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About North Shore Land Alliance



Since 2003, the North Shore Land Alliance has permanently protected nearly 1,300 acres of land through acquisition and conservation easements and provides stewardship services for more than 600 acres of valuable natural areas. The Land Alliance also works actively in schools and outdoors to educate our community about the important relationships among land, water, locally grown food and recreational opportunities.

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.

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

The Land Alliance 15th Annual Golf & Tennis Outing took place on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 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

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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 National 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.

To learn more about the Land Alliance, please visit our website at www.northshorelandalliance.org.





Golf Outing Winners

Lowest Net (58) - Brian Dooley ~ Ben Stokes ~ Andrew Rubinstein ~ Craig Weiss

Second Place Net (59) - Ray LaChance ~ Victoria Lamberth ~ Hugh R. O'Kane ~ John O'Kane

First Place Gross (67) - Mark Donohue ~ Denis Cullen ~ Chris Mitchell ~ 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 Winners

First Place Team - Mary Selover and John McMillin * Second Place Team - Liz McLanahan and Ted Bahr



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Enjoy the Gift of Nature: Explore These Nature 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 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 rus-

tic 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 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 - 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 pre-

serve. 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 - 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.

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.

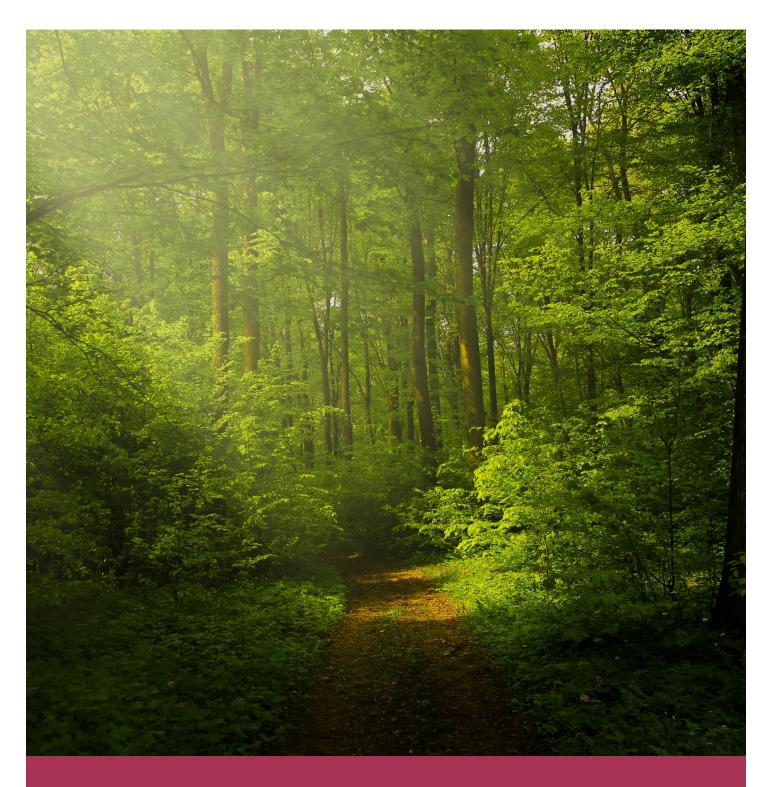


Shore Road Sanctuary









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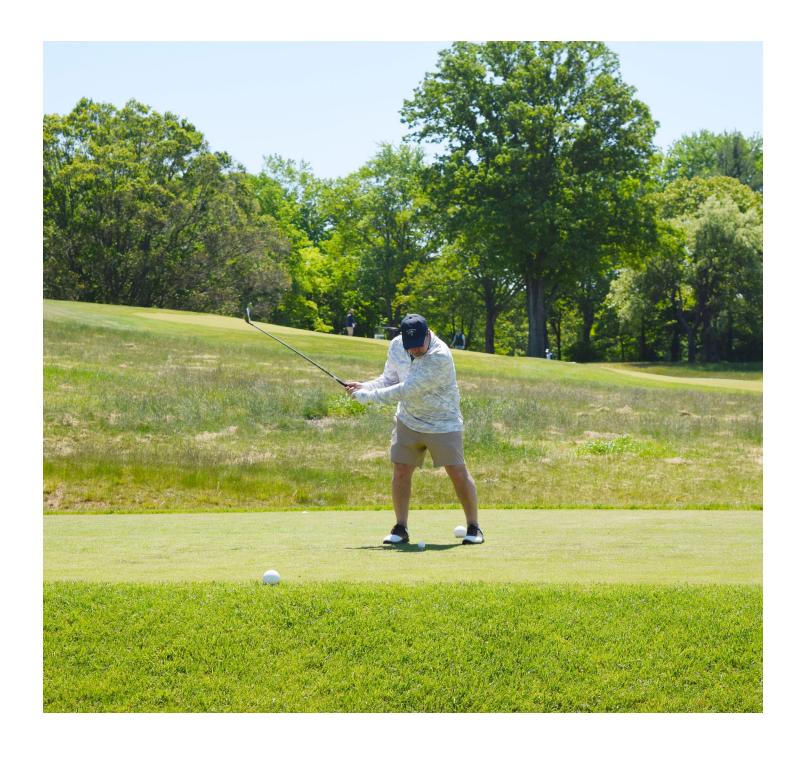
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Strategies for Giving to a Favorite Charity By Guest Author Patricia C. Marcin, Esq. @2023





Since you are receiving this event journal, 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.





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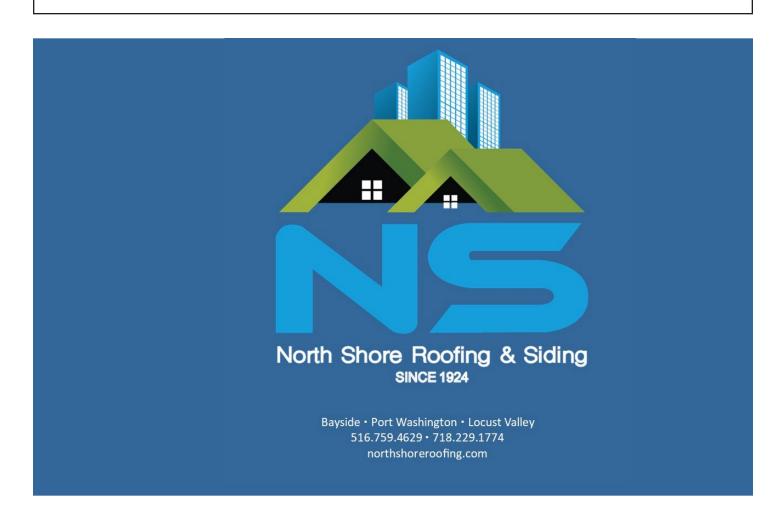
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