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TOWN OF WHITE CREEK

RIGHT TO FARM LAW

Section 1. Authority.

Under Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law the Town of White Creek adopts the Right to Farm Law.

Section 2. Definitions.

As used in this Law No. 1 of 1992:

(a) "Agricultural Land" shall mean all that real property within the boundaries of the Town of White Creek currently used for agricultural operations or upon which agricultural operations may in the future be established.

(b) "Agricultural Farm Operation" shall mean any person, organization, entity, association, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of agriculture, whether for profit or otherwise.

(c) "Agricultural Practices" shall mean any activity including the cultivation of land, the raising of crops, or the raising of livestock, poultry, horticulture, timber, apiculture and fur bearing animals. Further, agricultural practices shall mean any activity now permitted by law, engaged in by a farmer as defined herein, in connection with and in furtherance of the business of farming and shall include, without limitation, the collection, transportation, distribution, and storage of animal and poultry wastes; storage, transportation, and use of equipment for tillage, planting and harvesting; transportation, storage and use of legally permitted fertilizers and limes, insecticides, herbicides, and pesticides all in accordance with local, state, and federal law and regulation and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and warnings; construction of farm structures and facilities as permitted by local and state building code and regulation; construction and maintenance of fences.

Section 3. Findings and Policy.

(a) It is the declared policy of this town to enhance and encourage agricultural operations within the town. It is the further intent of this town to provide to the residents of this town proper notification of the town's recognition and support through this law of those persons' and/or entities' right to farm.

(b) Where non-agricultural land uses extend into agricultural areas or exist side by side, agricultural operations frequently become the subjects of nuisance complaints due to lack of information about such operations. As a result agricultural operators are forced to cease or curtail their operations. Such actions discourage investments in farm improvements to the detriment of adjacent agricultural uses and the economic viability of the town's agricultural industry as a whole. It is the purpose and intent of this section to reduce the loss to the town of its agricultural industry as a whole. It is the purpose and intent of this section to reduce the loss to the town of its agricultural resources by clarifying the circumstances under which agricultural operations may be considered a nuisance. This law is not to be construed as in any way modifying or abridging any New York State law or any other applicable provision of State law relative to nuisances, rather it is only to be utilized in the interpretation and enforcement of the provisions of this town law.

40A.03.0 FARMLAND PRESERVATION

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40A.03.010 Purpose and findings. (2)

(a) The purpose of this chapter and this article is to implement the agricultural land conservation policies contained in the Davis general plan with a program designed to permanently protect agricultural land located within the Davis planning area for agricultural uses.

(b) The city, since 1995 has required agricultural mitigation for development projects that would change the general plan designation or zoning from agricultural land to nonagricultural land and for discretionary land use approvals that would change an agricultural use to a nonagricultural use, and the city council finds that this chapter and this article are necessary for the following reasons: California is losing farmland at a rapid rate; Yolo and Solano County farmland is of exceptional productive quality; loss of agricultural land is consistently a significant impact under CEQA in development projects; the Davis general plan has policies to preserve farmland; the city is surrounded by farmland; the Yolo and Solano County general plans clearly include policies to preserve farmland; the continuation of agricultural operations preserves the landscape and environmental resources; loss of farmland to development is irreparable and agriculture is an important component of the city's economy; and losing agricultural land will have a cumulatively negative impact on the economy of the city and the counties of Yolo and Solano.

(c) It is the policy of the city to work cooperatively with Yolo and Solano counties to preserve agricultural land within the Davis planning area, as shown in the "Planning Area" map found in the Davis General Plan, beyond that deemed necessary for development. It is further the policy of the city to protect and conserve agricultural land, especially in areas presently farmed or having Class 1, 2, 3, or 4 soils.

(d) The City Council finds that some urban uses when contiguous to farmland can affect how an agricultural use can be operated, which can lead to the conversion of agricultural land to urban use.

(e) The City Council further finds that by requiring adjacent mitigation for land being converted from an agricultural use and by requiring a one hundred fifty foot buffer, the city shall be helping to ensure prime farmland remains in agricultural use.

(Ord. No. 1823, § 1 (part); Ord. No. 2300, § 1, Amended 11/27/2007)

40A.03.020 Definitions. (3)

(a) **Adjacent mitigation.** Agricultural mitigation land that is required to be located at the non-urbanized perimeter of a project.

(b) **Advisory committee.** The city of Davis open space and habitat commission shall serve as the advisory committee.

(c) **Agricultural land or farmland.** Those land areas of the county and/or city specifically designated and zoned as Agricultural Preserve (A-P), Agricultural Exclusive (A-E), or Agricultural General (A-I), as those zones are defined in the Yolo County zoning ordinance; those land areas designated and zoned

§322. TRANSFERABLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.

1. **Purpose.** In accordance with §§603(b)(5), 603(c)(2.2), 605(4) and 619.1 of the Act, this Section establishes procedures by which transferable development rights are granted, conveyed, applied and recorded to preserve the Township's valuable farmland and agricultural landscape and economy.
2. **Granting of Transferable Development Rights Within the Sending Tract.**
 - A. Except as noted below, every lot within the (A) Agricultural Zone which on the effective date of this Chapter (August 30, 1993) contains a farm (as defined herein), is granted one transferable development right for each 2 gross acres contained therein. Should a lot containing a farm (as defined herein) which was not classified as part of the Agricultural Zone (A) on the effective date of this Chapter, be subsequently rezoned to the Agricultural Zone (A), that farm will be granted one transferable development right for each 2 gross acres contained therein on the effective date of the rezoning.
 - B. TDRs are not granted to:
 - (1) Portions of lots owned by or subject to easements (including, but not limited to, easements of roads, railroads, electrical transmission lines and water, gas or petroleum pipelines) in favor of governmental agencies, utilities and nonprofit corporations.
 - (2) Land restricted from development by covenant, easement or deed restriction) with the exception of preferential tax assessments), unless and until such time as said covenant, easement or restriction is dissolved or rescinded. In the event said covenant, easement or restriction is dissolved or rescinded, such land shall be eligible for issuance of transferable development rights.
3. **Obligation of Landowner to Convey Transferable Development Rights.** The conveyance of TDRs is accomplished solely on a voluntary basis. Landowners are in no way compelled to convey their TDRs. If conveyances occur, they shall be accomplished according to §322(5) of this Part. Unconveyed TDRs may be transferred with land sold, donated or devised.
4. **Value of Transferable Development Rights.** The monetary value of TDRs is completely determined between the seller and buyer.
5. **Process of Conveyance of a Transferable Development Right from the Sending Tract.** Transferable development rights granted §322(2) of this Part may be sold and/or donated to any party, subject to the following:



JUANITA FRIDAY MARKET RULES & REGULATIONS

City of Kirkland
Parks & Community Services
505 Market Street, Ste. A
Kirkland, WA 98033
www.kirklandwa.gov

The Juanita Friday Market (JFM) is operated by the City of Kirkland, Parks and Community Services Department. The Market will provide an opportunity where community members can come together and support their local farmers by purchasing quality, locally grown goods. In addition, the Market will be an outlet for area non-profit organizations to provide information to the public. One stall will be set aside each week for non-profit groups to use.

For questions/ information please contact: Tina Lathia
Market Manager
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Website: www.kirklandwa.gov/JuanitaFridayMarket

The following rules and regulations are in effect at the JFM. Please read carefully.

MARKET HOURS

The Market will operate every Friday from May 13 to October 7, 2011. Hours of operation will be 3 pm to 7pm.
Location: Juanita Beach Park
9703 NE Juanita Drive
Kirkland WA 98034

SELECTION OF VENDORS

JFM is a Washington State Farmers Market Association (WSFMA) member market; as such vendors are required to abide by all regulations set forth by the WSFMA. All Vendors must grow, craft, or process what they sell within the state of Washington. All items will be judged on quality, value, and contribution to the Market. All items offered for sale shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Market Manager. Please call or email for New Vendor Product Screening.

STALL ASSIGNMENTS

Stalls will be assigned to Vendors upon arrival.

BOOTH SET-UP

Vendors will be allowed in the Market area to begin setting up starting at 1:00 pm.

TEAR DOWN

Vendors cannot begin breaking down until close of market at 7 pm.

STALLS

Stalls will be approximately 10' x 10'. If the Vendor exceeds past the 10' x 10' area, they will be charged accordingly.

All Vendors must provide a container for waste matter and haul it away at the end of Market day. Vendors selling beverages in cans or plastic bottles must provide a recycling container. No dumping of waste is allowed on the property.

ALL TENTS AND AWNINGS MUST BE SECURED WITH PROPER WEIGHTS (25LBS. EACH POST) TO PREVENT BLOWING AWAY AND CAUSING DAMAGE.

FEES & PAYMENTS

Daily rental fees of \$30 per stall are payable to the Market Manager and shall be paid before the end of each Market day.

CLEAN UP

Each Vendor is responsible for leaving their area clean. NO EXCEPTIONS.

SIGNS

All Vendors must have a sign clearly marking the name of the business and price of products.



Protecting Farmland in Our Community

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To date, ASA has assisted landowners with the conservation of 15,599 acres on 100 properties!

Since its inception in 1990, the Agricultural Stewardship Association has helped landowners protect a variety of lands throughout Washington and Rensselaer counties. Regardless of their size, location, or type of easement, the unifying characteristic of these properties is that they are working lands, actively used for agriculture or forestry. Check out our maps of conserved land in [Washington](#) and [Rensselaer](#) counties.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 9, Landscapes for Landsake Preview Party -----

Oct 10, Landscapes for Landsake Art Sale & Exhibition -----

Oct 12, Greece Vacation Raffle -----

Oct 15, An Evening of Good Taste at Sperry's -----

Oct 17, Game of Logging-Level 1 -----

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Kitty Highstein donates

125 ACRES IN THE TOWN OF SALEM

Over 30 years ago, while reading the morning paper, Jene and Kitty Highstein saw an interesting property for sale, a house and 125-acres of mostly forested land located on Bogtown Road in Salem, NY. While a second home was not in their plans, a place just a few hours from New York City seemed like a perfect weekend get-away. It would also provide some much needed serenity.

What they found on their first visit to the farm was undisturbed beauty. Recalling her first impressions of the property, Kitty said, "We fell in love with it from the moment we saw it. The bog is so beautiful and the animal habitat it creates was very important to us. We knew right then we wanted to preserve this special place."

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McArthur-Sauert Farm

155 ACRES CONSERVED IN THE TOWN OF GREENWICH



ASA closed the deal to conserve its 100th farm property, the McArthur-Sauert Farm on County Route 77 in Greenwich, NY. This historic farm, a

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Deed of Conservation Easement

THIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT ("Easement") is granted this 17th day of December, 2014, ("Grantor") an individual residing at _____ Road, _____ NY to Town of _____ (the Town) ("Grantee"), a New York municipal corporation having an office at _____ Street, _____ New York, and to _____ / (the Conservancy) ("Grantee"), a New York not-for-profit corporation having a mailing address of _____ NY,

WHEREAS:

- A. Grantor is the owner of certain real property (the "Property") consisting of 66.94 acres, in one tax map parcel located on _____ Road in the Town of _____ Erie County, New York, more fully described in the legal description of the property ("EXHIBIT A") and shown on the Easement Map ("EXHIBIT B"), both attached hereto and as depicted on a survey of the Property, dated March 16, 2011, by _____, and revised on March 18, 2014.
- B. Grantee is a New York not-for-profit corporation within the meaning of Article 49, Title 3 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York (together with any successor statute, the "ECL"), is organized for, among other purposes, conserving real property, is a tax exempt and qualified organization within the meaning of Sections 501(c)(3), 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code"), and is a "qualified organization" to accept, purchase, and hold Conservation Easements under Section 170(h) of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.170A-14(c).
- C. Grantee is a municipal corporation and has the authority pursuant to Section 247 of the General Municipal Law and Article 49, Title 3 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law (the "ECL") to acquire conservation easements.
- D. The Property consists primarily of productive agricultural land. The Property contains approximately .8 acre of prime soils, approximately 51.3 acres of prime-if drained soils, and approximately 14.6 acres of soils of statewide importance as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- E. Article 14, Section 4 of the New York State Constitution states that "the policy of this state shall be to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty and encourage the development and improvement of its agricultural lands for the production of food and other agricultural products"
- F. In Section 49-0301 of the ECL, the Legislature of the State of New York found and declared that "in order to implement the state policy of conserving, preserving and protecting its

1. Grant of Conservation Easement.

Grantor hereby grants and conveys to Grantee, a Conservation Easement (the "Easement"), an immediately vested interest in real property defined by Article 49, Title 3 of the ECL of the nature and character described herein, for the benefit of the general public, which Easement shall run with and bind the Property in perpetuity. Grantor will neither perform, nor knowingly allow others to perform, any act on or affecting the Property that is inconsistent with the covenants contained herein. Grantor authorizes Grantee to enforce these covenants in the manner described below.

2. Purpose.

The Purpose of this easement is to conserve viable agricultural land and soil resources by preventing uses of the Property that will significantly impair or interfere with the Property's agricultural and forestry viability and productive capacity.

3 Implementation.

This Easement shall be implemented by limiting and restricting the development and use of the Property in accordance with its provisions. The Property remains subject to all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. This Easement and the administration of its provisions shall not unreasonably restrict or regulate farm operations in contravention of the purposes of Article 25-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

4. Definitions.

4.(a). "Grantor" or "owner" include the original Grantor, its heirs, successors and assigns, all future owners of any legal or equitable interest in all or any portion of the Property, and any party entitled to the possession or use of all or any part thereof.

4.(b). "Grantees" includes the original Grantees and their successors and assigns. The term "Lead Grantee" is the Grantee designated by mutual agreement between the Grantees to give and receive all notices and other communications to and from the Grantor as specifically indicated in this Easement and to pursue any legal action to enforce this Easement. The Town of Amherst shall be Lead Grantee unless the Grantors receive written notice of a change in such designation executed by both Grantees.

4.(c). "Residential Dwelling" means dwellings or structures, together with accessory improvements that comprise single-family, multi-family, apartments, "in-law" apartments, guest houses and farm labor housing, whether or not the structure(s) are used as the primary residence of a farm owner.

4.(d). "Farm Labor Housing" means dwellings or structures, together with accessory improvements used to house seasonal and/or full-time employees where such residences are provided by the farm landowner and/or operator, the worker is an essential employee of the farm landowner and/or operator employed in the operation of the farm and the farm worker is not a partner or owner of the Farm Operation. A structure used as the primary residence of a farm owner is not "farm labor housing".

Northeast Land Trust Conference

2006

Farms, Fields & Forests: Building Community Conservation

Skidmore College
Saratoga Springs, New York
June 9-11, 2006



LAND TRUST ALLIANCE

Meeting Confirmation

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| Conference Registration | 1 | \$100.00 |
| FT 4. Developing Conservation Easements for Working Farms | 1 | \$10.00 |
| | Total | \$110.00 |
| | Payment | \$110.00 |
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For Registration Information Call the Registration Coordinator at 202-638-4725 x.304 / email: registration@lta.org

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Schedule of Conference Events

FRIDAY, June 9

Half-day seminars require pre-registration and an additional fee.
Seminar fees include a continental breakfast and lunch.

8:00 am – 12:30 pm \$50 LTA Members \$65 Non-members

SEM 1 Avoiding Conflicts of Interest and Running an Ethical Land Trust

Leader: Gil Livingston, Vermont Land Trust

This training represents the first module in LTA's new curriculum on the *Land Trust Standards and Practices*. In this session, participants will examine the legal, political and social context of land conservation work and fully explore the ethical obligations of land trusts. We will specifically cover the following land trust accreditation Indicator Practices: Dealing with Conflicts of Interest; Transactions with Insiders; and Ethics. (All Levels)

8:30 am – 12:30 pm \$50 LTA Members \$65 Non-members

SEM 2 How to Plan and Manage a Successful Capital Campaign

Leader: George Nehme, Innovative Resources Group (NY)

To generate significant capital support, intensive efforts must be set in motion to transform and nurture relationships to build a land trust's overall development capacity. This interactive session provides practical steps as a "field guide" for land trusts to move from rhetoric to action—and sets a strategy and implementation plan for an upcoming capital campaign or to perform triage on campaigns in progress. (Intermediate/Advanced)

SEM 3A Managing a Successful Land Conservation Program: Part I (Implementation of *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 8 & 9)

Leader: Sylvia Bates, SKBates Conservation Consulting, LLC (NH)

This session represents the first in a comprehensive, two-part seminar on the *Land Trust Standards and Practices* that pertain to transactions and management of conservation easements and fee lands. The morning session will specifically cover Standard 8 (Evaluating and Selecting Conservation Projects) and Standard 9 (Ensuring Sound Transactions). Participants will learn how to evaluate and prioritize conservation projects, how to draft and complete sound conservation easements, and recommended procedures for buying and selling fee land and/or easements. (All Levels)



1:30 pm – 5:30 pm \$50 LTA Members \$65 Non-members

**SEM 3B Managing a Successful Land Conservation Program:
Part II (Implementation of *Land Trust Standards and Practices*
10,11 & 12)**

Leader: Sylvia Bates, SKBates Conservation Consulting, LLC
(NH)

This is the second session in a two-part seminar that covers *Land Trust Standards and Practices* relating to transactions and management of conservation easements and fee lands. This session examines Standard 10 (Tax Benefits), Standard 11 (Conservation Easement Stewardship), and Standard 12 (Fee Land Stewardship). Participants will learn about federal tax code requirements and how to plan for the perpetual stewardship of conservation easements and fee lands. Like Part I, Part II is designed for land trust staff, board members and volunteers interested in fully implementing the *Land Trust Standards and Practices*. Attendees are welcome to take one or both sessions. (All Levels)

SEM 4 Conservation Easement Appraisals

Leader: James MacCrate, Real Estate Appraiser, MacCrate Associates LLC (NY)

This training, from an experienced appraiser and representative of the Appraisal Institute, provides an in-depth review of the conservation easement valuation process. Issues relating to conservation easement valuation and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements will be covered in detail. Other topics covered in this training will include guidelines for choosing competent appraisers, best practices for evaluating conservation easement appraisals, and understanding what factors are used to substantiate conservation value. Time is allotted for questions and discussion of the challenges that land trusts typically encounter in the appraisal process. (All Levels)

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Conservation Leadership Awards Reception
& Welcome Dinner – Saratoga Springs State Park**

Towering white pines and the historic Gideon Putnam Hotel will be the setting for a special reception honoring several land conservation heroes. We hope you will join in celebrating recipients of LTA Conservation Leadership Awards, which will be presented to key state leaders who have helped land trusts and communities leave a legacy of land conservation in New York State. Appetizers and cash bar.

Following the reception, join fellow conservationists and colleagues at our annual welcome dinner. The three-course Welcome Dinner is \$35 and begins at 7pm. Cash bar. (Space limited.)



FIELD TRIPS FRIDAY, June 9

6:30 am – 7:30 am

Field Trip 1 — An Early Bird Walk in North Woods (No Fee)

Partner: New York Audubon

Join Jillian Limer, Coordinator of Audubon New York's Important Bird Areas Program, for a walk in Skidmore's North Woods during peak song bird season. The North Woods is a 500-acre mixed hardwood forest that supports a diversity of wetland and stream habitats. At least 105 bird species, 50 of which are known to breed in the forest, have been documented here. Seasoned "early birders" and neophytes alike invited. (Depart from Palamountain Hall Lobby at Skidmore College)

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Field Trip 2—Saratoga National Historical Park Viewshed (\$25)

Partners: Saratoga National Historical Park, Open Space Institute, Agricultural Stewardship Association, and Saratoga PLAN

Tour the Saratoga National Historic Park and see why efforts to protect the surrounding landscape is integral to preserving the visitor experience and this important piece of American history. Learn about how a viewshed analysis was conducted by the National Park Service and share strategies with local land trusts that are partnering with farmers and other private landowners to conserve the landscape of one of America's pivotal Revolutionary War battles. (Carpool from Skidmore College. Includes lunch)

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Field Trip 3 — Wildflower Walk & Karner Blue Butterfly Protection (\$10 suggested donation)

Partners: Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park

The Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park represents a successful public-private partnership with The Nature Conservancy, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Saratoga County, and the Town of Wilton. WWPP Director Sarah Clarkin will lead a tour of the Preserve's protected properties and showcase the work in progress to restore habitat for the federally-listed Karner blue butterfly. Lucky participants will witness the season's first flight of these graceful and threatened butterflies!

(Carpool from Skidmore College. Lunch not included)

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Field Trip 4 — Developing Conservation Easements for Working Farms (\$10)

Partners: Agricultural Stewardship Association

Join us for this excursion and special training session on how to work with farmers and develop agricultural conservation easements for working farms. Dave Horn, past president of ASA, and other "ag easement" specialists will tour one of Saratoga County's last remaining dairy farms to highlight key issues and meet a farmer who has conserved his land in perpetuity. This outing is a unique opportunity to see the inner workings of a protected working farm, discuss tools for conserving farmland, and learn about New York's purchase of development rights (PDR) program.

(Carpool from Skidmore College. Lunch not included.)



SATURDAY, June 10

8:30 am

Welcome – Lynn Schumann, Northeast Director, LTA

8:45 am – 9:45 am

Keynote Address – "Wandering Home"

Author Bill McKibben challenges us all to explore new ways of integrating land conservation efforts into our communities and the dynamic place-based economies that support them. Bill is available for book signing immediately after the keynote address.

Concurrent Sessions A

10:00 am – 11:30 am



- **A01 Keeping Farmland Affordable: The Vermont Experience**

Leaders: Nancy Everhart, Vermont Housing & Conservation Board; Alex Wylie, Vermont Land Trust; Jesse Robertson-DuBois, American Farmland Trust (MA)

FARMS & FIELDS

Over the past several years, many land trusts and communities have wrestled with the issue of how to keep conserved farmland affordable and accessible to farmers. This workshop will examine Vermont's Farmland Conservation Program, describe the process that Vermont and other New England states have chosen to follow, and discuss important lessons that have been learned along the way. (All Levels)

- **A02 The Vermont Town Forest Project: A Model for Community-Led Conservation**

Leaders: Jad Daley, Northern Forest Alliance (VT); Paul Catazaro, UMASS-Amherst; Patricia Ayres Crawford (VT)

FORESTS & WILDLANDS

The Vermont Town Forest Project is a new collaboration among 20 public and private partners to assist towns in better utilizing their town forests and to establish new town forests where there is community interest. The project has spawned diverse pilot projects across Vermont. Presenters will describe the project and explore its potential as a model for other states and localities to emulate. (All Levels)

- **A03 Effective Landowner Communication Skills**

Leader: Ona Ferguson, Mediator, Consensus Building Institute Inc. (MA)

STRATEGIC CONSERVATION

Strong communication skills are crucial to building relationships and positive interactions between land trusts and landowners, especially after a conservation easement is conveyed. This session will provide participants the opportunity



to learn and evaluate different communication strategies for improving the important interactions between landowners, land trust staff and board members. Participants will also have an opportunity to share their own communication strategies and challenges. (All Levels)

- **A04 Conservation Easements 101**

Leader: Sylvia Bates, SKBates Conservation Consulting, LLC (NH)

EASEMENTS & STEWARDSHIP

Conservation easements are the conservation tool of choice for most land trusts and many public land agencies. This introductory workshop, designed for board members, land trust staff, and others new to conservation easements, will cover the basics of easements and provide an overview of the steps involved in the easement acquisition process. (Basic)

- **A05 Getting Beyond the Illusion of Inclusion**

Leader: Colleen Murphy Dunning, Yale University Urban Resources Initiative (CT)

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

Meaningful inclusion of diverse communities is one of the greatest challenges facing community-based land trusts today. This workshop will explore the findings of a unique outreach program that has broad implications for community engagement and education for all land trusts. Participants will learn



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about the MERGE Project and how it seeks better ways to connect with and engage residents of lower income and minority neighborhoods in urban areas. This session offers powerful insights into how you can gain better understanding of the many concerns and potential barriers to community engagement, including techniques for conducting community forums and outreach. (All Levels)

- **A06 Cover your Assets—Strategies for Planned Giving**

Leaders: Jan Hesbon, New York Audubon;
Christine Kane, Dutchess Land Conservancy (NY);
Linda Gette, Orange County Land Trust (NY)

FUNDRAISING & SUSTAINABILITY

Significant and often untapped opportunities exist for land trust fundraisers to secure major planned gifts. Planned gifts, bequest intentions and other gifts from estates will be presented from the perspective of specific assets. The key is to match assets (land, cash, stocks, retirement plans and life insurance) to a specific gift plan. Implications of the current tax law will also be addressed. This session will be led by fundraising specialists from three different-sized organizations that have each benefited from developing a planned giving program. (Intermediate)



- **A07 How to Make Your Politicians Listen and Support Your Land Conservation Efforts**

Leaders: Artie Malkin and Christine Tramontano, Malkin & Ross (NY); Henrietta Jordan, LTA Northeast Program (NY)

LEGAL/POLICY

Accelerate the pace of land conservation in your state or community by identifying allies and persuading state legislators to create conservation incentives, and protect (or establish!) funding streams for land protection. In this session, presenters skilled in the 'art of lobbying' state governments will cover ethical and effective strategies for developing the sophistication and lobbying tools most appropriate for your land trust. (Intermediate)

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Lunch,
Exhibits & Networking



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Concurrent Sessions B

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

- **B01 Strengthening Connections Between Agriculture and Community**

Leaders: Chris Gordon, South Hero Land Trust (VT);
Minner Hobbs, South Hero Land Trust (VT)

FARMS & FIELDS

This session explores the process involved in developing a community-scale initiative designed to raise the visibility and viability of agriculture in Vermont's Champlain Islands. Learn about South Hero Land Trust's expanded land conservation efforts to include working with local farmers and residents to strengthen the local food system, while educating the public about the community benefits of local agriculture. (All Levels)

- **B02 Using Easements to Conserve Biodiversity: Tools for Addressing Standard #8 of *Land Trust Standards and Practices***

Leaders: Jeff Lerner, Defenders of Wildlife (DC);
Jillian Liner, Audubon New York

FORESTS & WILDLANDS

Conservation easements alone do not result in optimal habitat for native or threatened species. Easements with significant habitat conservation values provide for public benefits and conservation values as recommended in *LTS&P* Standard 8 (Evaluating and Selecting Conservation Projects). This workshop will highlight how land trusts can access information about habitat priorities and landscape context, develop habitat-based selection criteria, and incorporate management guidelines into easements. In addition, you will learn about resources available to landowners interested in improving priority habitat sites identified by Audubon New York's Important Bird Area (IBA) program. (All Levels)

- **B03 Implementing Strategic Land Protection—The Cornell Partnership**

Leaders: Ole M. Amundsen, III, Land Conservation & Planning (NY); Earle Peterson, President, Otsego Land Trust (NY); Steve Tuttle, Southern Madison Heritage Trust (NY); Linda Garrett, Tug Hill Tomorrow (NY)

STRATEGIC CONSERVATION

This workshop features a panel of land trust leaders who will provide case studies in how to craft a comprehensive and strategic land protection plan that is useful to their scale of organization and appropriate for their region. Participants will examine what types of techniques are used in crafting plans as well as the "on the ground" uses and impacts of the plans. (All Levels)

- **B04 Strengthening Your Conservation Easement Baseline Program: How to Streamline, Ensure Effectiveness and Maintain Relevant Baseline Documentation for Easements**

Leader: Renee Bouplon, Columbia Land Conservancy (NY) and TBD

EASEMENTS & STEWARDSHIP

Proper baseline documentation is a cornerstone to any easement project—and to ensuring the permanence of your conservation efforts. This workshop covers how to create baseline documentation standards and how you can use this technique for annual monitoring/site visits. The presenter, who manages a stewardship program overseeing 15,400 acres of land under conservation easement, will explain how you can implement a system to establish or update baseline documentation standards for all your conservation easement projects. (Basic/Intermediate)

- **B05 Affordable Housing & Conservation: Aligning Habitats**

Leaders: Karen Freeman, Vermont Housing & Conservation Board; Donald Campbell, Vermont Land Trust; Bob Lloyd, Rutland Regional Planning Commission (VT); Gioia Kuss, Middlebury Area Land Trust (VT)

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION



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Conservation through a dual-goal lens has given Vermont land trusts, municipalities, and private-sector partners an opportunity to identify common ground and take a broader view of the relationship between affordable housing needs and critical land use decisions. This session will highlight the challenges of - and demand for - conservation-based affordable housing projects and share lessons learned. (All Levels)



- **B06 Developing Your Major Donor Program: Part 1**

Leader: Ezra Milchman, LTA (NY)

FUNDRAISING & SUSTAINABILITY

The first workshop in this two-part training led by LTA's National Director will present the case for investing in a major donor program. This session will review the five essential components of a major donor program and provide a lively forum for discussing the challenges of successfully implementing a major donor program.

(Basic/Intermediate)

- **B07 New York Policy Update**

Leader: Henrietta Jordan, LTA, Northeast Program (NY)

LEGAL/POLICY

New York's land conservation advocates have been hard at work in the Capitol this year. Highlights include increased funding for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and the proposed conservation easement tax credit. In this workshop, you'll learn how your land trust can benefit from EPF funding and the latest news on the tax credit including how it can encourage landowners to donate conservation easements.

Also discussed will be the conservation agendas of announced gubernatorial candidates and what we might expect when the legislature reconvenes next January.

(All Levels)



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Concurrent Sessions C

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

- **C01 *Land Trust Standards and Practices and Accreditation***

Leader: Tammara Van Ryn, Land Trust Accreditation Commission (NY)

Learn about the development of the Land Trust Accreditation Commission and how the accreditation program will be implemented over the next three years. This workshop will review the creation of and rationale for a national accreditation program and examine how *Land Trust Standards and Practices* will be integrated into the program. The session will also provide a preview of the new Standards and Practices Curriculum, designed to help land trusts implement *Land Trust Standards and Practices* and prepare for accreditation.

(All Levels)



- **C02 New York City's Watershed Protection Program—A 10 Year Retrospective**

Leaders: David Tobias and Abbie Duchon, NYC Department of Environmental Protection

FORESTS & WILDLANDS



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This workshop will describe the growth and evolution of New York City's Watershed Land Acquisition Program (LAP) since its inception 10 years ago. Presenters will discuss tools for project selection, landowner outreach, information-tracking, and long-term watershed land management. This session will also examine some of the program challenges of interest to government agencies and land trusts in the NYC watershed. (All Levels)

- **C03 Greener Roadscapes through Conservation**

Leader: Kate Lampton, Champlain Valley Greenbelt Alliance (VT)

STRATEGIC CONSERVATION

We most frequently experience our landscape while traveling along roadways. But, too often, road corridors are treated only as commercial strips, eroding the character of our small towns and rural areas. This session will describe how to create greenbelts of open space along roads through a tool kit of conservation and land use planning techniques. (All Levels)

- **C04 The Use of Stewardship Fees**

Leader: Martin Gromulat, Pennsylvania Land Trust Association

EASEMENTS & STEWARDSHIP

This session will focus on the use of transfer fees and stewardship funds to help land trusts manage the costs of conservation easement stewardship. Why these fees should become a standard part of conservation easements, and the possible legal ramifications of doing so, will be addressed. (Intermediate)

- **C05 Westchester Wilderness Walk**

Leaders: Paul Zofnass, Westchester Land Trust (NY); Mark Laska, Great Eastern Ecology (NY)

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

The Westchester Wilderness Walk, a roughly 250-acre preserve 40 miles north of New York City, represents an outstanding model of community-based conservation and outreach. The WWW was created over a 20-year period through a combination of conservation easements negotiated with six property owners, using no public funding. Tying these properties together, the Zofnass family also created a



10-mile long, publicly accessible hiking trail, described as "one of the most beautiful hiking trails within sixty miles of New York City". Participants will learn how this project came together and how your land trust can benefit from similar opportunities to build trust and community engagement through public access projects. (All Levels)

- **C06 Developing Your Major Donor Program: Part 2**

Leader: Ezra Milchman, LTA (NY)

FUNDRAISING & SUSTAINABILITY

The second part of this two-part training led by LTA's National Director will present successful strategies and "in the trenches" tips for donor cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship with a focus on major donors. This will be followed by a lively role play, critique of solicitation approaches, and Q&A. (Basic/Intermediate)

- **C07 Strategic Checks and Balances for Important Governmental Conservation Lands**

Leader: Ted Clement, Aquidneck Land Trust (RI)

LEGAL/POLICY

Why place a conservation easement on governmental conservation land such as a municipal park? Isn't that land already protected? This session will examine examples of lost governmental conservation lands; educating the public about the different levels of conserved land; selling points for governmental holding agencies to further secure their conservation lands; and special conservation easement provisions related to condemnation. (All Levels)

4:30 pm Emerging Trends in Land Conservation

Rand Wentworth, President, Land Trust Alliance (DC)

Join LTA President Rand Wentworth, who will offer thoughts and insights on important policy developments in Washington and the inspiring evolution of the land trust movement in America. A reception will follow immediately after Rand's closing remarks.

6:30 pm Taste of the Hudson Valley at Beekman Street Bistro, Saratoga Springs



We hope you will join colleagues at our first-ever "Taste of the Hudson Valley" Dinner, a gourmet gathering just for conference attendees! In honor of the Hudson Valley's farming community and land trust efforts to protect farmland in the region, all items will highlight ingredients from local, independent farms. Come enjoy the best cuisine that the Hudson Valley has to offer and support local farmers! The three-course dinner includes a choice of starters, entrées, and desserts. \$28 (tax and beverages extra). Pay at the door. Space limited. www.thebeekmanstreetbistro.com



SUNDAY, June 11

8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Northeast Roundtables No Charge

- **Roundtable 1—New York State Conservation Partnership Program: Grants Program Update and Discussion of Land Trust Projects for 2006-07**

Leaders: Ethan Winter, LTA Northeast Program (NY); Jeff Mapes, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Learn how the State of New York and the Land Trust Alliance have partnered to create a competitive matching grants program, the NYS Conservation Partnership Program (NYSCPP). LTA and DEC staff will discuss its program evaluation, completed in spring 2006, and facilitate a discussion on the future of the program. We will also use the roundtable as an opportunity to offer feedback and coaching to potential applicants, as requested.

- **Roundtable 2—Farm Bill Conservation Funding Programs and Regional Priorities for Farm Bill Reauthorization in 2007**

Leaders: Jesse Robertson-DuBois, American Farmland Trust (MA); Jad Daley, Northern Forest Alliance (VT)
A variety of conservation funding and assistance programs are available to private landowners interested in protecting farmland, working forests, and wetlands through the Farm Bill. Reauthorization of the 2007 Farm Bill could lead to important new conservation funding opportunities and reforms—but only if Congress hears a coordinated message from its constituents. This roundtable will provide an overview of the conservation-oriented funding programs administered through the US Department of Agriculture and supported in the current Farm Bill, such as the Forest Legacy Program, Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program, Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, and Wetlands Reserve Program. In addition, policy experts from the American Farmland Trust and Northern Forest Alliance will facilitate a timely discussion of the prospects, challenges, and opportunities for collaboration in the Farm Bill reauthorization process.

- **Roundtable 3—Land Trust Board Leadership & Development**

Leader: Henrietta Jordan, LTA Northeast Program (NY)
An essential ingredient for land trust effectiveness is the leadership of an efficient and capable board of directors. In an interactive session with an expert on organizational development, we will discuss: the evolution of land trust boards; board member roles and responsibilities; supervision and evaluation of the executive director; negotiating the transition from a working board to a governance board; dealing with difficult board members; and other challenges land trust boards typically encounter. Bring your questions and prepare to share your experiences and advice with peers from other land trusts.





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Since 1998, the County Ag Development Specialist has worked on various projects including farmland protection, ag microenterprise program, Wayne County Farm Markets apple tasting tour, Finger Lakes Culinary Bounty.

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DAY 1 **Tuesday 19 May 2015**

9:00-9:30

WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE AND THE EXHIBITOR SHOW

- **Patrice Kunesh**, Deputy Under Secretary, Rural Development USDA, USA
- **A. C. Wharton Jr.**, Mayor of Memphis, USA
- **Chris Massingill**, Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority, USA
- **Joaquim Oliveira Martins**, Head, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Pillar 3 - The environmental dimension

8:30-10:00

Climate change: building resilience in rural areas

Connecting the bio-economy to rural policy

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Rural communities are vulnerable to climate change. This session discussed how the bio-economy can become one of the drivers of rural economies in the coming years. It will look at how on natural resource activities. These in turn are affected by climate change. These impacts will progressively increase over this century and will rural economies could promote jobs and income shift the locations where rural activities can by promoting industries within the bio-economy thrive, including agriculture, forestry and recreation. Building resilience will require policy among others). It also looked at the risks responses and strong co-ordination amongst associated with public support to industrial rural stakeholders and levels of government. specialisation.

Moderator: Joaquim Oliveira Martins, OECD

Moderator: David Freshwater, U. Kentucky, USA

Speakers:

- **Mikitaro Shobayashi**, Gakushuin Women's College, Japan
- **William Hohenstein**, USDA, USA
- **Jorge Galo Medina Torres**, SAGARPA, Mexico

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- **John Bryden**, University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom
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