

YES! I/we want to help protect the landscapes of the Finger Lakes Region. Enclosed is my/our membership contribution of:

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What We've Accomplished

The Finger Lakes Region, an area of 6,000 square miles across 12 counties, encompasses rolling hills, sparkling blue lakes, productive farmland, rugged gorges, rich wetlands and mature forests. The Finger Lakes Land Trust has provided permanent protection for over 12,000 acres of this landscape.

Our land protection successes include:

📍 Establishment of over 27 nature preserves, such as the Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve near Ithaca, the world's first temperate-zone preserve for research in biodiversity; the Wesley Hill Preserve, a corridor of protected land on the eastern slope of Honeoye Lake; and the Carpenter's Falls Natural Area, the highest waterfall in the Skaneateles Lake watershed.

📍 Conservation easements (voluntary legal protection agreements) with landowners that protect a fifth generation family farm in Ontario County, wooded hillsides overlooking Keuka and Seneca Lakes and 14 different parcels that help maintain Ithaca's drinking water supply.



location of Finger Lakes within New York State

Finger Lakes Land Trust

Protecting the landscapes that define the character of the Finger Lakes region



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A copy of the Land Trust's latest annual report may be obtained upon request from the organization or from the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau Attn: FOIL Officer, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271



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Six Mile Creek at the Roy H. Park Preserve, Tompkins County

Who We Are

The Finger Lakes Land Trust is a membership-supported, non-profit land conservation organization dedicated to protecting those lands that define the character of the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York. Since 1989, the Land Trust has worked to conserve the beautiful, wild and working landscapes of the area by establishing nature preserves which are open to the public, holding conservation easements (voluntary legal agreements on private lands), educating for responsible stewardship, and collaborating with landowners, communities and local governments.

By protecting the region's forests, farms and open spaces, the Land Trust provides many benefits to the communities we work with: clean air and water, plant and animal diversity, scenic views, productive working lands and opportunities to learn about and enjoy the natural world.

"The Finger Lakes Region is exquisitely beautiful, its diversity of life irreplaceable....Our sense of loyalty and affection toward our region must lead us to search for a better way to preserve its quality."

A. Carl Leopold, founding president

How We Protect Land

The Finger Lakes Land Trust helps landowners meet their goals while providing for protection of important landscapes. So far, our membership has made it possible for the Land Trust to protect a mosaic of habitats and landscapes across the region. There are several ways in which we accomplish our goals:

☞ We establish nature preserves, which are open to the public. We currently have over 27 of these public conservation areas that protect everything from old growth forest to pristine wetlands to drinking water supplies for local communities.

☞ We use conservation easements- voluntary legal agreements between a landowner and the land trust. Through a conservation easement, a landowner can permanently protect significant natural resources while allowing the land to remain in private hands. Conservation easements limit future use of the land while providing for traditional uses such as agriculture and forestry. Our easements protect productive farms, pristine wetlands, scenic vistas, mature forests and undeveloped lakeshore.

☞ We also work in partnership with municipalities and other conservation agencies to protect additional lands.



Megan Fenton

Henderson Farm, Yates County



Betsy Landre

Grimes Glen, Ontario County

How You Can Help

We can't do our work without you! In order to protect more land, we need your participation through membership, donations and contributions of time and energy.

☞ Become a member. Join over 1,900 of your friends and neighbors as we work together to protect the lands we call home. Fill out, tear off and mail the back of this brochure with your membership contribution today. As a member you'll receive our full-color, quarterly newsletter, *The Land Steward*. You'll also receive a complimentary copy of our *Guide to Conservation Areas and Nature Preserves: Protected Lands of the Finger Lakes Land Trust*. This guide features maps, photos and descriptions of all our protected lands and is available to members only. As a member, you'll be invited to hikes and special events, and have the satisfaction of knowing that you're helping to protect the Finger Lakes region.

☞ Volunteer with us! Over 200 volunteers help us each year, assisting with everything from trail maintenance to office work.

☞ Visit our nature preserves and take advantage of the educational opportunities we offer. Visit www.fllt.org to get the latest information.

Please join us today.