

2008 Land Trust Grants - New York State Conservation Partnership Program

Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Project will empower this expanding agricultural land trust to upgrade key organizational systems to ensure that it has fully implemented Standards and Practices in preparation for accreditation and continued organizational growth.	\$19,500
Chenango Land Trust	Norwich, Chenango County	Project will enable this small, all volunteer land trust to continue working with a consultant to build organizational capacity in the areas of fundraising and board development.	\$3,500
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Project will result in a comprehensive resource analysis and GIS resources which will be used by Columbia Land Conservancy to produce a new strategic land conservation plan for Columbia County.	\$20,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Project will enable the land trust to create a detailed natural resource inventory and open space maps that will help in prioritization and planning for an expansion of strategic conservation efforts in Dutchess County.	\$14,500
Fire Island Land Trust	Sayville, Suffolk County	Project will provide resources needed by this recently established land trust to develop and implement a multi-year strategic conservation plan for Fire Island. Fire Island Land Trust is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$20,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Project will help this growing land trust develop a strategic organizational and fundraising plan that is needed to further strengthen the land trust and accelerate the pace of land conservation in the greater Rochester Area.	\$7,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Project will enable the land trust to improve educational materials and trails on their four primary nature preserves, making them more accessible to the community.	\$7,000
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Project will provide the land trust with resources necessary to increase the organization's fundraising capacity, ensuring that it can sustain its expanding farmland protection program and meet its growing stewardship responsibilities.	\$7,500
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Project will support the efforts of LGLC and local partners and funders to develop a fundraising vision for long term protection and stewardship of Lake George and the surrounding area, including sensitive areas in the West Brook watershed.	\$15,000

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Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Project will help the land trust significantly increase public awareness of its land protection program in Montgomery County through an outreach program involving local officials, landowners, and community leaders.	\$4,000
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Preble, Cortland County	Project will help a recently established, all volunteer agricultural land trust develop and implement its first strategic outreach plan and fundraising plan. New York Agricultural Land Trust is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$25,000
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Sullivan County (project location)	Project will support the development of a comprehensive conservation stewardship program for the southern Shawangunk region that will leverage continued protection of a trail corridor between NJ-NY and improve education and public access.	\$13,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Project will assist this regional land trust in developing a multi-year strategic plan focused on marketing, communications, and capacity building strategies to meet new land preservation challenges in one of New York's fastest growing counties.	\$10,000
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Project will enable the all-volunteer land trust to develop and implement a multi-year strategic plan that will result in progress towards implementation of Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$10,000
Schoharie Land Trust, Inc.	Cobleskill, Schoharie County	Project will help this all volunteer land trust in rural Schoharie County to develop and implement a strategic plan and fundraising plan and provide additional training for its board members. Schoharie Land Trust is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$3,700
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Project will assist this established land trust in developing a new set of preserve management plans as part of an initiative to enhance long-term management and stewardship of lands protected in fee in Westchester County.	\$10,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Project will allow Western New York Land Conservancy to engage an experienced financial consultant to expand its fundraising capacity and implement fundraising strategies needed to advance its growing land protection program in western New York.	\$14,500
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Project will empower this local land trust to create and implement a major strategic fundraising plan and provide advanced board member development and training in anticipation of organizational growth over the next several years.	\$25,000
TOTAL			\$229,200

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American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Project will enable the American Farmland Trust to complete updated baseline documentation reports on two conservation easement projects completed in the Hudson Valley in 1988 and 1991. Funding will ensure that future baseline documentation reports are in compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$8,350
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Project will enable this local land trust to update baseline documentation for 16 conservation easements, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$8,800
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Project will enable this local land trust to complete a baseline documentation report for its first conservation easement, which protects the 16-acre Lutheran Center Lakeshore Forest property on Chautauqua Lake.	\$2,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Project will help land trust staff update 20 of its oldest baseline documentation reports, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices and helping DLC prepare for accreditation.	\$10,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Project will enable this growing land trust improve baseline documentation on 48 conservation easements acquired prior to 2007, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices and helping HHLT prepare for accreditation.	\$10,000

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<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Project will enable the land trust to improve baseline information for a 95-acre preserve held in fee, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices and helping RLT prepare for accreditation.	\$5,000
Rondout-Esopus Land Conservancy	High Falls, Ulster County	Project will enable this all-volunteer local land trust to improve baseline documentation on 28 conservation easements, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. Rondout-Esopus Land Conservancy is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$10,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Project will enable Saratoga P.L.A.N. to update baseline documentation reports for 20 conservation easements, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$10,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Project will enable the land trust to improve baseline documentation reports for 5 of the organization's 54 conservation easements, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices and helping TILT prepare for accreditation.	\$5,000
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Project will enable this local land trust to update baseline documentation reports on 30 conservation easements, bringing the organization into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$10,000
TOTAL			\$79,150

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Project will enable American Farmland Trust to engage local partners to accelerate farmland conservation in four key counties in Western New York. The initiative will dramatically increase agricultural land protection in Cattaraugus, Erie, Genesee, and Niagara counties by building partnerships with land trusts, local governments, and farmers.	\$14,500
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Project will help Finger Lakes Land Trust engage public and private stakeholders, local communities and landowners to develop a common vision and a major land conservation plan for the scenic Skaneateles Highlands, the region surrounding the southern half of Skaneateles Lake.	\$14,500
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Project will catalyze a major collaborative effort involving seven local land trusts to leverage a comprehensive set of regional services, identify shared resources and challenges, increase efficiency, and improve the pace, quality, and effectiveness of land conservation in the Shawangunk Valley and throughout Ulster County.	\$20,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Project will support NSLA's work to update and expand a 12-Village Comprehensive Plan that will ultimately guide North Shore communities and local leaders in protecting many of Nassau County's last remaining wetlands, natural habitat, and open space.	\$16,000
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Project will enable Teatown Lake Reservation to implement its ambitious Bioscape Project, an innovative conservation partnership that aims to engage landowners, educate stakeholders, enhance private land stewardship, and increase protection of open space and natural habitat adjacent to Teatown's 834-acre signature preserve.	\$17,000
Three Village Community Trust	Setauket, Suffolk County	Project will enable Three Village Community Trust to establish a partnership with the Town of Brookhaven to help local officials articulate land protection goals that will be incorporated in <i>Brookhaven 2030</i> , a major new Comprehensive Plan for the Town.	\$10,000
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Project will lead to a partnership between Westchester Land Trust, Hudson Highlands Land Trust and the Highlands Coalition to assess development trends in the Highlands region from 1995-2007. The findings will be shared with local, state, and federal leaders and conservation organizations in New York's Hudson Highlands area and help land trusts craft a regional vision for land conservation and land use planning.	\$17,500
TOTAL			\$109,500

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Professional Development Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Delaware Highlands Conservancy (New York Office)	Sullivan County (project location)	Two-year grant will enable a 14-year old, Upper Delaware River-based land trust with 6,540 acres under conservation easement to expand operations by hiring its first full-time Land Protection Specialist in Sullivan County. This investment in professional capacity will significantly improve landowner outreach while enabling the land trust to partner with local and state government and dramatically increase private land protection activities in Sullivan and Delaware Counties.	\$57,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Two-year grant will enable a 20-year old, Otsego County land trust with 4,500 acres under conservation easement to hire its first full-time Land Protection Specialist. This investment will dramatically increase overall organizational capacity and enable the land trust to expand its land protection efforts in ecologically and culturally significant landscapes throughout the Otsego/Cooperstown region.	\$51,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Two-year grant will enable a 23-year old land trust with 4,100 acres under conservation easement and 3,500 acres under fee ownership to hire its first full-time Director of Conservation. This investment will help the land trust plan and implement a focused land protection program using fee acquisition and conservation easements to permanently protect important natural and cultural resources in the Thousand Islands region.	\$55,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Two-year grant will enable an 18-year old land trust with 3,400 acres under conservation easement in the Tug Hill Plateau/Fort Drum region to hire its first full-time Communications and Outreach Coordinator. This investment will dramatically enhance community and donor outreach capabilities and enable this land trust to fulfill its land preservation mission in Jefferson, Lewis, and Oswego counties.	\$57,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Inc.	New Paltz, Ulster County	Two-year grant will enable a 21-year old local land trust with 1,237 acres under conservation easement and 63 acres under fee ownership in the New Paltz/Wallkill River area to hire its first full-time Development Director. This investment will dramatically expand the land trust's fundraising capacity, helping it to increase the pace, quality, and permanence of land conservation in Southern Ulster County.	\$43,000
TOTAL			\$263,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Project will enable acquisition of a conservation easement on a 201-acre working farm, expanding an important block of conserved farmland in Washington County and helping to maintain agricultural viability in an area threatened by rural sprawl.	\$9,400
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Project will help complete a complex conservation buyer project that will result in partial fee conveyance of the 27-acre Pincus Preserve. In 2005, the land trust received a NYSCPP Transaction Grant to assist with the initial acquisition of this property.	\$15,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Project will enable the land trust to acquire two parcels totaling 26-acres that will help consolidate and improve public access to the popular Grand Lake Reserve, protecting important aquatic habitat and enhancing community enjoyment of this local preserve.	\$12,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Project will result in a 43-acre nature preserve located near Amsterdam, in Montgomery County. The new preserve will be donated by a local family that has owned the land since the early 1900's and will improve opportunities for nature study, birding, and passive recreation in this under-served community.	\$16,000
Northeast Wilderness Trust-NY Office	Essex, Essex County	Project will lead to permanent conservation of the Rowe Property, a 100-acre forested parcel adjacent to a 1,000-acre block of conserved lands that protect the Split Rock Wildway, a key habitat corridor from Lake Champlain to the High Peaks of the Adirondacks.	\$15,000
Oblong Land Conservancy, Inc.	Pawling, Dutchess County	Project will help acquire and create a management plan for the 112-acre Slocum-Mostachetti property. The new nature preserve will protect ecologically significant habitat located in the Great Swamp, one the state's largest wetland complexes.	\$12,500
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Project will enable fee acquisition of a 90-acre property with highly significant archaeological and wetland habitat features, resulting in a publicly accessible nature preserve with a mile of waterfront on Round Lake and the Anthony Kill. The new preserve will be located less than a mile from the Luther Forest Technology Park.	\$25,000
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	Project will help permanently conserve 45 forested acres of shoreline and protect high quality aquatic and riparian habitat along the Lower Raquette River. The new conservation easement property will be adjacent to the 650-acre St. Lawrence State Forest.	\$8,500

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The Nature Conservancy, Central & Western New York Chapter	Rochester, Monroe County	Project will lead to fee acquisition of the 128-acre Goodridge parcel, which will significantly expand the existing 313-acre Westhill Preserve, a key component of TNC's Western Finger Lakes Priority Conservation Area. TNC has protected 4,000 acres in this area, preventing further fragmentation of rare habitat in Ontario County.	\$13,000
Three Village Community Trust	Setauket, Suffolk County	Project will result in a management plan for the land trust's first conservation easement property. The 10.8-acre nature preserve contains a rare old-growth forest remnant that borders Brookhaven and the Village of Poquott. The preserve is to be named after the late Stephen D. Matthews, who was a Trustee of the Village of Poquott and a champion of the environment on Long Island.	\$3,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Project will facilitate the donation of a conservation easement on the 52-acre Harcourt Sanctuary in the historic town of New Paltz. Currently owned by the Huguenot Historical Society, this property provides access to the Wallkill River and will protect an important wetland complex that abuts the recently protected Jewett Farm.	\$6,250
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Project will enable a conservation easement donation on the 120-acre Haskins Farm property, resulting in permanent protection of productive agricultural lands as well as conservation of wetlands and mature hardwood forest and Hemlock-Northern Forest habitat in the upper reaches of the Allegheny River watershed.	\$8,500
TOTAL			\$144,150

Summary of 2008 New York State Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards		
GRANT CATEGORY	GRANT AWARDS	GRANTS
Capacity & Excellence Category	Total for Category: \$308,350 (28 Grants)	
Capacity Grants	\$229,200	18
Stewardship Grants	\$79,150	10
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$109,500	7
Professional Development Grants	\$263,000	5
Transaction Grants	\$144,150	12
Total: 2008 Land Trust Grant Awards	\$825,000	52