

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 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)



Photo: Bill Brown

- **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

Concurrent Sessions B

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm



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- **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



Photo: Scott Bauer

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)



Photo: Keith Weiler

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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The Wayne County Ag Development Specialist position was created in 1998 as a result of the Wayne County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. The position responsibilities are guided by the Plan.

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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Rural Development Conference (/rural/rural-development-conference/)
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Exhibitors | Mobilising assets | Evidence-based policies | Quality of life
Economic dimension | Environmental dimension | Social dimension | Idea factory

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. Many rural communities depend highly on natural resource activities. These in turn are affected by climate change. These impacts will progressively increase over this century and will shift the locations where rural activities can thrive, including agriculture, forestry and recreation. Building resilience will require responses and strong co-ordination amongst rural stakeholders and levels of government.

This session discussed how the bio-economy can become one of the drivers of rural economies in the coming years. It will look at the adoption of a smart diversification strategy in rural economies could promote jobs and income by promoting industries within the bio-economy (agro-industry and forestry, global value-chain (agro-industry and forestry, recreation). It also looked at the risks associated with public support to industrial 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

Speakers:

- **John Bryden**, University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom
- **Risto Poutiainen**, Regional Council of North Karelia, Finland
- **Peter Nelson**, AIDG, USA

Final Participants list
(300 attendees)

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August 11 & 12, 9am - 5pm • August 13, 9am - 4pm

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Menu

History

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The Empire State Potato Growers held their first agricultural show in 1931. Over the years, the event became Empire Farm Days. Rodman Lott & Son Farms in Seneca Falls has hosted the event since 1988.

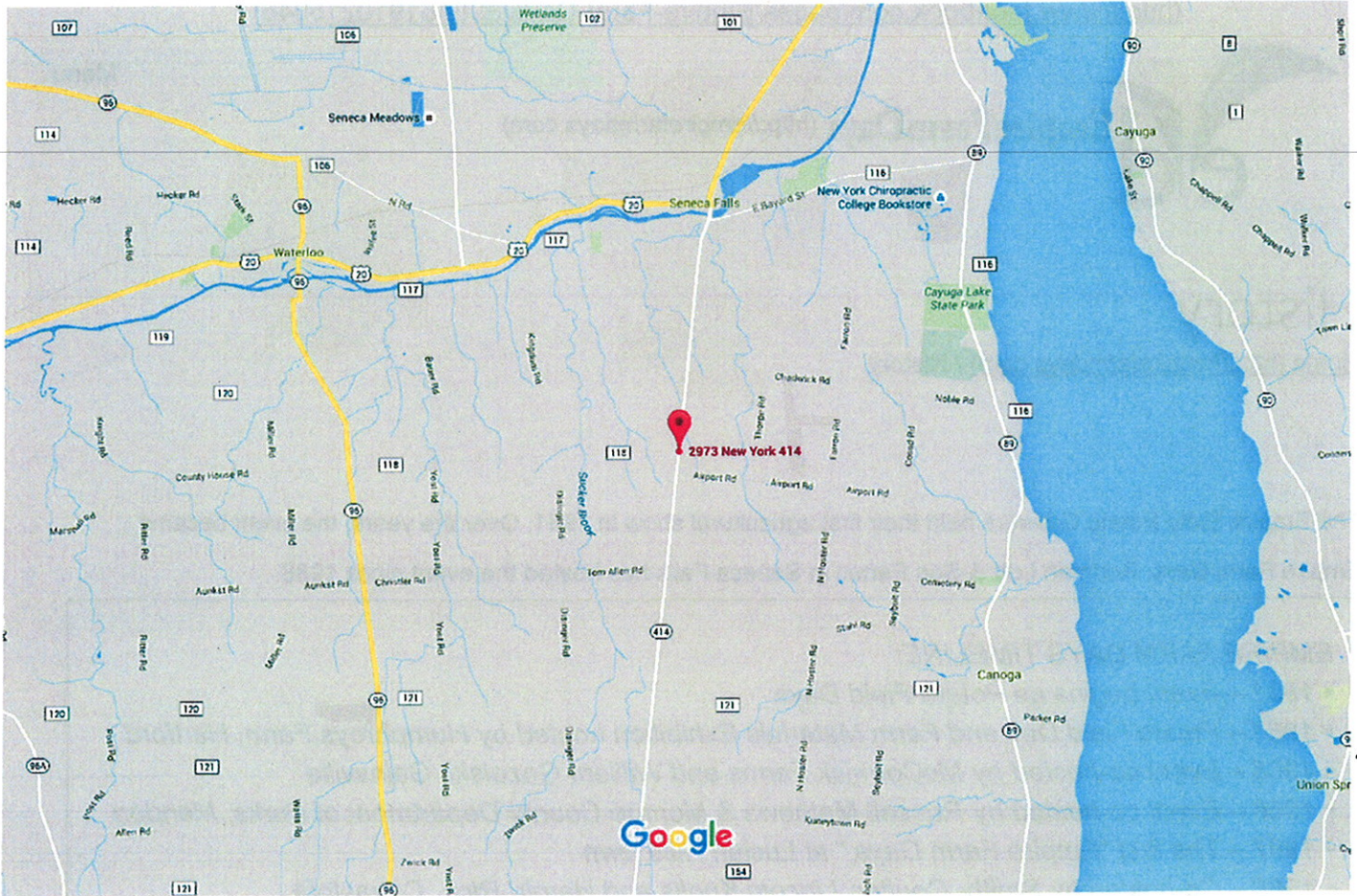
EMPIRE FARM DAYS TIMELINE:

- 1931 – *Event begins as Potato Field Days*
- 1964 – *Potato Field Day and Farm Materials Exhibition hosted by Humphreys Farm, Hartford*
- 1965 – *Event co-hosted by McCormick Farms and William Gozelski, Gainsville*
- 1966 – *Event co-hosted by Russell Mathews & Monroe County Department of Parks, Mendon*
- 1967 – *The first "Empire Farm Days," at Lucian Hills farm*
- 1968 – *Co-hosted by Smith, Coulter, Lincoln Knolls and Harold Rice, Canastota*
- 1969 – *Selden Farm, Greigsville*
- 1970 – *King Brothers, Lafayette*
- 1971 – *John P. Halpin & Sons, Avon*
- 1972-73 – *NYS College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, Dryden*
- 1974-75 – *Neenan Brothers, Holcomb*
- 1976-77 – *John P. Halpin & Sons, Seneca Castle*
- 1978-80 – *N. Palladino & Son, Pompey*
- 1981-82 – *NYS College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, Dryden* • 1983-85 – *Brock Acres, Holcomb*
- 1986-87 – *N. Palladino & Sons, Pompey*
- 1988 to present – *Rodman Lott & Son Farms, Seneca Falls*

The event is the largest outdoor agricultural trade show in the Northeastern U.S., showcasing all the latest tractors, farm implements, dairy industry innovations alongside working demonstrations, live animal seminars, and more than 600 exhibits loaded with the latest agricultural information for successful farming.

Google Maps *Lott & Son Farms*
2973 NY-414

(Town of Seneca Falls)



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Assessor's Manual, Volume 4, Exemption Administration

Exemption Administration Manual - Part 2
Agricultural and Forest

Section 4.08 - Ag-Mkts L Section 305

Agricultural Districts
(Formed by county or New York State)

Exemption Code(s): 41720 Year Originally Enacted: 1971

Related Statutes: Ag-Mkts L § 301, 303, 304, RPTL § 582

SUMMARY: This statute provides various benefits to farm property located in an agricultural district formed by a county or New York State. The benefits include two provisions relating to the taxation of land used in agricultural production: (1) an agricultural assessment of the land and (2) an exemption from certain special ad valorem levies and special assessments.

1. **Agricultural Assessment** -- Certain agricultural land is eligible for an agricultural assessment. Agricultural assessment values are established annually by the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) using a capitalized value of production methodology. Any assessed valuation of the eligible land in excess of its agricultural assessment is exempt from taxation. To qualify, the owner must annually submit an application verifying that the land is located within an established agricultural district and that it satisfies the property use requirements described below. (Note: Similar lands outside of agricultural districts may qualify for agricultural assessment under Ag-Mkts L § 306 -- see the Exemption Profile for that statute.)

If converted to a use inconsistent with agricultural production, land that benefited from an agricultural assessment is subject to payments, as described under Payments in Lieu of Taxes below.

2. **Special Ad Valorem Levies and Special Assessments** --
 - a. As provided in Ag-Mkts L § 305(5), land used primarily for agricultural production and located within an agricultural district is also exempt from special ad valorem levies, special assessments and other rates or fees imposed within improvement districts or areas deemed benefited by municipal improvements including, but not limited to, improvements for sewer, water, lighting, non-farm drainage, and solid waste disposal and other landfill operations (including solid waste management facilities established pursuant to County Law 226-b). The exemption also applies to farm structures located in an agricultural district, but not if the structure benefits directly from the services of the improvement district. The exemption does not apply in cases where such charges were imposed prior to the formation of the agricultural district. Nor is this

exemption applicable to land of up to ½ acre surrounding any dwelling or non-farm structure. (Note: Land which is located within an agricultural district and is used primarily for agricultural production but which does not satisfy all of the requirements for an agricultural assessment may receive the benefit of this exemption.)

Submit copy
of the
resolution adopted
by that
governing body

- b. As provided in Ag-Mkts L §305(6), the governing body of a fire, fire protection, or ambulance district for which special ad valorem levies or special assessments are made may adopt a resolution allowing the use of agricultural assessments in the levy of such charges.

A. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Ownership Requirements: None.
2. Property Location Requirements: The land must be located in an agricultural district established in accordance with the provisions of Article 25AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law.
3. Property Use Requirements: The land must be "land used in agricultural production," which for purposes of determining eligibility for an agricultural assessment is defined as:
 - a. (1) Seven or more acres of land used as a single operation in the preceding two years for the production for sale of crops, livestock, or livestock products having an average annual gross sales value of \$10,000 or more; (2) seven or more acres of land used in the preceding two years to support a commercial horse boarding or commercial equine operation with annual receipts of \$10,000 or more; or (3) less than seven acres of land used as a single operation in the preceding two years for the production for sale of crops, livestock, or livestock products having an average annual gross sales value of \$50,000 or more. In addition, land under a structure within which crops, livestock, or livestock products are produced is also included in the definition of "land used in agricultural production" provided the crops, livestock, or livestock products produced in the structure have an average gross sales value of \$50,000 or more. Land used for the processing or retail merchandising of such crops, livestock, or livestock products is not considered to be "land used in agricultural production."

"Gross sales value" means the proceeds from the sale of crops, livestock, and livestock products, plus any payments received by reason of land set aside under certain federal conservation programs (see provisions in part I, below), and any payments received from the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund (see Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law §247). Crops include but are not limited to field crops, fruits, vegetables, maple sap, maple syrup processed from maple sap, Christmas trees, and horticultural specialties (including nursery stock and ornamental shrubs, trees, and flowers), honey, beeswax, royal jelly, bee pollen, propolis, nucs, queens, aquacultural products (fish, fish products, water plants, and shellfish) and woody biomass (defined as short rotation woody crops used for bioenergy, excluding farm woodland).

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March 13, 2012

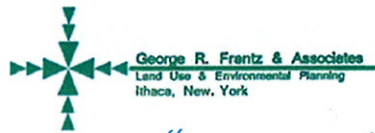


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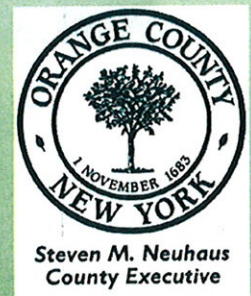




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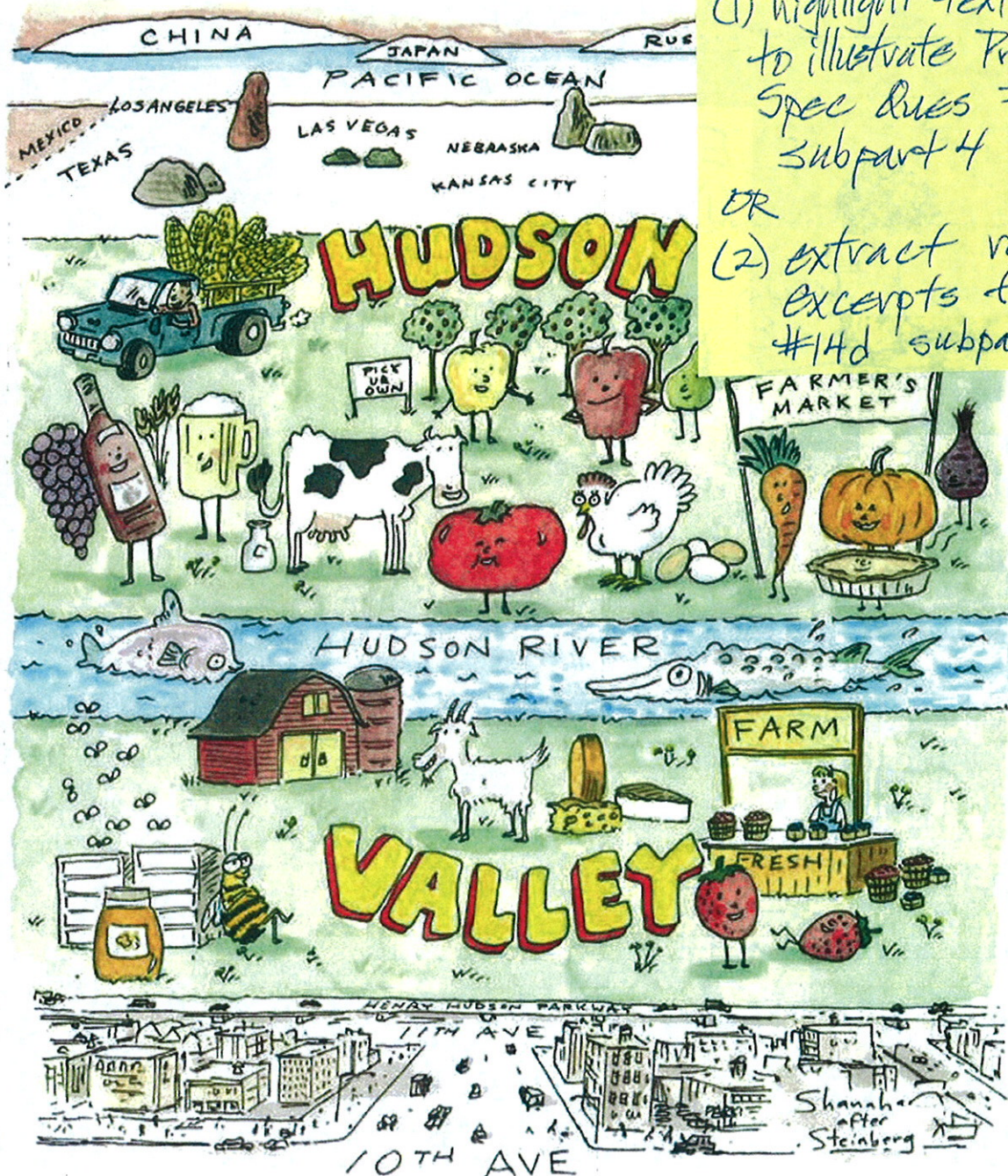
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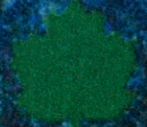
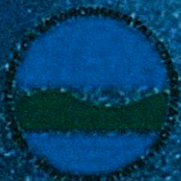
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