

field, forest & fen



Connecting People with the Healthy Lands and Clean Waters that Sustain Us



The Desire to Protect Land Flows Downstream and

We are pleased to introduce to you three new conservation easement owners, all of whom have one thing in common: They have protected their lands for future generations.

It is always a pleasure to work with such forward thinking and conservation minded landowners and neighbors who share our vision for the region: a healthy network of conserved lands providing clean water, wildlife habitat and productive forests and farm lands,” exclaimed OLT Project Manager Ethan Rubenstein.

The Bee’s Knees

Larry and Carole Leahy, long time residents of the Town of Laurens, have lived on their 145 acre property along the State Highway 23 corridor for nearly 50 years and have always managed it with care and vision for the future.

Over ninety percent of it is classified as having prime agricultural soils

and it provides a local farm with vital space to grow crops and fuel. Previously they protected its 10 acres of wetlands in partnership with the local Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Their property also contains frontage on Harrison Creek, classified as a trout stream by the DEC and an important tributary

“We have enjoyed our slice of heaven here in Otsego County over the years and have always tried to do what is right for the land. Entering into a conservation easement with Otsego Land Trust felt like the right thing to do in order to ensure that our vision for the land would continue into the future. Knowing that the property will always be kept open and available for agriculture and wildlife habitat after we can no longer look after it makes us extremely satisfied.”

– Larry and Carole



Across Otsego County

The Mouse and The Lion

In the Town of Springfield, the Cunningham family conserved their 33 acres of woodlands and open space along the northern shores of Otsego Lake. The property is within the Glimmerglass Historic District and has served as a family link for generations.

Tara's grandfather donated the Public Landing and town beach to the Town of Springfield so local residents could have easier access to the lake. This family history of land conservation along the shores of the lake for the benefit of neighbors was a deep motivator

to conserve the property. The property contains a portion of the iconic Mt. Wellington, sometimes referred to as Sleeping Lion Mountain for its profile as seen from the Village of Cooperstown, and borders a portion of Glimmerglass State Park in the vicinity of the popular Sleeping Lion Trail.

By limiting development along the shores of the lake the Cunningham's are helping to preserve the water quality of Otsego Lake, which the Village of Cooperstown depends on for its drinking water, along with countless communities downstream along the Susquehanna River.



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"This land links generations of our family, and we wanted to protect both that connection as well as the land, forever."

– Tara Sumner



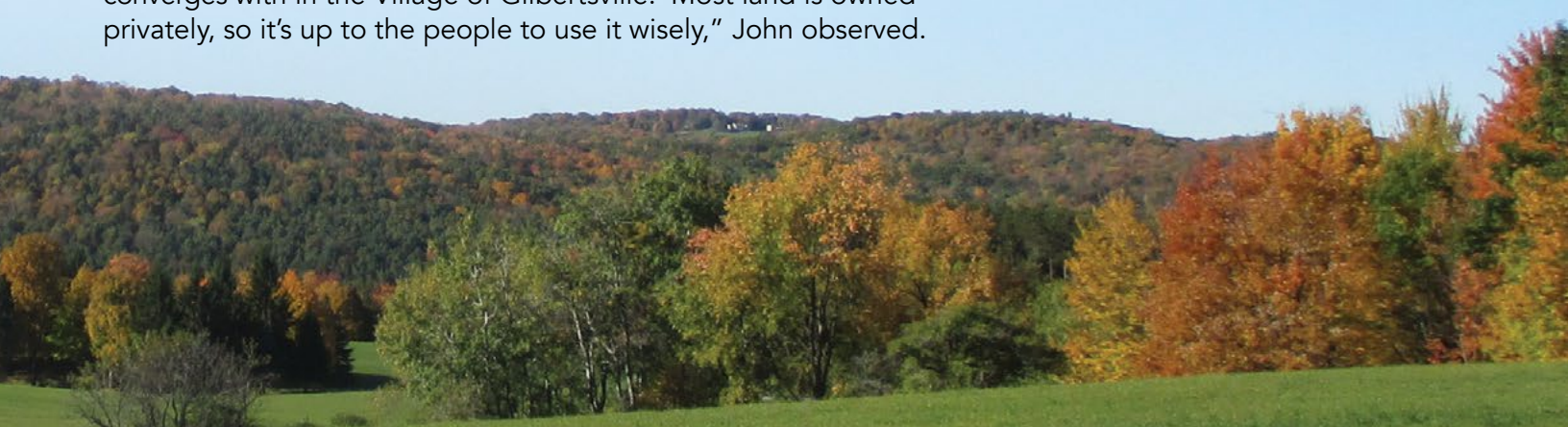
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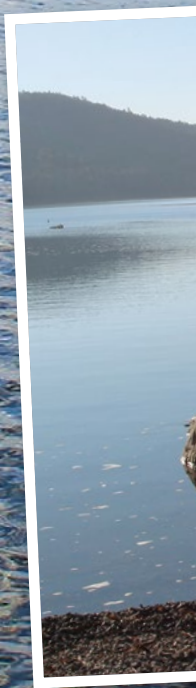
In the fall you were introduced to Pam Lloyd and her newly conserved property at the headwaters of Cahoon Creek in Morris.

Working downstream Rick O'Keefe and John Chanik have protected another 2,400 feet of frontage along Cahoon Creek, a DEC classified trout spawning stream, as well as 105 acres of fields and forest. Together Pam, Rick and John have protected just under a mile of this important tributary to the Butternut Creek, which it

"Through our partnership with Otsego Land Trust we're joining a larger group of landowners and neighbors making a statement that through dedicated citizens this region may remain abundant with the clean water and productive lands that we all rely upon." – Rick

converges with in the Village of Gilbertsville."Most land is owned privately, so it's up to the people to use it wisely," John observed.





BROOKWOOD POINT:

The Next Era of Connecting with Nature, Culture and History

With the help, support and dedication of community members, foundations, partner organizations, major donors, volunteers and grants, Brookwood Point is taking the next steps into its future as a safe and accessible public resource and asset. The vision and purpose of these diverse 22 acres on Otsego Lake are evolving into the community gathering and environmental



Brookwood Point Grand Reopening

Saturday, May 20th • 12pm-5pm

Brookwood Schedule

12:30pm Opening Remarks by Otsego Land Trust

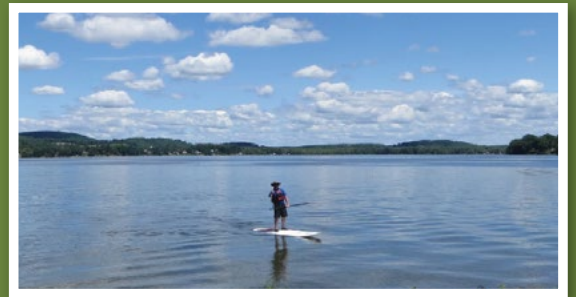
1:00pm Akwesasne Lady Singers

2:30pm-3:00pm Garden Tour with Patricia Thorpe

3:15pm-3:45pm Property Tour with Ed Rowley

4:00pm Glimmerglass Festival
Youth Opera Musical Presentation,
"Themes from Robin Hood"

All Day Live Folk Music by John Sullivan & Friends
Canoe/Kayak/SUP Demos and Rentals
Kids Activities
Mangia Macrina's Wood Fired Pizza



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Fresh Faces in Land Conservation

Each summer we are joined by several college students from around the region by way of conservation based educational internships. We look forward to the youthfulness, vitality and spunk they will bring to our summer season on the land!



Abbey Dearwater

Hometown: Johnstown, NY

College: Sterling College

Degree Track: Ecology Major with a particular interest in field of Conservation Biology

Favorite Environmental Quote:

This fragile earth is hurting. Young people today have so many serious challenges that need to be faced head on. I believe it is vitally important

for the young to realize they can each do something positive with their lives-that they can go for their dream whatever that is. This world needs their help more than ever before. We all are needed to work together for the future of this planet. – Elizabeth Titus Putnam



Dakota Bailey

Hometown: Kingston, NY

College: SUNY Oneonta

Degree Track: Environmental Science Major with a Minor in Chemistry

Favorite Environmental Quote:

Destroying a rainforest for economic gain is like burning a Renaissance painting to cook a meal. - E.O. Wilson



Kevin Weinert

Hometown: Schenevus, NY

College: SUNY Morrisville

Degree Track: Horticulture Production

Favorite Environmental Quote: *Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. – The Lorax*

Ethan Gardner

Hometown: Long Eddy, NY

College: SUNY Cobleskill

Degree Track: Wildlife Management

Favorite Environmental Quote: *We abuse land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. – Aldo Leopold*





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Otsego Land Trust conserves our natural heritage of woodlands, farmlands, and waters that sustain rural communities, promote public health, support wildlife diversity and inspire the human spirit.

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join us...

SAT., MAY 20

Brookwood Grand Opening
6000 State Hwy. 80 • 12-5pm

MON., MAY 29

**General Clinton Canoe
Regatta Launch**
6000 State Hwy. 80 • 7am

SAT., JULY 1

**Fireworks Viewing from
Brookwood Point**
6000 State Hwy. 80 • Dusk

TUES., JULY 4

**Springfield Fourth of July
Parade & Tree Giveaway**
Smith Rd., Springfield • 10am

Have an idea for an event?

Share your suggestions with Julie by phone at 607-547-2366 or by email to julie@otsegolandtrust.com

You can receive news and event updates directly to your email by signing up on our website.

SAT., JULY 22

Deowongo Island Day
Bakers Beach • 12pm

SAT., AUGUST 26

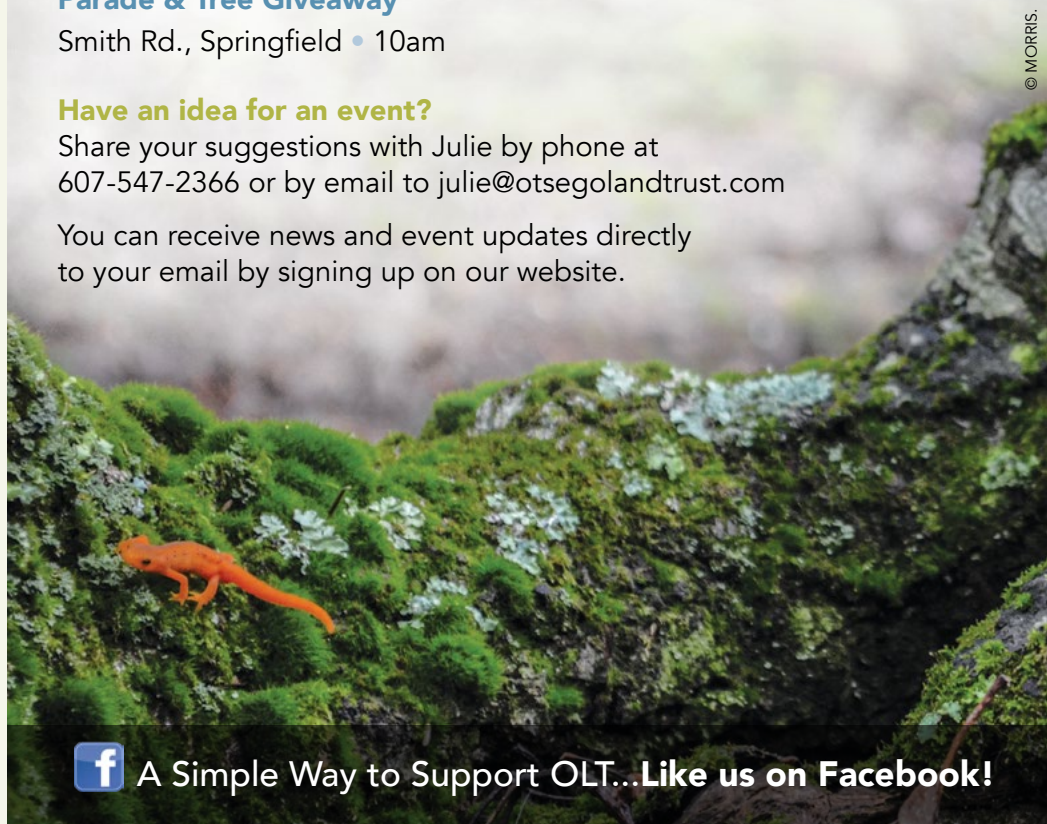
Annual Picnic and Silent Auction
Location TBD • 11am-2pm

SUN., SEPTEMBER 10

Hike for the Heck of it
Greenwoods Conservancy • 1-3pm

SUN., OCTOBER 1

**Forestry Workshop & Hike
with OCCA**
Mohican Farm/Fetterley Forest • 1-4pm



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