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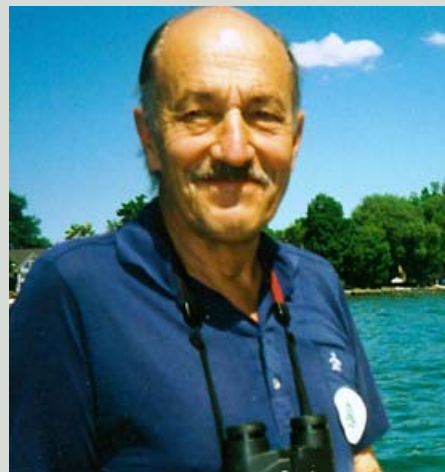
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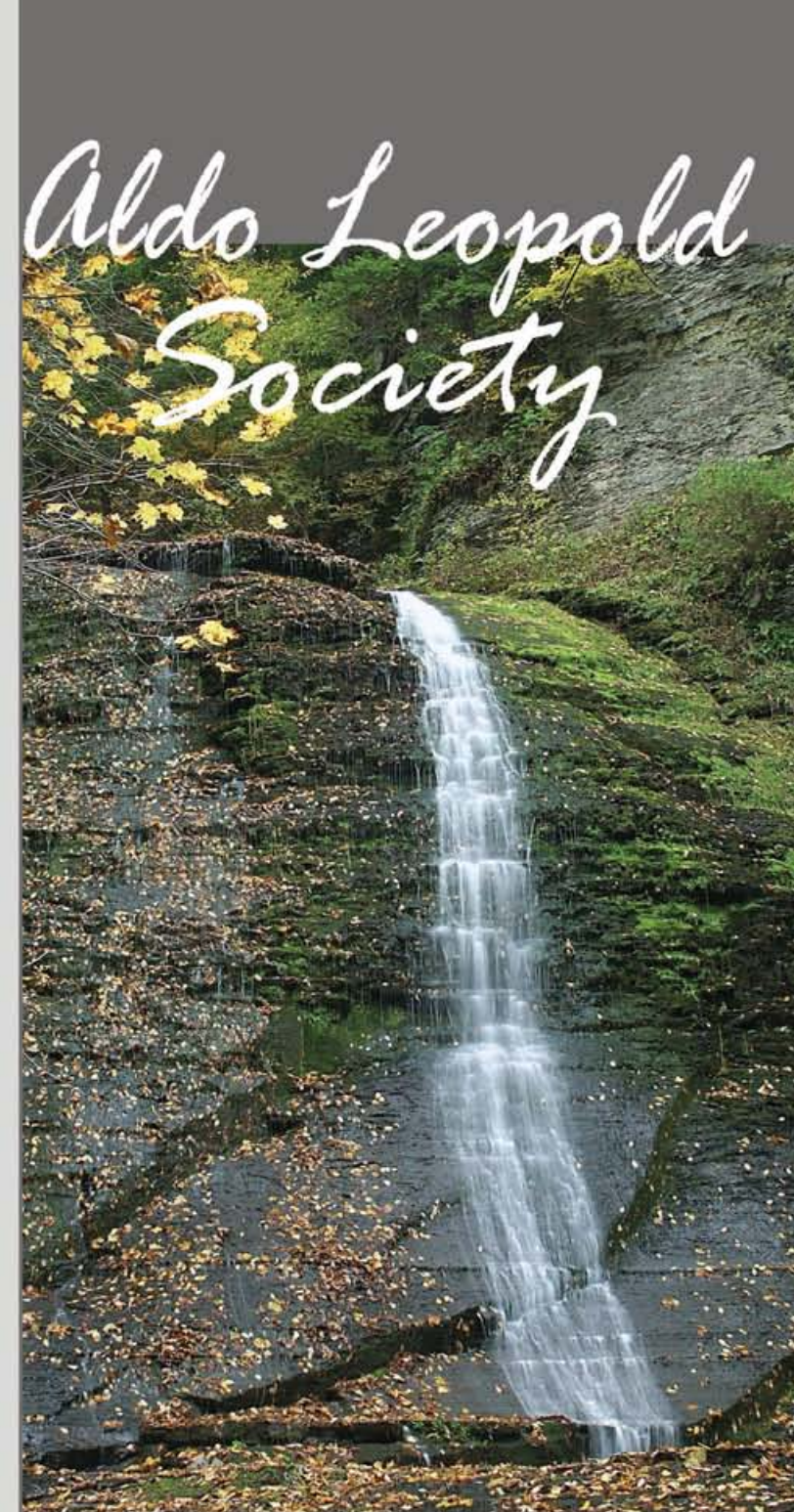
The Finger Lakes Land Trust is a membership supported not-for-profit land conservation organization dedicated to protecting those lands that define the character of the Finger Lakes region.

Since its founding in 1989, the Land Trust has protected over 11,000 acres of the region's farms, forests, gorges, lakeshore, and wetlands. This is accomplished through the use of voluntary conservation agreements on private lands and the establishment of nature preserves and conservation areas that are open to the public. The Land Trust also partners with individuals and communities to provide assistance for land conservation efforts.



Carl Leopold

Aldo Leopold Society



Finger Lakes Land Trust

The Leopold Legacy

Aldo Leopold is regarded by many as the father of the modern American environmental movement. His seminal book, *Sand County Almanac*, published in 1949, introduced the idea of the Land Ethic. The Land Ethic represents a balance between human endeavors and respect for the land and the natural world.

The fundamental tenets of the Land Ethic are that land is an ecological system of interdependent parts; that land is regarded as a community and not a commodity; and that humans are members, and not masters of this land community.

Aldo and his wife Estella had five children who all embraced this Land Ethic through their personal and professional lives. Their son Carl was the founding President of the Finger Lakes Land Trust. Until his retirement in 1990, Carl was a distinguished plant physiologist at the Boyce Thompson Institute at Cornell University.

After retirement, Carl turned his attention to a variety of issues including environmental ethics, creativity in science and environmental restoration. In addition to being on the founding board of the Land Trust, he also helped establish Greensprings Natural Cemetery and the Aldo Leopold



All five children of Aldo and Estella Leopold. From left to right: Nina Leopold Bradley, Starker Leopold, Estella Bergere Leopold, Carl Leopold, Luna Bergere Leopold

Foundation. Carl remained active with the Land Trust and in environmental issues until his passing in 2009.

Today, the Land Ethic articulated by Aldo and nurtured by Carl and his siblings lives on. Every day, the Finger Lakes Land Trust works with landowners, public officials, and local citizens who care deeply about the future of our region. You can help support this legacy by becoming a member of the Land Trust's Aldo Leopold Society.

The Society

Membership in the Aldo Leopold Society is open to individuals and families who make an unrestricted annual contribution of \$1,000 or more to the Finger Lakes Land Trust. Contributions to the Leopold Society allow the Land Trust to take advantage of conservation opportunities as they arise, to build a strong foundation for future stewardship of our lands and to create a network of dedicated conservationists across the region.

Ultimately, our success is due to you and all those who continue to provide financial resources for our land protection efforts. We hope you will consider making a gift to become a member of the Leopold Society. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support of the Land Trust.



Benefits

As a Leopold Society member, you are a leader in local land conservation. Through this leadership, you inspire and motivate others. In recognition of the role that Leopold Society members play in the Land Trust's success, we are pleased to offer the following benefits:

- Recognition as conservation leaders in the Land Trust's newsletter, *The Land Steward*;
- Invitation to the annual Leopold Society reception;
- Exclusive staff-led field trips to new or prospective acquisitions;
- Satisfaction of knowing that you are providing essential support for local land conservation;
- Knowing that you are helping to sustain the Leopold family's land ethic.

Conservation is a state of harmony between people and land.

Aldo Leopold