

New York State Conservation Partnership Program

2022 Capacity & Excellence Grants

Provide funding to help land trusts build and sustain organizational capacity and programming through the implementation of *Land Trust Standards and Practices*.



Photo courtesy of Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust

Engaging the Community in Education, Restoration and Preservation

Since 2012, the Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust has enhanced and preserved important shoreline properties along Western New York's waterways, with a focus on the environmental remediation of potentially contaminated waterfront lands. A \$30,000 Capacity and Excellence Grant will enable the land trust to launch a community-based planning process for the restoration and preservation of the Houghton Park Conservation Area, a waterfront greenspace on the Buffalo River.

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2022 Professional Development Grants

Provide funding for land trusts looking to professionalize and strengthen programs and services by adding permanent staff.



Photo courtesy of Mianus River Gorge

Featured Project: Mianus River Gorge Preserve Steward

Established in 1953, Mianus River Gorge protects and manages over 1,100 acres of land in the Mianus River Watershed, providing habitat for wildlife and opportunities for visitors to connect with nature. An \$80,000 Professional Development Grant will allow Mianus River Gorge to add a full-time Preserve Manager, providing them with greater capacity to control and remove invasive species, conduct trail maintenance, monitor forest pests, and execute research and education programs at the preserve.

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2022 Conservation Catalyst Grants

Provide funding to support collaborative projects that catalyze new partnerships and community-supported conservation, stewardship and outreach initiatives.



Photo courtesy of Henry L. Ferguson Museum

Featured Project: Implementation of Seagrass Management Recommendations Around Fishers Island

The Henry L. Ferguson Museum protects Fishers Island's natural resources and serves as an institution of learning about the Island's history. In 2017, the Museum formed a coalition to protect the Island's seagrass meadows, a marine habitat that provides essential ecosystem services including the sequestration of carbon. A \$35,000 Conservation Catalyst Grant will enable the Coalition to focus on community education, outreach and monitoring to achieve voluntary compliance with recommendations from their seagrass management plan.

New York State Conservation Partnership Program 2022 Stewardship & Resource Management Grants

Provide funding for land trusts to make substantial capital investments in public access improvements and on the ground stewardship of conserved properties.



Photos courtesy of Bronx and Manhattan Land Trusts



Featured Projects: Creating Safe Spaces with Manhattan Land Trust and Improving Public Access and Infrastructure with Bronx Land Trust

For nearly 50 years, Green Guerillas has helped turn vacant lots in New York City into community gardens. These gardens provide New Yorkers with a place to gather, learn, grow food, and connect back to the land. With a total of \$45,802 in Stewardship and Resource Management Grants, Green Guerillas will be able to improve the accessibility and safety of community gardens at the Manhattan and Bronx Land Trusts, allowing the gardens to continue to grow and thrive.

New York State Conservation Partnership Program 2022 Transaction Grants

Provide funding for new conservation easement and fee-acquisition projects that result in the strategic, permanent protection of environmentally significant lands.



Photo courtesy of Finger Lakes Land Trust

Featured Project: Skaneateles Highlands Protection Project

The Finger Lakes Land Trust protects the waters, lands, and wildlife of the Finger Lakes region and manages over 45 nature preserves that are open to the public. A \$32,000 Transaction Grant will enable the land trust to conserve 103 acres that will link two preserves surrounding Skaneateles Lake and secure a conservation corridor that stretches over 2 miles. The acquisition of this land furthers efforts to create a greenbelt around Skaneateles Lake and protects the source of unfiltered drinking water for the city of Syracuse.