



The Land Steward

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working to protect the natural integrity of the Finger Lakes Region

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Lindsay-Parsons Grows to 537 Acres with New Addition

Fresh out of Cornell in 1982, Hamilton Allport put an ad in the newspaper: “Wanted: Rural house in need of repair.” A farmer named Alfred Eddy responded, offering a property for sale in West Danby. Soon, Allport had his house. After a great deal of work, it became his home—and Allport had taken the first steps in his career in real estate rehabilitation and rental.

What’s more, Allport got 31 acres of wetlands too. In time the property became known fondly to his family and friends as “the Beaver Ranch,” in recognition of the busy residents of the wooded pond behind the house. Nowadays, tall snags in this pond host a small rookery of Great Blue Herons and Green Herons. In spring and summer, Hooded Mergansers and Wood Ducks ply the still waters below, while swallows endlessly swoop through the trees and down to the surface to pick insects. South and west of the pond, the tract also contains open meadow and mixed forest.

Allport decided to pass his land on to new caretakers. The Land Trust stepped in, and the two parties recently closed the sale.

The Allport property is the twelfth parcel that the Land Trust has acquired for the Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve. Comprising about 537 acres after this latest purchase, the preserve is a fascinating patchwork of landscapes, habitats, and history.

The preserve began as a bold idea. In 1994, Cornell professor Thomas Eisner proposed that the Land Trust identify an ecologically rich site near Ithaca, acquire and protect it, and then promote its use for research into chemical ecology. He further proposed that the Land Trust tap the potential commercial value of chemical substances produced by organisms on site, via negotiation of access fees and royalties with the pharmaceutical industry.

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Conservation easement donor Louise Robinson (2nd from the left) with daughters (left to right) Claire Howard, Eleanor “Ellie” Wilcox, and Peggy Manning

Skaneateles Lake Benefits from Easement Donation

Skaneateles Lake continues to be the only one of the Finger Lakes with water that can be delivered to nearby communities without going through an expensive filtration process. But there is no magic to this fact: protection of the watershed to reduce nutrient loading that would harm the lake’s water quality has been a key concern for many years. No less than the city of Syracuse depends upon the lake’s water supply.

This spring, the Land Trust completed a conservation easement on 14 acres of woodland property at Brook Farm—a Skaneateles Lake icon—protecting both sides of Bentley Brook, an important tributary at the northern end of the lake.

The conservation easement, a generous donation to the Land Trust from owner Louise Robinson, buffers but does not include the majestic colonial-style mansion and expansive

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Save the Date!

Please join us for the **Land Trust’s 26th Annual Meeting & Celebration** overlooking beautiful Skaneateles Lake • **Saturday, June 13th at 10:00 am.** (See Insert for Details.)

Brook Farm is one of the places that make our Finger Lakes region so special. Located on the western shore of Skaneateles Lake, it is known to many as one of the homes of the Skaneateles Festival, an annual concert series featuring world-renowned musicians. There is nothing quite like enjoying an August sunset at Brook Farm while savoring a glass of wine and enjoying the music.

In addition to a gracious home and lawns with sweeping views of the lake, Brook Farm also features a tributary to Skaneateles Lake and mature forests along the stream that also border State Route 41A. The health of these lands, and others like it, are vital to the health of the lake.

Louise Robinson and her family had a choice as they planned for the future of their beloved property. They could have left all of their options open and maximized their financial return. Fortunately for all of us, they didn't. Their conservation easement ensures that their forest will continue to host a diversity of migratory birds, help maintain a scenic highway corridor, and hold the soil while shading the stream that runs through their property.

Louise and her family join more than 100 families across the Finger Lakes who have also donated



Brook Farm hosting the Skaneateles Festival

conservation easements. All of us at the Land Trust applaud these visionary residents of our region who have made a gift for the future that very much helps us continue the best traditions of the past.

Andrew Zepp,
Executive Director, Finger Lakes Land Trust

Skaneateles Lake Benefits from Easement Donation *continued from cover*

lawns that are well-known to music lovers attending the annual Skaneateles Festival each August.

Instead, the easement entails a hardwood forest on the south side of Brook Farm, from State Route 41A down to the lake shore. The woodland straddles the brook and ravine that ultimately drains to the lake, and all will remain undeveloped forever.

The easement also prevents roadside development of a wooded area along Skaneateles' West Lake Road, preserving the rural, forested character of that stretch of scenic State Route 41A.

The Finger Lakes Land Trust works with interested landowners throughout the region to reach agreement on what the owners want for the future of their land. Conservation easements are legal agreements between property owners and organizations, such as the Finger Lakes Land Trust, that limit future property development while allowing land to remain in private ownership and on the tax rolls. There are state and federal tax benefits for such easements.

Skaneateles resident Claire Howard, one of Louise Robinson's three daughters, talked about life at Brook Farm after the family moved from Dewitt in 1968, when Claire was a teenager.

"We were basically a do-it-yourself family," she said. "My father's family tradition was as a proud gardener, and he spent most of his time growing vegetables for all of us—and later for the music festival."

"We worked on the house a lot, and we heated with wood and did family wood harvesting from the dead trees in the forest," Claire added. "I think our parents taught us to be good stewards of the land."

Claire's father, David Robinson, died in 2006, leaving the property to his wife Louise. But he had left his imprimatur, so to speak, upon the property. His gardening for the family and

the musicians at the festival will be remembered by many. His legacy continues especially in a strong commitment to land stewardship that his wife and children retain. According to Claire, her father felt the family were only temporary stewards of the land, and that there were bigger and more long-lasting concerns involved.

Some two years ago, Claire approached her mother with a suggestion that they meet with the Land Trust about a conservation easement, and Louise readily agreed. Claire assembled the family group and met with Land Trust executive director Andrew Zepp.

"So, Andy gave his very low key, informational—but inspirational—talk to us about conservation easements," Claire said. "This meeting with Andy was important in bringing the family around. Not everyone was for it at the beginning, but things turned around after that meeting."

A member of the Skaneateles Lake Association, Claire is well-versed on water quality problems facing the lake.

"It had become clear to us [from developments around Skaneateles Lake] that ravines and tributaries are really vulnerable to development," Claire said. "You would think you might be protected from this, but you aren't protected. So, safe-guarding streams and gullies when you can do it is definitely an important water quality saver. As a family, we felt that we needed to protect, forever, the land that we own, because it so sensitive a conservation area and so beautiful to all of us."

"Above all, we are so proud of our mom for doing this," Claire added. "This will be a good part of her legacy."

—Eben McLane

The Land Trust gratefully acknowledges Attorney Christopher Werner and the law firm of Boylan Code, LLP in Rochester for providing pro bono legal services in support of this project.

Donation of the New Tioga County Preserve Completed

At the end of February, the Land Trust completed its acquisition of a 290-acre property in the town of Candor, Tioga County.

The parcel was donated by Ithaca residents Betsy and Dick Darlington, who have a long history with the Land Trust. Betsy was a founding board member when the Land Trust was created in 1989, and she played an integral role in building its land protection and stewardship programs. The Darlington family also donated the Land Trust's first-ever conservation easement on this very property in 1990.

The Darlingtons purchased the property in 1972, seeking a natural area for their family to get out and explore. After enjoying this peaceful retreat for more than 40 years, the family decided to donate all but a small portion of the property to the Land Trust, to be managed as a nature preserve. Now known as the Logan Hill Nature Preserve (as requested by the Darlingtons), the property features a wondrous cross-section of Finger Lakes landscapes and diverse habitats:

- Several sprawling meadows that were once farmland are now host to a series of ponds and vernal pools with an abundance of biodiversity. (The Cornell Herpetological Society will visit the preserve this year to explore the ponds and wetlands and inventory reptiles and amphibians.)
- Woodlands scattered throughout the preserve are primarily hardwood forests of oak and maple, along with other interesting varieties such as tupelo and cucumber trees. The woodlands provide habitat for a wide variety of songbirds and wildlife.
- The preserve has substantial frontage along Catatonk Creek, a significant tributary to the Susquehanna River.



A drone's-eye-view of Logan Hill, the Land Trust's newest nature preserve located in Tioga County

In the coming year, Land Trust staff and volunteers will work together to complete an inventory of the property and develop a management plan to guide future use of the site. The Land Trust intends to make the preserve accessible to the public via a network of hiking trails, a parking area, and an interpretive kiosk. Further opportunities for public use of the preserve may include cross-country skiing, nature study, and permit-based deer hunting. In conjunction with the Town of Candor, the Land Trust is also seeking to create a public kayak/canoe launch on Catatonk Creek.

The Logan Hill Nature Preserve is the second conservation area in Tioga County owned by the Land Trust with

public access. The Robert and Mary Carver King Nature Preserve, acquired by the Land Trust in 2001, spans 161 acres in the town of Richford.

Efforts are currently underway to raise funds to accommodate public access to the preserve. To make a contribution supporting the Logan Hill Nature Preserve, please contact Kelly Makosch, the Land Trust's Director of Development and Communications, at 607-275-9487 or kellymakosch@llt.org.

—Jeff Tonole

The Land Trust gratefully acknowledges Attorney Dick Ruswick in Ithaca for providing pro bono legal services in support of this project.



Conservation Land with Cabin for Sale

The Land Trust is selling a 53-acre parcel of land with cabin—subject to a conservation easement—for \$109,000. The property is located in the town of Danby, Tompkins County and includes forest land, two streams, and a ridgetop meadow with distant views where the cabin is located. For further details, please contact realtor Ed Finegan at 607-279-0234.

Land Trust Receives Grant from NYS Conservation Partnership Program

The Land Trust has been awarded a total of \$51,000 for regional conservation projects through the New York State Conservation Partnership Program. The program is funded through the State's Environmental Protection Fund and administered by the Land Trust Alliance, in coordination with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Land Trust was awarded \$26,000 to support a new initiative to help residents and visitors more easily access conservation lands for recreational purposes. A new web portal (gofingerlakes.org) will showcase the best places for hiking, paddling, birdwatching, and other outdoor activities in the Finger Lakes region. The site will also highlight how people can take action to ensure the future of these areas.

An additional \$25,000 was granted to enable the Land Trust to work with partners to produce a comprehensive regional conservation plan for the twelve Finger Lakes counties. The plan will outline conservation priorities with maps and detailed supporting documentation for use by the Land Trust and its conservation partners. This project will be collaborative in nature and will involve the participation of many stakeholders.

"We're grateful for the continued support of the NYS Conservation Partnership Program," says Land Trust Executive Director Andrew Zepp. "This program has helped us jump-start a number of new initiatives that otherwise wouldn't have been possible."

State Senator Tom O'Mara, chairman of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee adds, "One of the true highlights of the recently enacted state budget is that we strengthened the Environmental Protection Fund, and this is exactly why. The fund helps to direct critical state funding to develop, encourage and enhance partnerships like this one between the Finger Lakes Land Trust and the Department of Environmental Conservation. Regional, locally based conservation initiatives like these serve to effectively enhance environmental quality, strengthen local communities and economies, and enhance outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities for the residents and families of the Finger Lakes. I'm grateful to the Finger Lakes Land Trust for their critical leadership."

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The Land Trust agreed to pursue Eisner's concept. Shortly afterward, forester Michael DeMunn identified a site worthy for implementation of the concept. This original 223.5-acre tract in West Danby, then owned by Jackson Coleman, spans the floodplain and steep eastern slope of the Cayuga Inlet valley, extending nearly to the peaks known as Thatcher's Pinnacles in Danby State Forest. The land is stunningly diverse, encompassing several streams (including about 3400 feet of the Inlet itself), a 15-acre human-made lake, glacier-carved kettles and moraines, hardwood swamp, vernal pools, open grassy and early-successional shrub fields, and mixed forest.

The Land Trust acquired all this land in December 1996. Upon purchase, the property, along with 36.5 adjacent acres donated by Tompkins County, was officially renamed as the Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Preserve, in honor of the parents of Elizabeth Kirchner, whose donation made the acquisition possible.

Since then, the Land Trust has gradually expanded the preserve with acquisitions of neighboring properties, including fields to the south and major additions to the preserve's mature woodlands, extending the long border with Danby State Forest. Over on Hamilton Allport's side of Routes 34 and 96, directly across from the Coleman tract, the Land Trust has also been adding steadily to the preserve. A purchase of 103 acres in 2000 gave Lindsay-Parsons its

first foothold on the wooded western slope of the inlet valley, all the way to the top of the ridge and then down into the Beech Hill Brook ravine. Allport's parcel fits neatly between preceding acquisitions on this side of the valley, forming one broad, continuous protected area.

For several years after its founding, the preserve did

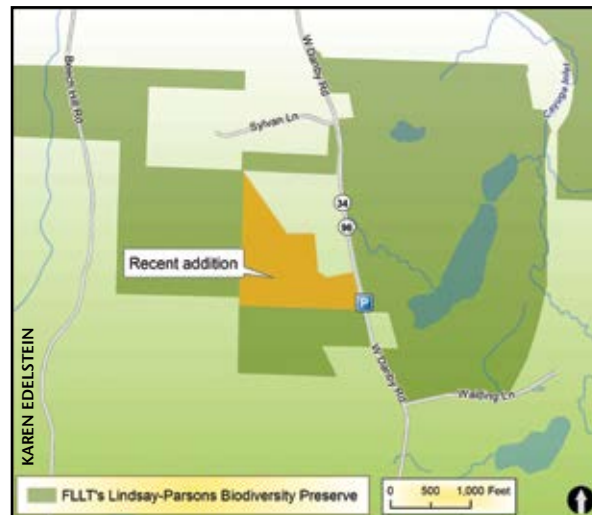
indeed serve its originally envisioned purpose as a research and prospecting site for natural chemicals. Nowadays, however, the Land Trust manages Lindsay-Parsons with greater emphasis on broader purposes—protection of habitats for plants and wildlife; preservation of scenic areas and water resources; provision of free public access for hiking and nature study; and further enlargement and diversification of the preserve.

Hamilton Allport has known these objectives well as a frequent visitor as well as a next-door neighbor of Lindsay-Parsons. He now takes heart in adding his beloved land to the preserve,

under the Land Trust's faithful stewardship. "I've followed the Land Trust's work and growth over the years and have seen firsthand their accomplishments," he says. "It's a special place."

—Mark Chao

The Land Trust gratefully acknowledges Attorney Virginia Tesi and the law firm of Barney, Grossman, Dubow, Marcus, Orkin & Tesi, LLP in Ithaca for providing pro bono legal services in support of this project.



Conservationist and Volunteer of the Year Awards to be Presented at Annual Meeting

Each spring, the Land Trust recognizes two individuals for their commitment to conservation at its annual meeting held each spring.

This year's Conservationist of the Year Award

will be presented to 5th grader Henry Scholl. Henry is an 11-year-old resident of Niles, Cayuga County, who raised funds in support of the Land Trust and its conservation efforts. Henry is the son of longtime members and volunteers Kris Scholl and Brooke Oropallo.



BROOKE OROPALLO

Conservationist of the Year Henry Scholl

"I like nature, and all the animals and plants in it," said Henry. "The Land Trust preserves habitat for them and gives me a place to explore and enjoy them. I chose the Land Trust to help them continue the work they do."

This year's Volunteer of the Year Award

will be presented to Lynn Turnquist. Lynn was the Land Trust's bookkeeper for 15 years before leaving in 2013. Although a paid consultant, Lynn was as much a part of the Land Trust family as any trusted staff member could be. During a long transition period that ultimately resulted in creating a new financial manager position, Lynn worked tirelessly with the new staff person to facilitate turning over a multitude of responsibilities. For her efforts, Lynn refused all of our attempts to compensate her for her time. A volunteer of the very first order, Lynn Turnquist is a privilege to honor.



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Volunteer of the Year Lynn Turnquist

Please join us at Brook Farm on June 13th to help us congratulate the generous efforts of Henry and Lynn. See insert for details.

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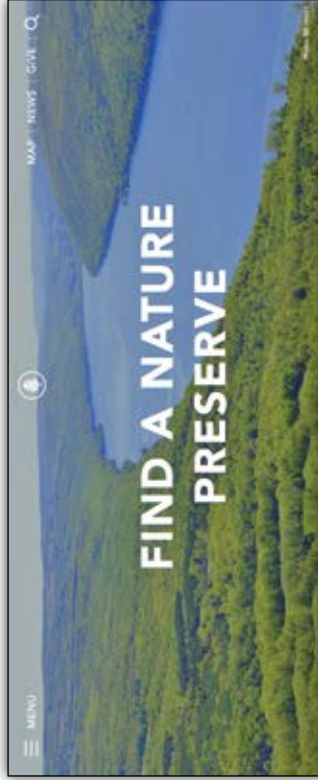
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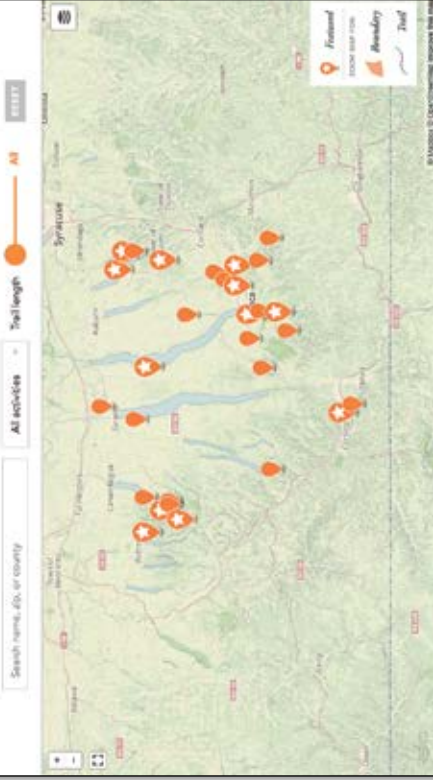


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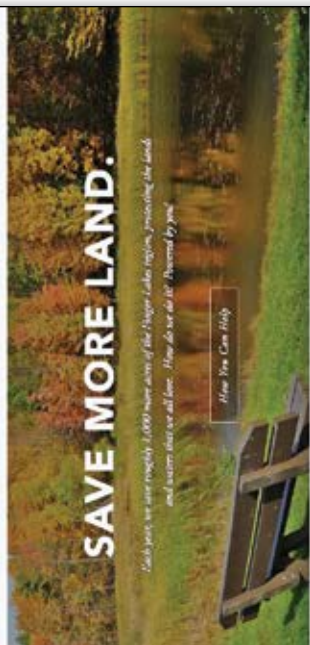
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A CLOSER LOOK

A Much Closer Look at the Red-Bellied Snake

All winter, the red-bellied snake (*Storeria occipitomaculata*) has hunkered down in various hidey-holes—anthills, abandoned burrows, rock crevices—in the company of other small snakes. Come spring, it will shake off the torpor of hibernation and strike out on its own. It will be looking for a moist, shady location, which may be a forest, a wet meadow, or, very often, your flowerbed or garden. If you have a touch of ophidiophobia, don't worry: at only seven to ten inches long and with a head no thicker than the rest of its body, this tiny reptile might well be mistaken for a healthy-sized night crawler.

The red-bellied snake often hangs around gardens because they are full of soft, delectable invertebrates like slugs, snails, and earthworms. Its long, slender, recurved teeth are shaped like escargot forks, perfect for getting a purchase on slimy creatures. It is a particularly determined hunter of snails. In order to extract a juicy morsel from its unpalatable casing, the snake gets a grip on the soft parts, digs in, and pulls until the snail tires and can be removed from its shell.

Although a formidable foe of slugs, this little creature is a milquetoast. It's an easy mark for crows, raptors, raccoons, cats, other snakes, and people who do not recognize it for the helpful garden warden that it is. Its best defense is to avoid detection altogether, so it spends most of its time hiding in dark, moist places under rocks, boards, and other debris. If it must emerge, its nondescript brown or gray back provides perfect camouflage against the earth.

When it cannot avoid conflict, it will try to bluff its way out of danger. It may first try flattening its head and body in a vain attempt to appear larger. If the attacker is persistent, it will thrash around, releasing a slimy mixture of feces and foul-smelling musk from its anal glands and flashing its red or orange belly. Bright colors often signal noxiousness in the animal world, and you would do well not to chew

on a monarch butterfly or a red eft, but the red-bellied snake is nonvenomous. In fact, since it is regularly eaten by everything from shrews to chickens to bass, it appears to be quite tasty. If you pick it up, it may startle you by curling its upper jaw bones outwards and turning its lip scales back in a tiny snarl, rubbing the side of its mouth against your hand. It's not known what this behavior is intended to achieve, as its teeth are far too tiny to do damage to any but the smallest adversaries. It will not bite, as if it already knows that biting anything harder than a slug would be futile. If nothing else works, it may go into theatrical convulsions and play dead. This otherwise convincing performance is somewhat marred by the fact that it insists that a dead snake must remain upside down; if placed on its belly, it will roll on its back again.

Like 20 percent of snake species, the red-bellied snake is viviparous, giving birth to live young in late summer or early autumn. Viviparity is a common trait in the reptile world because it confers distinct advantages, especially in uncertain environments. While inside the mother, the young are protected from predators, disease, dehydration, and temperature fluctuations. The female can regulate her own body temperature by basking in the sun when it is cold and seeking shelter when it is hot, so the young can be kept at the optimal temperature for development; this gives snakes a critical edge in northern climates and high elevations where the soil tends to be cool and winter comes early. As is always true, however, what is good for the babies is bad for the mother. The female is seriously weighed down by her litter; the neonates are typically a third or even half the length of the mother, and the average litter size is eight. Once the litter is born, mother and babies go their separate ways. They will only encounter others of their kind when they den up for next winter.

—Jacqueline Stuhmiller



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This closer look at a red-bellied snake surely belies its tiny stature of only seven to ten inches in length.

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Wednesday, June 3rd from 12 noon – 1:30pm: *Planned Giving Workshop at the Wood Library, 134 North Main Street in Canandaigua*—Please join us for an informative workshop on tax-advantaged ways to build charitable gifts into your financial plan. Learn more about how you can leave a legacy from Jim Terwilliger, PhD, CFP, Senior Vice President for the Wealth Strategies Group at Canandaigua National Bank and Trust. A light lunch will be provided. *Please RSVP to the Land Trust at 607-275-9487 or by e-mail to: info@fllt.org*

Monday, June 8th at 7:00pm: *A Special Gathering to Discuss Plans for Candor's Logan Hill Nature Preserve at the Candor Fire Station Hall, 74 Owego Road in Candor*—Please join us for a special public gathering to discuss plans for our newest nature preserve. The 285-acre Logan Hill Nature Preserve, just outside the village of Candor, offers stunning views of southern tier hilltops and includes open fields, forested ravines, wetlands and frontage on Catatonk Creek. General information about the Land Trust and conservation options available to landowners will also be provided. For map and directions, please visit: <http://www.candorfire.org/location>

Saturday, June 13th at 10:00am: *The Land Trust's 26th Annual Meeting and Celebration at Brook Farm overlooking beautiful Skaneateles Lake*—Please see insert for details.

Saturday, June 20th: *HIKEapalooza!* Hike, Bike, Paddle, & Explore with the Land Trust as we host an event in every county of the Finger Lakes to celebrate our successful land protection efforts across the region. *Please see insert for details*

PLEASE SEE INSERT FOR THE SCHEDULE OF OUR SPRING 2015 TALKS & TREKS SERIES
See our web site for maps and photos of the preserves.

WALKS GO RAIN, SUN OR SNOW. PLEASE BRING SNACKS AND WATER, AND WEAR STURDY SHOES. CALL THE LAND TRUST AT (607) 275-9487 FOR DETAILS.

