



SHORELINE TO SUMMIT



Dear Friends,

Thanks for supporting the Finger Lakes Land Trust and our *Shoreline to Summit* campaign. Through the community's generous support, we were able to raise more than \$5,400,000 to protect the scenic landscapes, inspiring natural areas, and clear waters that make our Finger Lakes region so unique. Please enjoy this report highlighting the many projects of the campaign.



Andrew Zepp
Executive Director



Stu Schweizer
Board President



Percy Browning
Campaign Chair



Cover photo of Canandaigua Lake by Julie Bertram



A 206-acre preserve with wooded hillsides, multiple gorges, and scenic meadows that feature terrific views of Skaneateles Lake. This recent acquisition helps maintain the lake's water quality and adds to a growing network of conservation lands that will ultimately extend around the southern half of the lake.

Bill Hecht



Volunteer Work Day



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Hinchcliff Family Preserve

(Onondaga County)



This new 64-acre preserve, dedicated in honor of Don and Skippy Raines, is located near the south end of Canandaigua Lake – in the heart of one of New York’s Important Bird Areas. Once an abandoned vineyard, this land was donated to the Land Trust by Constellation Brands. Campaign funds and a partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service allowed the Land Trust to restore the site’s grassland bird habitat.



Nigel Kent



West River



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West River Valley Preserve

(Yates County)



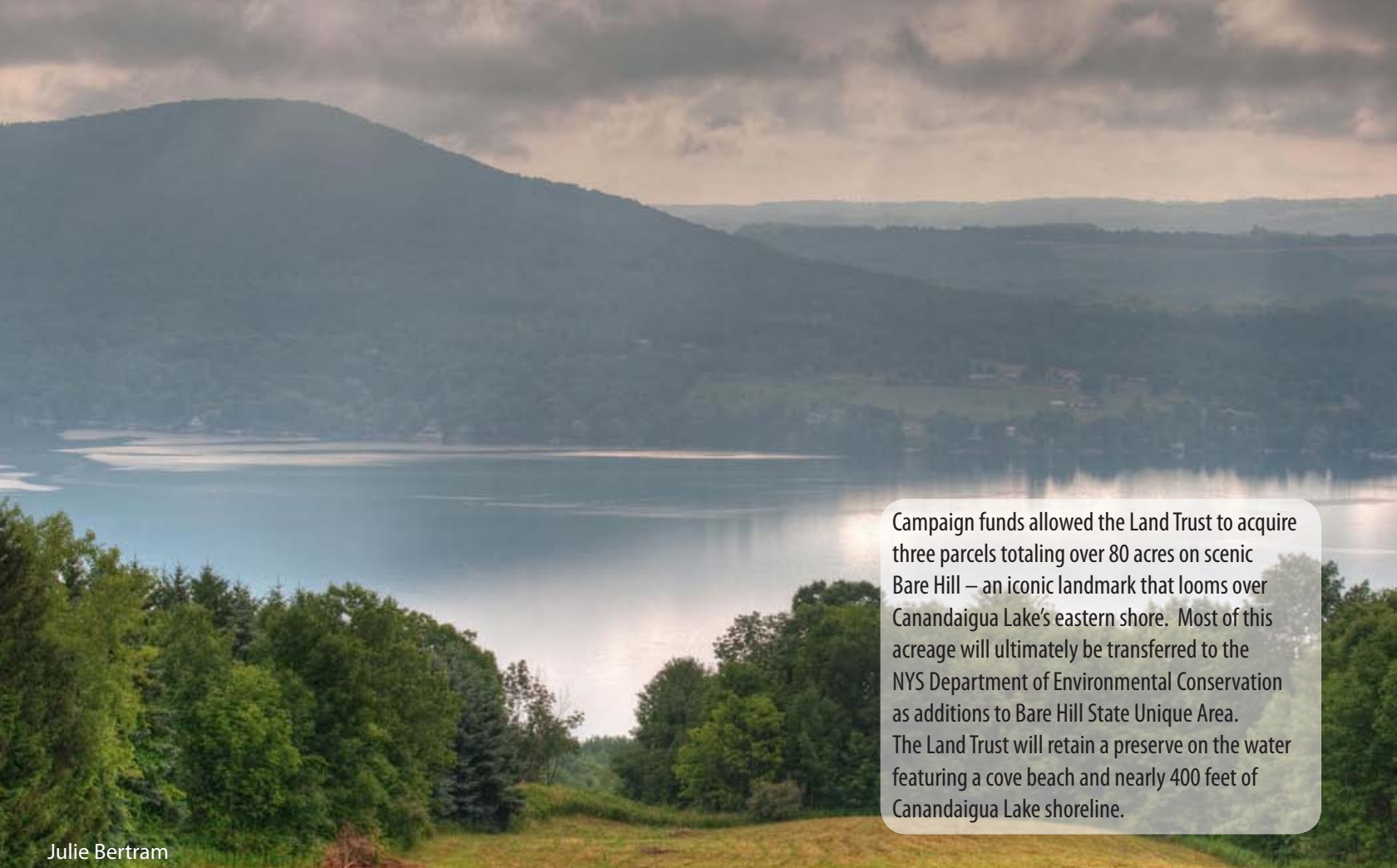
Located next to the Land Trust's Whitlock Nature Preserve, this recent acquisition features 1,400 feet of undeveloped Cayuga Lake shoreline, a rugged gorge, scenic frontage on State Route 89, and a mature oak-hemlock forest that provides habitat for a diversity of wildlife including migratory songbirds and Bald Eagles.

Dick Ruswick

Thomas Bjorkman

VanRiper Conservation Area

(Seneca County)



Julie Bertram

Campaign funds allowed the Land Trust to acquire three parcels totaling over 80 acres on scenic Bare Hill – an iconic landmark that looms over Canandaigua Lake’s eastern shore. Most of this acreage will ultimately be transferred to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as additions to Bare Hill State Unique Area. The Land Trust will retain a preserve on the water featuring a cove beach and nearly 400 feet of Canandaigua Lake shoreline.

Bare Hill Unique Area

(Yates County)



Thanks to a generous donation from the Dickinson family, 1,300 feet of scenic Skaneateles Lake shoreline is now owned by the Land Trust. Campaign funds will help provide for long-term stewardship of this site, that features a significant portion of the Staghorn Cliffs – a 100 foot escarpment well known for its scenic character and abundant staghorn coral fossils.



John Sutton

Cora Kampfe Dickinson Conservation Area

(Onondaga County)



Tom Reimers



Ribbon Cutting/ Rick Lightbody



Bill Hecht

Two additions expanded the Roy H. Park Preserve, creating the first link in the Emerald Necklace – an ambitious effort to connect 50,000 acres of public open space near Ithaca. Conserving these lands helps protect Six Mile Creek – the source of Ithaca’s drinking water supply. Campaign funding supported the development of an universally accessible boardwalk that enhances public access to the preserve and neighboring state forest land.

Roy H. Park Preserve Addition

(Tompkins County)



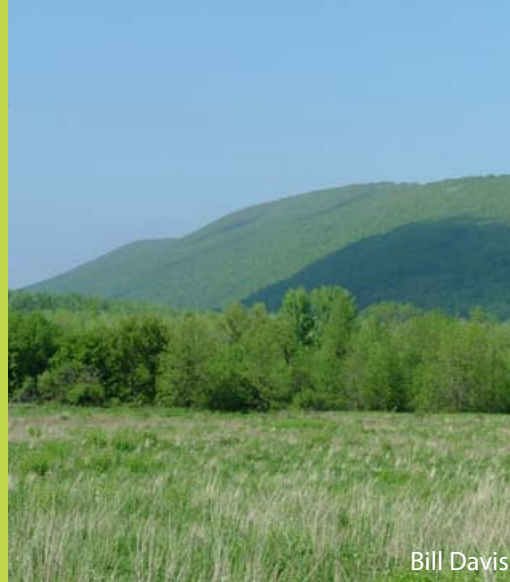
Betsy Darlington

Dorothy Mclroy Bird Sanctuary Addition

(Cayuga County):

83 acres were added to the Mclroy Sanctuary featuring swampy woodlands, white pines, and 7,200 feet of frontage on Fall Creek.

The sanctuary is located in an Audubon designated Important Bird Area.



Bill Davis

Great Hill Preserve Addition

(Yates County):

32 acres were added to our Great Hill Preserve overlooking Canandaigua Lake.

This property is located above the West River and is near other protected lands, including the State's High Tor Wildlife Management Area.



Steve Knapp

Sugar Hill State Forest Acquisition

(Schuyler County):

This 139-acre addition to Sugar Hill State Forest features mature woodlands and buffers a key tributary to Watkins Glen. Acquisition of this parcel, which is surrounded by the state forest, ensures the integrity of a large block of forest habitat and protects water quality within one of New York's most popular state parks.



Andy Zepp

Fall Creek- Etna Preserve Additions

(Tompkins County):

Two contiguous properties with over 2,000 feet of stream frontage and extensive, undeveloped road frontage added 14 acres of woodland to our Etna Nature Preserve.

Stewardship



Bare Hill Cleanup / Bob Brancato

The campaign is adding \$1,000,000 to the Land Trust's professionally managed Stewardship Fund. Interest generated from this account supports preserve management as well as the monitoring of conservation easement properties.



Story Walk/ Rick Lightbody

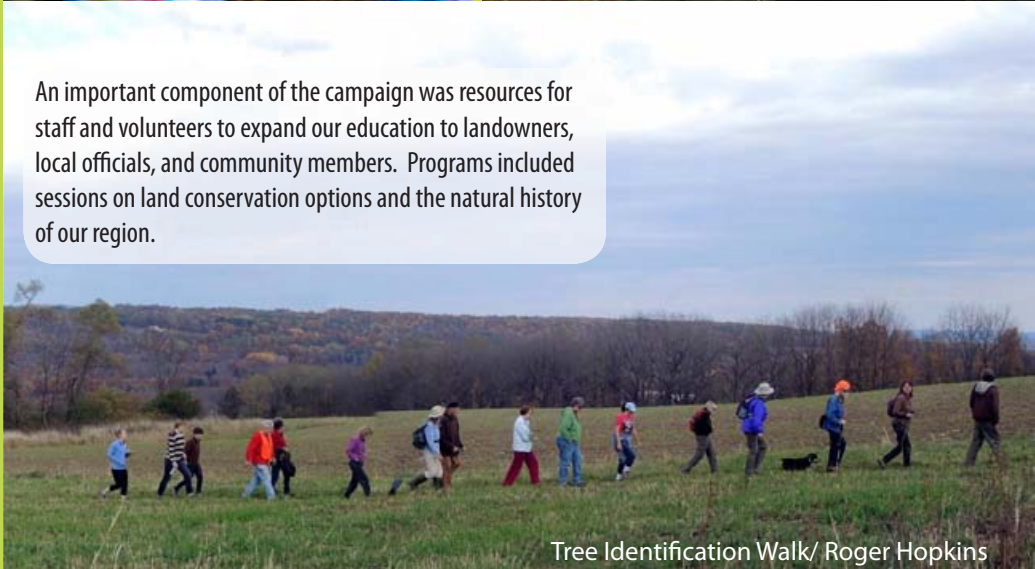


Fungus Walk with Kathie Hodge/ Brian Maley

An important component of the campaign was resources for staff and volunteers to expand our education to landowners, local officials, and community members. Programs included sessions on land conservation options and the natural history of our region.



Stewardship Workshop/ Jason Gorman



Tree Identification Walk/ Roger Hopkins

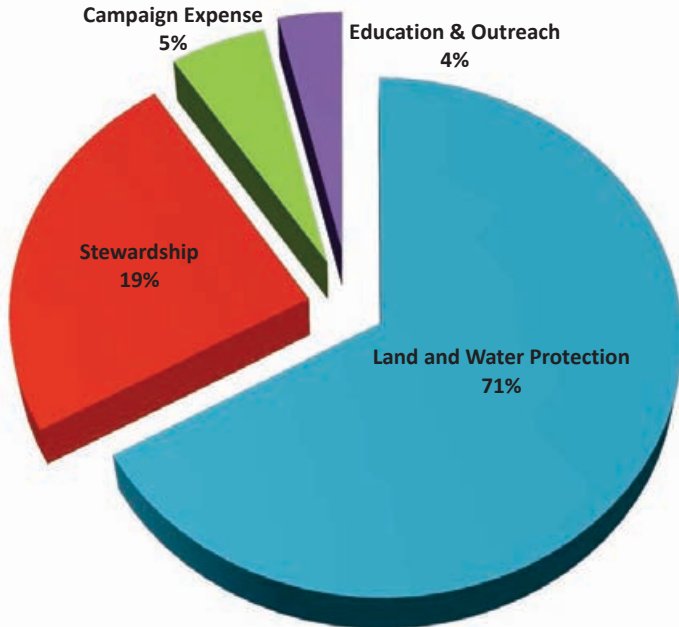
Community Outreach & Education



Financials

Thanks to your generous support we surpassed our \$5 million campaign goal!

CAMPAIGN TOTAL: **\$5,431,202**



Bill Banaszewski



Park Preserve/ Bill Hecht