Celebrating 30 years of conservation!

A history of conservation you can be proud of:

2021 marks Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust’s 30th Anniversary. It is an exciting year for us as we celebrate our successes and look forward to the future. And what does that future look like? We are in the midst of creating our plan for the next five years. Here are a few highlights.

- Protecting farms, forests, wildlife habitat, and waterways important to the region.
- Maintaining and creating trails for people of all ages and abilities.
- Creating more opportunities for kids to fall in love with nature and excel in school.
- Hosting outings in many locations so people can experience nature close to home.

You can support these efforts by making a contribution to the Tug Hill FOR Tomorrow Campaign. For more information about the campaign and how you can contribute go to www.TugHillTomorrowLandTrust.org.

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**Acres of land protected to date:**

- Herkimer County—557
- Jefferson County—6,515
- Lewis County—7,049
- Oswego County—1,856
- St. Lawrence County—1,388
- Oneida County—2,850

**Total acres protected: 20,215**

**An accredited land trust:**
THTLT is part of the more than 400 accredited land trusts nationally who demonstrate their commitment to professional excellence, helping to maintain the public’s trust in their work. In 2021, THTLT will be applying to renew our accreditation, which is required every five years.

*Accredited land trusts stand together, united behind strong ethical standards ensuring the places people love will be conserved forever. This network of land trusts has demonstrated fiscal accountability, strong organizational leadership and lasting stewardship of conservation land."

- Tammara Van Ryan past executive director of the Accreditation Commission.
The Deer River is a 27-mile long tributary of the Black River, in Lewis County, New York. The river originates in the Tug Hill, in the Town of Montague, and flows generally north, past Copenhagen, to join the Black River about 5 miles above Carthage.
February 2021
Photo by: Kaiden Steria, Lowville

With the Northeast’s earliest and heaviest annual snow falls, Tug Hill is a great place to enjoy winter fun. With over 600 miles of groomed trails, snowmobiling is one of the most popular winter activities.
Native North Americans were the first to recognize maple syrup as a source of nutrition and energy. Researchers have since shown that maple syrup has a higher nutritional value than all other common sweeteners.
This flycatcher, the Eastern Phoebe, is a favorite among birdwatchers. It is among the earliest of migrants, bringing hope that spring is at hand. It often nests around buildings and bridges where it is easily observed.

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Good Friday

- Good Friday
- Easter
- Administrative Professionals Day
- Earth Day
- Arbor Day
The dairy industry is the largest single segment of New York’s agricultural industry. NY state has more than 4,000 dairy farms, is the fourth largest producer of milk in the U.S., and is the largest producer of yogurt, cottage cheese and sour cream.
The monarch butterfly will continue to feed, fly, and reproduce throughout the U.S. and southern Canada, for several generations. It is the fourth generation of monarch butterflies that actually migrate to Mexico in fall.
Whetstone Gulf State Park is built in and around a three-mile-long, 380-foot-deep gorge, cut into the eastern edge of the Tug Hill Plateau. Above the gorge is Whetstone Reservoir, stocked with tiger muskie and largemouth bass for fishing. It is also popular for kayaking and canoeing.

Independence Day

Parent’s Day
Photo by: Brenda Draper, Lorraine

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Young sunflower plants orient their heads toward the sun. This phenomenon is known as heliotropism. The dark center of a sunflower is actually made from thousands of tiny little flowers that develop into edible seeds.
A weather vane, wind vane, or weathercock is an instrument used for showing the direction of the wind. It is typically used as an architectural ornament. When it is windy, the head of the arrow will indicate the direction from which the wind is blowing.
Fall foliage is one of the many reasons for an uptick in tourism this time of year. Changing colors are at their peak in the month of October. This is also the time for harvesting, the most labor intensive part of farming.
The Tug Hill region is called "Tug Hill" because the term was a frequently used reference in the 18th and 19th centuries due to most areas only being able to be reached by horses or oxen "tugging" a wagon up a long road to get to a high area.
It is rumored that the famous Christmas poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas", written in 1822 by Clement Clarke Moore was in fact written about Constable Hall, a historic home in Lewis County. You can tour and visit this mansion in Constableville, NY.

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First Day of Winter

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

New Year's Eve
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Protecting Tug Hill’s wildlands, wetlands, forests, and farms.
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