrown Na-

tional Park." 60% of US lands are privately owned. Working together yard by yard, golf course by golf course, school yard by church yard, we can improve habitat and create conservation areas even larger than what exists today in America's national parks."

Thank you to our generous golf prize sponsor, Holderness & Bourne, for providing a great assortment of clothing and accessories for each category below. And, of course, a big congratulations to our winners!

Throughout the year, the Land Alliance provides many opportunities to connect people with nature. In addition to raising important funds to support the Land Alliance's conservation mission, this Outing was



another great opportunity for people to come together in one of Long Island's most beautiful recreational open spaces. This year's outing was a wonderful success in support of land conservation projects and educational programs. Guests were given native plants to plant in their yards to improve local habitat.

Golf Outing Results

Lowest net with a score of 58

Brian Dooley, Ben Stokes, Andrew Rubinstein and Craig Weiss

Second place net with a score of 59

Ray LaChance, Victoria Lamberth, Hugh R. O'Kane and John O'Kane

First place gross with a score of 67

Mark Donohue, Denis Cullen, Chris Mitchell and Jeff Leventhal

Longest drive - Mens

Ben Stokes

Longest drive - Ladies

Amy Tansill

Closest to the pin - Mens

Mark Donohue at 3'4"

Closest to the pin - Ladies

Victoria Lamberth at 54'



Tennis Outing Results

First place team

Mary Selover and John McMillin

Second place team

Liz McLanahan and Ted Bahr

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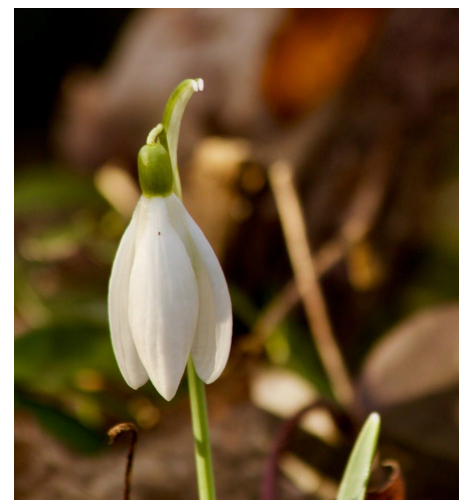
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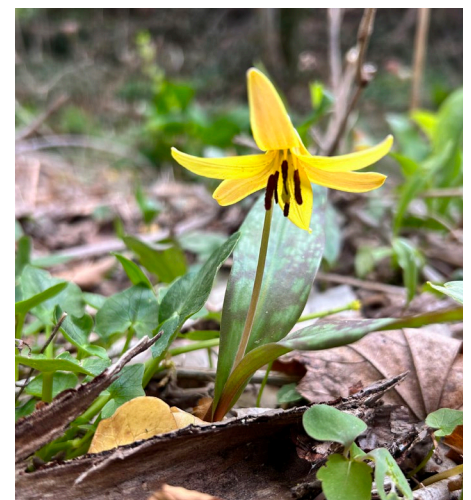
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UPLANDS FARM, 250 LAWRENCE HILL RD
COLD SPRING HARBOR

Enjoy the live music of *Mama Juke*, explore Uplands Farms walking trails, shop our native plant sale, meet the conservation groups caring for our land and water and help us celebrate local conservation!



Save the Date!

North Shore Land Alliance
Wine Auction & Dinner
Honoring the Davison Family

Saturday, September 30th
Peacock Point

Celebrating 20 Years
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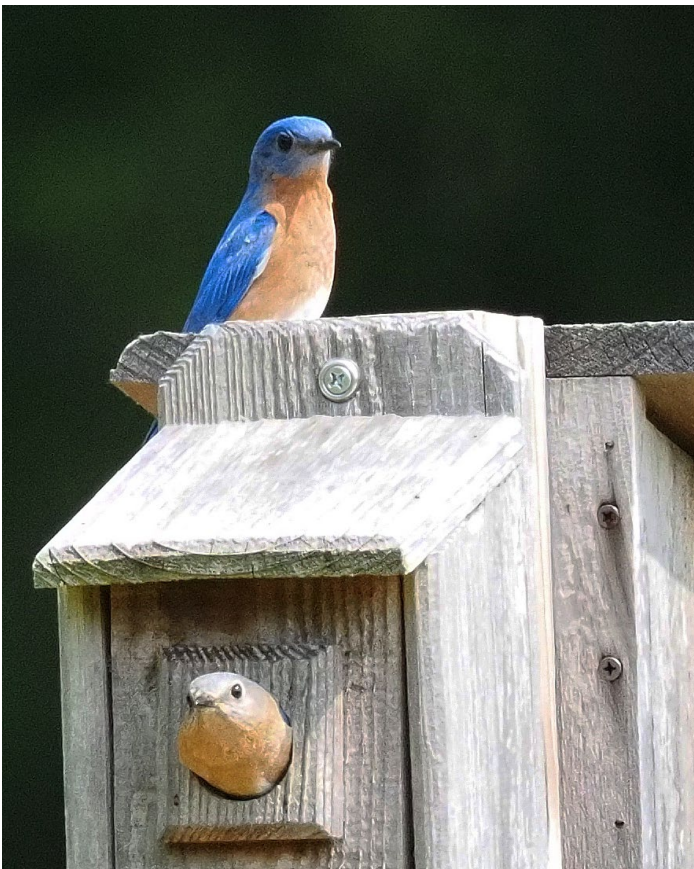




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Peacock Point

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Land Alliance Headquarters

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