

**2022 SPRING/SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS
& 2021 ANNUAL REPORT**



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– Bob Burt

A change at the helm, with deep appreciation

New opportunities on the horizon

As spring shifts to summer, and Tug Hill blossoms into its seasonal glory, I wanted to take a moment to thank you as someone who cares deeply about Tug Hill — and to thank someone who has helped make the land trust what it is today.



Over the past 30 years, notwithstanding a short stint to Alaska while her husband was stationed at Ft. Wainwright, Linda Garrett has served as our executive director. That time has been one of growth, opportunity, challenges and amazing results.

We have worked together as colleagues and friends. We've literally walked together down long paths in the woods brainstorming about how the land trust could conserve more land, serve more people, share more joy, and support more communities.

Linda has always believed in team leadership; in the power of doing more together. She's been humble in the effort it has taken to get here.

Now as Linda takes on a new role as the New York regional director for American Farmland Trust, please join me in expressing our collective appreciation for all she has done as a land trust leader, conservationist, friend, and community member.

Thanks to growing community support, and a renewed sense of urgency to conserve the lands throughout the entire region of Tug Hill and neighboring communities, we are poised to tap the opportunities ahead. Already there are farmland protection projects underway, new trails and conservation areas in the works, urban initiatives, and educational programs ramping up.

We believe everyone deserves to experience the wonder and beauty of land and water, both close to home as well the remote corners of Tug Hill.

We know that wildlife, farmland, clean water, and the special places in our region are vulnerable to haphazard development, extreme weather, and changing circumstances. There is no time to waste. That's why we look forward to celebrating Linda's leadership and introducing our new executive director this coming summer.

On behalf of all of us here at the Land Trust, we look forward to seeing you as we tap opportunities to continue to conserve the essence of Tug Hill.

Bob Keller
Board Chair

It's the little things that stick with me

I remember one of the first times I was up on the Hill. I was visiting John Constable's camp, talking with him about the history of his family and how important it was to him to protect his remaining 250 acres. It was spring, and we were deep in the woods. The trees had that damp, musty smell that winter leaves give off as the snow melts. That's when I fell in love with Tug Hill.

For those of you who know me really well, you know how crazy I am about snow. Tug Hill has been the perfect place for me. As much as I love all the snow and the forests and rivers that run out from them, what has stuck with me over the past 30 years I have been here in Tug Hill is so much more than that.

It's more than the farms, with their sweeping views and long lines of cows coming in for milking. It's more than the wildlife, listening to the pileated woodpeckers or the calls of the owls.

What has made my time as executive director of Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust the most special are the people. People like you.

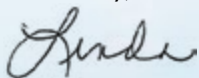
Looking back, it's been the hundreds — maybe thousands — of hours sitting down at kitchen tables and front porches, talking with families about why they want to conserve their land. It's the times we've walked the land together, weathered joy and sadness together, and thought about what it means to be from here. To be from Tug Hill. To love Tug Hill.

It's all of you who have come on walks, paddles, and snowshoe outings, shared a beer, a cup of coffee, and a laugh. You are my Tug Hill family.

It has been a privilege over the years to call Tug Hill my home and you as my family, my community. I'm delighted that my new position with American Farmland Trust will allow me to continue to expand the reach and impact of farms, food, and the places we all call home. And, I will be assisting as Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust transitions to a new executive director.

There has never been a time where conservation is more needed. I look forward to working with you, and the land trust, in new ways in the coming years.

Sincerely,



Linda M. Garrett
Executive Director



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It's all about the trees

New forest conservation program announced

There's good news for New York's forests. The New York Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York office of the Land Trust Alliance (the Alliance) recently announced they will provide conservation funding to forest owners.

The 2022 Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts Program offers competitive matching grants of up to \$350,000 to fund the acquisition of conservation easements on forestland in New York State (NYS). The grants will be awarded to qualified New York land trusts, to partner with landowners and communities to increase the pace of forested land conservation to combat climate change.

The program is funded through the state Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and will be administered by the Alliance, a national conservation organization that supports land trusts across the country with conservation policy initiatives, technical assistance, trainings, and best practices.

The grant program comes at an opportune time given the importance of local forestlands.

Forest and woodlands are widely recognized as key players in helping to:

- Reduce flooding from extreme weather.
- Provide critical habitat for woodland-based species like bobcat, red fox, and great-horned owls.
- Slowly release water through dry periods into neighboring streams and rivers — critical components to the health of our region's waterways.

According to the 2020 NYS Forest Action Plan, privately owned forestlands cover 13.62 million acres and represent 74 percent of New York's forests. Over 10 million acres are family-owned or non-corporate forests. Nearly 700,000 private forest landowners provide the public with the benefits of clean air and water, carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat, and a forest-based economy.

The program is similar to the current state farmland protection program: landowners are compensated when they permanently conserve their woodlands based on a conservation easement appraisal.

Our land trust is working with several local landowners to apply for grant funding in 2022, and we hope to work with more in 2023 should funding be allocated again as part of the Environmental Protection Fund.

For more information please visit the Land Trust Alliance website under the Forest Conservation Easement Program for Land Trusts in the New York program area: www.landtrustalliance.org/land-trusts/field-services/new-york-program.



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Quick Facts About Conservation Easements

Are you interested in exploring if land conservation might be right for you, or for someone you know? Here are some quick facts that might be helpful.

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1. What is a Conservation Easement?

A conservation easement is a land protection tool, written in the form of a deed that runs with the land for generations. Landowners conserve their land for a variety of reasons using a conservation easement including the love of the land, leaving a conservation legacy, and helping to transfer the land to the next generation.

2. Voluntary

All landowners who decide to conserve their land with a conservation easement do so voluntarily. Some donate the development rights and can receive an income tax benefit. Others are compensated for their easement through grant programs like the new Forest Conservation Easement Program and NYS's farmland protection program.

3. Ownership Retained

When you conserve your land with a conservation easement you continue to own the property. You can lease, sell, bequeath or give away your land. The conservation easement remains in effect, giving you peace of mind.

4. They Don't Prohibit All Development

Depending on what you and our land trust are working to conserve, an easement often allows for limited development that is compatible with the conservation goals. Working lands, including forestry and farming, are often part of a conservation project. Hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and other forms of recreation are usually allowed. Public access is at the discretion of the landowner unless specifically part of the project.



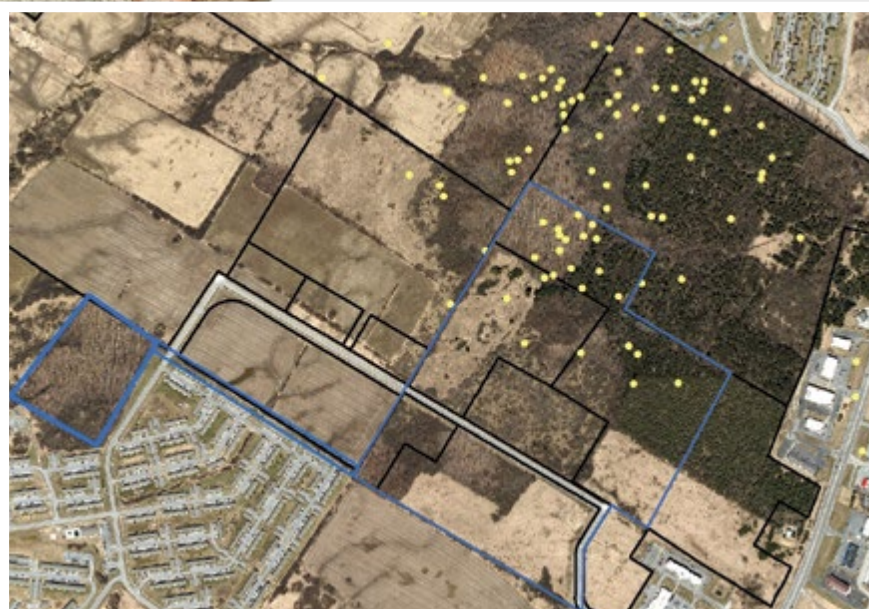
Critical habitat is protected thanks to a team effort

An unexpected special place helps save threatened and endangered bats

If you were driving down Route 11, you might be hard-pressed to know that you were almost within walking distance of a rare, and special, conservation area.

Tucked behind Walmart, Candlewood Suites, and Taco Bell, and not far from Fort Drum, in Jefferson County, there lies over a hundred acres of woodlands — home to a variety of wildlife, including the threatened Indiana and northern long-eared bats.

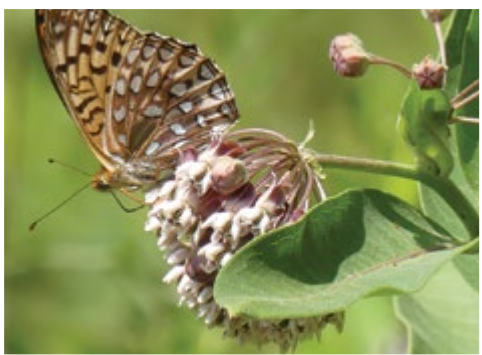
Now, 101 acres of at-risk lands have been conserved thanks to a partnership between the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust and Fort Drum — through the Army Compatible Use Buffer program (ACUB) — as well as Ducks Unlimited. The land is connected to an additional 15 acres of important bat habitat, owned and protected by the Ontario Bays Initiative.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service notes that these bats typically roost under the bark or in crevasses of trees three inches or more in diameter. The area currently has little in the way of public conservation lands.

With Fort Drum housing not far away, this new conservation area will provide a place for families to go to enjoy the sounds and sights of birds like turkey, owls, and hawks, like the northern harrier.

Bats play an important role in the overall health of the ecosystem, including eating hundreds of thousands of mosquitoes every year. Yet bats, as a species, have had a challenging time of late.



The new conservation area will be managed for endangered bats (shown above with yellow dots) and other pollinators like the fritillary butterfly.

David S. Smith Public Conservation Area

A tribute to NYS DEC Region 6, Regional Forester



David Smith spent his 40-year career at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation helping others care for the forestlands and waters they loved.

He had a gift for listening to local landowners, industry leaders, and community officials — and helping make decisions that benefited land and people.

David was an inspiration to many throughout Tug Hill. Sadly, he passed away last December after battling pancreatic cancer.

This new conservation area is now dedicated in his honor.

On April 22nd of this year, a small gathering of family, friends, and colleagues celebrated his life and all he has done for conservation with the dedication of the nature area.

It was a perfect way to commemorate his talent for looking out for both the lands and people of the North Country. He is dearly missed, but his legacy will carry on.

Due to habitat loss, increased stress from white-nose disease and a changing climate, all bats have plummeted in population. Studies have reported over a 90% decline of the Indiana and northern long-eared bat species in the northeast. The protection of this area will help provide a secure place for bats to find food and roost, while also protecting habitat for other wildlife, like the pileated woodpecker.

Conservation of these lands also provides for important water absorption areas. Northern New York is experiencing greater intensity of rainfall, with that pattern expected to increase over the next several decades.

This is particularly true in this area near Ft. Drum, where development and paved surfaces are expanding.

Yet for some, it's the proximity of having a nice place to visit nature that has the strongest allure. "So many people are scared of bats," commented Leslie DiStefano, who lives near Fort Drum. "But I know they eat thousands of mosquitoes, and they won't hurt you. Personally, I love seeing the bats. I can't wait to bring my family out here."

Bats are also pollinators for local farms and are important to overall success in agriculture. There are a number of protected farms within five miles of this new conservation area, creating a block of conservation lands that provide habitat to a variety of wildlife, produce local food, and support a network of agriculture-related businesses.

Over the coming year, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust will be working with project partners to secure approximately \$35,000 in funding needed to establish the first phase of trails in the new conservation area. Improvements will include a parking area and the design and installation of educational and related signage. If you'd like to donate to this project, please contact Emily Males at emales@tughilltomorrow.org.



New public conservation area in the works

Partnerships take flight

If you're looking for a place to immerse yourself in nature, surrounded by birds who depend on healthy grasslands, wet meadows, and forested wetlands, you'll soon find a beautiful place to walk in West Turin, Lewis County.

Thanks to a partnership with Ducks Unlimited (DU), the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust will soon own an 85-acre parcel of restored wetland habitat that will be managed by DU for the next 10 years.

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation's State Wildlife Action Plan notes a number of important birds live in or migrate through the area.

These birds need quality habitat to flourish, including the endangered blue-winged teal; the threatened eastern meadowlark, bobolink, and scarlet tanager; and the American kestrel, northern harrier, ruffed grouse, and American woodcock (a species of special concern).

Those sightings don't factor in numerous other birds and wildlife that are increasingly facing a loss

of wetland and grassland habitat in the region.

To help address this challenge, DU has spent several years restoring the land for wetland-dependent wildlife, including planting hundreds of trees.

The restoration will also help slow down climate change by storing carbon in the roots of trees and wetland plants and soils.

This summer and fall we will be working to raise \$25,000 to initiate the first phase of establishing trails and related signage.

We hope to install at least one bird watching platform and benches (funding permitting) this year, as well.

Because of the generosity of people like you, this special place will become a haven for wildlife as well as people of all ages to enjoy wetland birds and their habitat.





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Impact of climate change and habitat loss on birds

Research by National Audubon, the American Bird Conservancy, and others has documented that we have lost over three billion birds in the last 50 years. **That's over 20% of the North American bird population due to loss of habitat, pesticides, and climate change stress.**

National Audubon's research, *Survival by Degrees: 389 Bird Species on the Brink*, reveals that of the remaining birds, as much as 67% are at increased risk of extinction due to climate change stress. Protecting critical habitat and transitioning to compatible renewables to slow down climate change is instrumental for the survival of these birds.

You can read the study on Audubon's website: www.audubon.org/climate/survivalbydegrees.

200 years and counting

A remarkable man conserves his family's land

“Our family came to this area in 1800, just after the Town of Norway was formed. My great, great, great, great grandfather served in the French & Indian and Revolutionary Wars and purchased the farm with pension money, or possibly in lieu of pension money,” explained Bob Burt.



“People get excited about a ‘Century Farm’, but this is way more than that,” reflected Burt. “This land has been home to five generations of Burt’s, and we all were involved in farming, to some degree. We see this farm as part of the community, which is why it’s so important to conserve it. There just aren’t farms like this much anymore.”

The 431-acre farm is fairly flat, with long views towards the southern Adirondacks. In fact, it’s directly adjacent to the Adirondack Park and serves as an important part of the wildlife corridor from the Adirondacks to Tug Hill and to the Mohawk Valley.

Because of its proximity to West Canada Creek, it’s part of an area that has long been a conservation priority due to the river, wildlife, history, and agricultural lands.

The farm’s legacy

Over the years the farm was primarily a dairy operation.

Now, Bob, the last in the Burt family lineage to farm here, plants primarily oats and soybeans, and hays the fields. He also manages about 400 maple taps and produces maple syrup the traditional way, collecting sap with buckets with a crew of volunteer friends and neighbors.

Long hours outside, in all kinds of weather, has made Bob a fan of watching wildlife and sharing what happens in the region.

In November 2015 he agreed to host a weather station on the north end of the farm to provide data for The New York State (NYS) Mesonet Early Warning Weather Detection System (#32 of the 126 sites across NYS).

Bob’s goal, after 83 years of being connected to this place, is that the farm will remain intact for future generations to farm and enjoy.

“This is a magical place. The thought of losing it to development is too much to bear. When you’re at the farm, you notice things. You notice the seasons and the passing of time. Early spring is when the sap starts flowing and the migrating geese stop in the fields.

“In the summer, you can hear fox and coyotes calling. Then, in the fall, with the changing colors of the maples and oaks, the skyline comes ablaze against the blue sky. Finally, in winter, as the wind whips over the land, the snow stacks up against the barns and sparkles in the sun. It’s no wonder my family has called this place home for over 200 years.” Bob pauses and looks around the farm.

“I’m so thankful that I’m now able to conserve this land. I’ve never taken it for granted—and neither did my ancestors. I think they would be proud of what I am doing.”



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The weather station is part of an advanced, statewide observation network. Comprised of several stand-alone sub-networks (Standard, Profiler, Flux, and Snow) that operate together to provide real-time weather information for operational and research applications.



Lorraine Hefner and Sandra DeLand, Library Co-Directors at the Didymus Thomas Memorial Library in Remsen observed, "Part of having a fun time outside is connecting to living things and anticipating what you might see again. This backpack program helps to do just that, at a time when many kids aren't feeling comfortable in nature. It's going to help promote the outdoors as a fun place to learn."

Can a backpack save the day?

Did you know that kids spend more time on their phones and electronic devices than ever before?

According to a study by the nonprofit research organization Common Sense Media, as reported by the New York Times, screen use went up among tweens (ages 8 to 12) to, on average, five hours a day between 2019 and 2021.

This increase of 17% is likely due, in part, to the pandemic as families grappled with lack of childcare, remote schooling, and the challenges of isolation and reduced in-person interaction.

Yet, as noted by Jean Twenge, Professor of Psychology at San Diego State University, it's a trend that's been on the rise for a while. It's not all bad. Yet more and more studies are raising childhood psychologists' concerns that this level of screen time may be altering the brain... and not in a good way.

Enter nature. And Nature Backpacks.

Thanks to a new partnership with local libraries in Poland, Westernville, and Remsen, with initial funding by the Casimir S. Butnoris Fund of the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc., the Nature Backpacks pilot program will provide nature backpacks for loan starting this summer.

Nature, curiosity, and partnerships

The backpacks are designed to inspire nature exploration and curiosity—and provide an alternative to screen time inside.

"Our community members will put these to good use in our wonderful outdoor spaces we are so fortunate to have in our area," explained Mary Jo Miller, the librarian at the Western Town Library. "We appreciate the land trust's partnership and continued effort to provide meaningful resources for our patrons. So many families are looking for opportunities to engage kids in new ways outdoors."

Each backpack contains equipment, activities, and local trail information for their use specific to each theme beginning with Animal Tracks and Signs, and Birds. The activities are designed for all ages and will suit any family.

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust will present demonstration programs, and work with the libraries to maintain and replenish the backpacks, ensuring they are in good condition and fully supplied.

It costs approximately \$110 per backpack, fully loaded. If you'd like to sponsor a backpack and expand the program, let us know.

While kids are more "plugged in" than ever, this is a tool to help empower parents and caregivers to bring the joy of nature to life.



Bird Quest Soars to new heights

Twenty-five years ago, Linda Gibbs, now our Community Programs Director, had an idea. Why not connect people to nature via birds through a 24-hour Birdathon? It was a hit.

Over the years, the event grew and evolved. Now designed as a weeks-long Bird Quest experience, participants learn about birds via supplemental information, including how to connect with birds through crafts, worksheets, and outdoor activities.

Local businesses donate birdseed and bird feeders, while our staff help coordinate activities and provide new resources. The annual event culminates in May as everyone watches for birds at their feeders and logs their sightings.

This year was the most popular Bird Quest to date, with over 50 schools, homeschooler families, and family and individual teams participating—over 400 kids and adults celebrated birds.

The timing was more important than ever

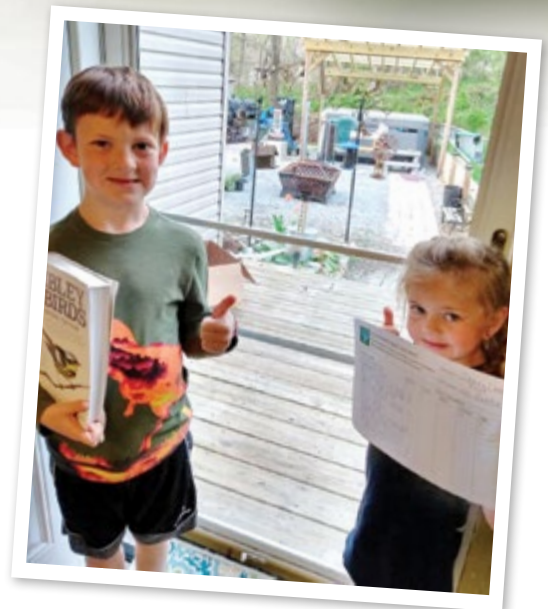
“Kids are still feeling the stress of the pandemic, and we are finding that Bird Quest is a great way to re-engage with each other,” noted Jessica Halsey, a first-time participating educator from Altmar-Parish Williamstown. “With the weather being so unpredictable, the kids are stir-crazy. Bird Quest has

brought us all some welcome joy and focus on the grey and overcast days.”

With new trails in the works at various public conservation areas in Tug Hill, we look forward to seeing you out in nature, listening to and watching the birds.



In addition to feeders and birdseed, participants also receive a Tug Hill natural history guide, designed and illustrated by Bob McNamara.



Great Horned Owl



Wild Turkey

Want to have fun this summer?

New programs are announced

Starting in June you'll find programs focused on fishing, kayaking, and water quality just to name a few. We'll also be announcing volunteer days to help create new trails and improve existing ones.

There's a new twist, too.

With the recent addition to our team of John Souva III, land protection and outreach manager, we will now be able to host new programs in Oswego, Oneida, and Herkimer counties. This year, John is already offering programs geared to first-time nature hikers and walkers, expanding our presence in schools, and partnering with area nonprofits to more fully serve our southern region and urban communities.



@ Janet Thompson

Stay up-to-date: Check out our website and sign up for our free online newsletter for regular updates. You'll also find announcements, photos, and highlights on our Facebook and Instagram pages. We hope to see you this summer.

You give the time and talent, we share our gratitude

Have you heard the saying that the most treasured thing each of us has is time?

Don't we know it. As the world seems to go faster and faster, and projects and program requests come in from all corners of Tug Hill, we rely increasingly on the generosity and talent of our volunteers to make the magic happen.

These talented, compassionate, and knowledgeable people are the power behind the trails, library and community programs, photography for our calendar and social media, and getting out our newsletters and reports.

As Anne Richter explained, "I volunteer because it makes me feel good. I'm part of the change that's important to me. And I have a good time working side-by-side with others who care."



Anne Richter, Meredith Davison, and Lin Gibbs ready a newsletter filled with good news for mailing to members and our community.

If you'd like to volunteer there's a place for you.

You can spend a couple of hours, or all day, depending on your interest and availability. Often, there's a way to include friends and family. Give Lin Gibbs a call or email her at lgibbs@tughilltomorrow.org to explore what feels right. Watch our Facebook and Instagram pages for announcements too.

2021 Annual Report Highlights

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the conservation work kept on going

To the surprise of many, but not to us because we knew you'd show up and make amazing things happen, 2021 has set the stage for an extraordinary 2022.

People like you showed up on the trails, at our programs, and contributed to the future we all wish to see.

Thank you for stepping up and believing in the power of nature, local farms, clean water, and places for people to enjoy trails close to home.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the *Tug Hill for Tomorrow Campaign*. With the success of the campaign, and ongoing fundraising efforts this year, we will be able to conserve more land and connect with more people than ever before.



2021 Income

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| ■ Individuals & Businesses | \$215,217 |
| ■ Foundations & Grants | \$570,344 |
| ■ Special Events | \$ 39,230 |
| ■ Other Income | \$572,226 |
| Total* | \$1,397,017 |



2021 Expenses

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| ■ Program Services | \$546,726 |
| ■ Fundraising | \$125,431 |
| ■ Administration | \$ 64,772 |
| Total | \$736,929 |

*Based on Audited 2021 Financial Statement. The category "other" includes the value of purchased and donated conservation easements and property, investment income, and the COVID Paycheck Protection Program grant.

Here are some highlights



Farms. Ten farmland protection grant applications, covering 3,791 acres, were submitted at the request of local farm families and their towns.

It takes over 50 hours of technical assistance to submit one of these grants. To date, six families have been awarded NYS Farmland Protection grants.



Wildlife habitat. Thanks to our members and supporters over the last 30 years, we conserved forestlands and woodlands throughout the Tug Hill Region, totaling over 21,000 acres.

These lands are increasingly important for wildlife to be able to move freely in a changing climate.



Trails. Trails took a leap forward thanks to volunteers, contributions from local businesses, and donors like you.

New trails at the French Settlement Road Public Conservation Area in Lorraine, Jefferson County and the 20-mile Traverse Trail in Osceola and Montague in Lewis County are poised to come to completion in 2022.



Community. Connecting people to the land, and to each other, is core to who we are as a land trust. This was even more important during 2021, with the pandemic. Programs like *Sustain Music in Nature* and the revived *Venerable Folks of Tug Hill* exhibit celebrated Tug Hill's heritage.



Education. The Bird Quest went remote, engaging people from all over the region. Library partnerships and programs with schools created inspiration for youth at a time when many were experiencing remote learning.



Southern Tug Hill conservation boost.

Thanks to generous donations by people like you and the Richard Shineman Foundation, the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc., and the Bull Family Fund, we now have a talented staff member located in the Camden area to help facilitate conservation projects and innovative programs.

Let's Celebrate...

Thanks to you, more of Tug Hill's farms, woodlands, waters, and wildlife

Thank you to all who donated to the land trust from January 2021 to December 2021. Clean water doesn't happen by accident. Nor does remembering our local heritage. Your compassion, generosity, and enthusiasm are what makes our community a better place to live, work, and play for today, tomorrow, and generations to come.

Together, we are conserving the extraordinary places of Tug Hill and providing places for people from all walks of life to enjoy, close to home.

We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions. Please give us a call at 315-779-8240 if you have a correction to make.

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Conserve more land, inspire more kids and families

Gifts of property can make a big difference

Would you like to help accelerate the conservation of Tug Hill's unique landscape and provide opportunities for people from all walks of life to experience the out-of-doors, close to home?

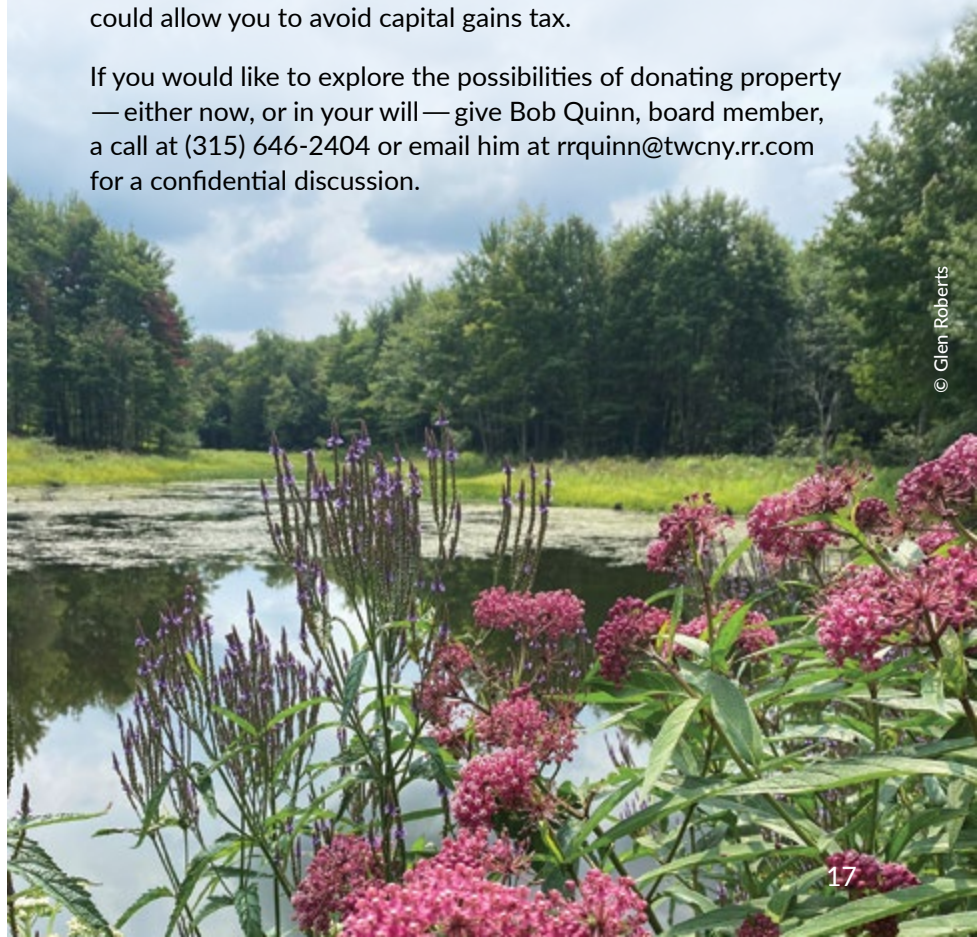
If you own a home, vacation home, camp, or commercial property, you can donate it to our land trust and help give the conservation efforts in Tug Hill a boost.

We would work with you to clarify your goals and sell the property with the proceeds applied to ramping up conservation and educational efforts. The timing couldn't be better, as we are being asked to assist families to conserve their land more than ever.

If you donate undeveloped property, like woodlands and meadows, we would determine if it could make an appropriate public conservation area and consider if we have the resources to manage it over time. If not, and if it meets our conservation criteria, we would protect it and resell it to a conservation buyer — applying the proceeds to conserve other lands and waters in Tug Hill.

Your gift would likely qualify for an income tax deduction and could allow you to avoid capital gains tax.

If you would like to explore the possibilities of donating property — either now, or in your will — give Bob Quinn, board member, a call at (315) 646-2404 or email him at rrquinn@twcny.rr.com for a confidential discussion.



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Heart of Tug Hill Legacy Society

Have you considered how you might leave a lasting impact for generations to come? A gift through your will, of any size, is a terrific way to make a legacy gift. It's easy to do and will show how much you care.

Your generosity and compassion will ensure that kids and families can develop a love of Tug Hill like you do. Because of you, cherished lands and waters will be conserved and cared for. Let us know if you've included us in your will so we can thank you.

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When you provide a gift in honor of someone, it says a lot about them — and you. We will send the person you have honored, or in the case of a memorial gift the family, a card letting them know of your thoughtful contribution.

It's a lovely way to note how special they are and how much they cared about the lands, waters, and community we all cherish.

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Part of what makes Tug Hill a special place to live, work, and play is the commitment that local businesses have to help out and make our area shine.

It's that community ethic that we really value, and it's their support — both with in-kind and monetary donations that leverage the financial support of people from all walks of life.

Whether it's sponsoring educational programs, special events, or a new public conservation area, these local businesses know what it means to invest in our community. We hope you will join us in thanking them for their commitment to conservation.

If you would like to explore how to become a business sponsor and join our Corporate Eagles program, please contact Emily Males at (315) 779-8240 or email her at emales@tughilltomorrow.org.

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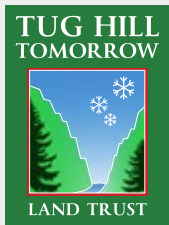


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Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration

Friday, June 24th • 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Let's Do Some Camp Baking! Join us for a Dutch Oven cake baking demonstration at Verona Beach State Park in Oneida County just in time for dessert. No registration is necessary; open to all.

Kasoag Lake Paddle

Friday, July 8th • 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Hit the water with THTLT and our partner, Tug Hill Outfitters on Kasoag Lake in Oswego County for an early evening paddle. Bring your own canoe or kayak, or rent equipment from Tug Hill Outfitters. Find all the information and register on our website.

Traverse Trail Workday

Saturday, July 23rd • 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Join others who like to get their hands dirty and work on the first long-distance foot trail through the Heart of Tug Hill. There are many ways to help.

Registration required for workdays to allow us to plan accordingly.

We have more dates planned if you are unable to make this one. Check out our website for the full list and sign up.



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