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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



### What is Land Stewardship?

*Land Stewardship is the recognition of our responsibility as a community to retain the quality and abundance of our land, air, water and wildlife, and to manage open space in a way that protects all of its environmental, social, cultural and economic values.*

## Stepping Up Stewardship: An Insiders Look at Caring for the Land You Love

Dear Friend,

When we complete a land project, a baton is passed from WLT staff who have worked to bring that land deal to fruition, to our team of stewards and volunteers who become the guardians of that land forever. **In other words, when our land preservation team is successful, they create more work for our stewardship team!**

The past twelve months have been filled with success stories – coming off our 30th anniversary which was a banner year for land protection, and teeing up hundreds of more acres for preservation. The baton has been passed from our land projects team to our stewardship team four times in recent months!

This internal transfer of responsibility is both gratifying and daunting. On one hand, it means more land has been protected forever. On the other hand, it means we now have the obligation to care for that land, and prepare for mother nature's climate change curveballs, forever. "Forever" is not only a very long time, but it brings surprises around every corner. This year alone, bog bridges were washed away due to unprecedented flooding, a tree was set ablaze by a lightning strike, and strong coastal winds continually hampered our efforts to replace an osprey platform before a nesting pair returned this spring (we persisted and succeeded!). We encourage you to read the article on the following page to learn more about how our stewardship team tackled some of these challenges and others.

Thanks to your generous contributions, we will pass more batons from land protection to our stewardship team in the years to come and as our fieldwork steadily grows, we will continue to count on you to help us. Many of you are already finding creative ways to support our work. We encourage you to read the donor impact story on page 4 and see our volunteers in action on page 9 to learn how supporters, just like you, can make a difference and have a positive impact on our community for generations to come.

I am pleased to report that we are welcoming more visitors to WLT preserves, engaging more participants in our community programs, and training more volunteers to assist with projects, than ever before in our organization's history.

**You inspire our work and help to ensure that we will continue to close land projects, and pass the baton into the very capable and eager hands of our stewardship team. Thank you for the important role you play in caring for the land you love, forever.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Lori Ensinger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Ensinger, President

## Stewarding Open Space, Forever By the Numbers

Every year, our stewardship team visits each of the 30 preserves we own and manage. This requires a lot of planning, organization, and field work, but with support from donors like you, our stewards are up to the task.

It's easy to romanticize walking around beautiful properties all day, but in reality, it can be hard work. "Some may shy away from a job that'll have you waist deep in bogs, exposed to poison ivy, and trudging through mud, but we love it," says Brendan Murphy, Director of Stewardship. Land Steward Mary Walsh and Preserve Manager John Zeiger agree, "We've ripped our jackets and pants and braved the frigid cold to protect open space, but we wouldn't have it any other way."

Through rain, sunshine, sleet, and snow, we ensure the trails you love are kept clean and clear, local wildlife have a place to call home and the natural beauty of special places in our region will be safe - forever.

*Brendan, John, and Mary, bolstered by a passionate team of volunteers, have made many improvements to WLT preserves throughout the region over the last twelve months.*



Photo by WLT Advisory Board Member Mike Surdel

### STEWARDSHIP STATS

This year, the Westchester Land Trust stewardship team

- ✔ Spent hundreds of hours making trail improvements.
- ✔ Removed 3,200 invasive mile-a-minute weeds.
- ✔ Built a 300-foot bog bridge using 9,500 pounds of all natural white oak.
- ✔ Constructed and replaced 200+ feet of fencing.
- ✔ Removed and chipped 3 miles of bamboo.



John (pictured above, right) worked with volunteer Peter Zeiger to construct a new kiosk at Pine Croft Meadow Preserve in Waccabuc.

Mary (left) and Brendan worked with fellow land stewards and volunteers to reblaze trails at Hemlock Brook Preserve in Yorktown Heights.

Brendan (orange hat, below) and a team of volunteers hauled lumber, tools, and 650 pounds of scaffolding to rebuild an osprey platform at Otter Creek Preserve in Mamaroneck.



Photo by Rob Cummings

*We look forward to another exciting year of protecting the land!*

DONOR IMPACT

## One Person Can ~~Only~~ Do So Much: Meet Tatiana Kaletsch



Tatiana Kaletsch with Brendan Murphy, Director of Stewardship and John Zeiger, Preserve Manager.

### Tatiana Kaletsch has always loved being outside.

“I was as young as 8 years old when I wrote letters to advocate for the banning of the plastic rings which hold together 6 packs of soda cans,” she says with a hint of nostalgia. She fondly remembers spending early mornings and late afternoons exploring the puddles and ponds surrounding her northwestern Connecticut home. Without the distraction of a TV, her waking hours were spent outdoors, “it was amusement enough,” she says with a smile, “we built toboggan runs and birdhouses, and looked for bugs and caterpillars in the tall grasses.”

“Today’s deep concerns for the effects of overdevelopment and climate change, and the sense of undeniable urgency, made we want to give back,” explains Tatiana, a wellness and health manager promoting integrated habits and lifestyles. Upon returning from living abroad, she researched ways to give back to local charities and found Westchester Land Trust. “WLT’s mission and activities – from

advocacy, education, programming, and farming – were a perfect match for me and what I care about.”

Our staff introduced Tatiana to several priority projects at our Pine Croft Meadow Preserve in Waccabuc, a rare 9-acre native meadow with sweeping views and a gentle sloping trail that is open to the public year-round. With support from Tatiana, we have been able to restore the native meadow by removing invasive plants and trees (like bamboo and Norway Maples), planting dozens of native trees and shrubs (like pussy willow and dogwoods), and improving signage and parking. “WLT is an organization that is impactful, but not so big that my contributions go unnoticed,” explains Tatiana.

Early one recent morning, our land stewards toured Tatiana around Pine Croft Meadow Preserve to thank her for her support and show her the impact



Pine Croft Meadow, located on Mead Street in Waccabuc, is home to many of our programs and events including our Story Walks co-presented with Lewisboro Library. For many young people, the walks serve as their first experience in nature.

*“I believe in inviting everyone to engage in conservation at a level which works for them. There is no one-size-fits-all. I was excited to learn about WLT because it has variety and scope.”*

- TATIANA KALETSCH

of her contributions. They also pointed out future projects including removing a new infestation of mile-a-minute weed and putting the finishing touches on a new kiosk. “Pine Croft Meadow is a small gem,” says Tatiana. “When I walked it with WLT’s stewardship team I saw the meadow through the lens of an organization committed to caring for this land forever – it is very rewarding to contribute to the success of these projects. I feel good knowing I am making an impact in our community that will last for generations to come.”

## STEW ON THIS: Stewardship Takes Cues from Nature Today to Plan for Wet and Wild Weather in the Future

**Our climate is changing, and our trails are feeling it.** Storms are stronger and more frequent, resulting in flood waters that are higher and last longer. This brings new levels of stress to our preserves and trails, the staff responsible for their care, and our plans and budgets. Frankly, it can be tough.

What is the impact? We are seeing more trail erosion, our foot bridges are being overtopped or destroyed, and “mud season” sticks around like, well, mud. Brendan Murphy, who Directs WLT’s land stewardship team talks about how these changes impact his approach and plans for land management. “The way we approach our trails and the visitor experience is evolving – where we once could lay a simple boardwalk at ground level, we’re now increasing the height of our walkways and bridges, using stronger materials, and hardening with stone and rebar.”

Brendan and his team work year-round to care for WLT’s preserves which include 15 miles of trails. This year they focused on trails at two popular preserves: Hunter Brook Preserve in Yorktown and Otter Creek Preserve in Mamaroneck.

At our Hunter Brook Preserve we moved a 16-foot bridge and relocated over 100 feet of trail to higher ground. Strong flooding from an October 2018 storm nearly twisted the bridge under rocks and rushing water.

The popular loop trail at Otter Creek Preserve is now usable year-round thanks to 300 feet of new bog bridge and some strategic “retreating” of the trail to dryer areas. Repeated flooding and storm surges had overwhelmed the older bog bridges, leading to “rogue” trails that can hurt vulnerable wildlife and plants.

What’s next? More of the same, for sure. But with renewed focus on safer and more resilient trails, and with our wonderful supporters and volunteers, our team looks forward to the challenge of whatever mother nature can throw at us. We’re ready!



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

Storms and flood waters destroyed a bridge used by Otter Creek Preserve visitors. Thanks to WLT intern Daniel Ricci and volunteers for playing key roles in Otter Creek Preserve trail improvements.

**4 WAYS**  
you can  
support land  
stewardship at  
a WLT preserve



**Visit a preserve**  
near you and contact John, at [johnz@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:johnz@westchesterlandtrust.org), with any observations or concerns.



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from Stewardship’s Wishlist. Visit our website to view the complete list.



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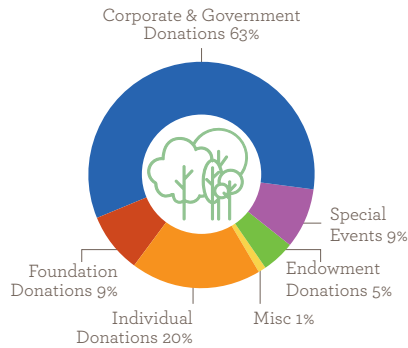
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contact Kara at [kara@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:kara@westchesterlandtrust.org) to learn about stewardship projects we have that are in need of financial support.

Photo courtesy of WLT supporter Susan Berenzweig

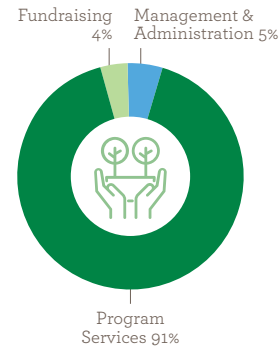
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Year ending December 31, 2018

## SUPPORT & REVENUE \$3,057,681\*



## EXPENSES \$3,150,747



## SUPPORT & REVENUE

Individual Donations	\$616,379
Foundation Donations	\$278,516
Corporate & Government Donations	\$1,916,164
Special Events, net of expenses	\$278,999
Endowment Donations	\$153,468
Endowment Investment Income, net	(\$222,255)
Miscellaneous	\$36,410
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,057,681</b>

## EXPENSES

Program Services	\$2,879,389
Fundraising	\$119,008
Management & Administration	\$152,350
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,150,747</b>

Change in Net Assets	(\$93,066)
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$20,537,372
Net Assets, end of year	\$20,444,306

\*Endowment Investment Income, net showed a loss of \$222,255 (7% of the Revenue total) as of December 31, 2018.

Net Assets include land held for conservation, Sugar Hill Farm assets, endowment funds, and other Board designated & restricted funds. Please visit our website or contact us for a copy of our audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. Please visit our website or contact us for a copy of our audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2018.

# We Salute You, Our Conservation Heroes

A philanthropist is anyone who gives anything – time, money, skills, their network – to create a better world. Thank you to all of our conservation heroes who help us protect the land we love, water we drink, food we eat and air we breathe. To see a complete list please visit [westchesterlandtrust.org](http://westchesterlandtrust.org).

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- NANETTE BOURNE (FAR RIGHT), WLT DIRECTOR AND 2019 EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER

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The future of WLT depends on our community of supporters. Contact Kara at [kara@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:kara@westchesterlandtrust.org) to learn more about our planned giving program or to let us know if you have already named us in your estate plans so that we may say "thank you" during your lifetime.

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*Although we have carefully reviewed this list for accuracy, there may be inadvertent errors or omissions. If you do not see your name please contact Michelle at [Michelle@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:Michelle@westchesterlandtrust.org).*





**Offutt Porter** (back row, left) organized dozens of members of the Westchester chapter of Outdoor Afro to attend our programs and events. In the winter, he co-led an Intro to Hiking program with WLT.



**Employees from Team MVP** spent an afternoon caring for our garden at Sugar Hill Farm. All harvested fruits and veggies will be donated to the Community Center of Northern Westchester.

WLT Development volunteer **Nancy Nygreen** helped us send out our 2019 Annual Benefit invitations.



## Thank You, WLT Volunteers!

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*"Westchester Land Trust encouraged me to dig harder and find what really makes me feel fulfilled. A day at the garden was a nice change of scenery from the office. I never had much of a green thumb, but WLT staff and passionate Sugar Hill Farm volunteers showed me valuable ways to sustain farm life and inspired me to do more."*

**- PRISCILLA NANNARIELLO, SUGAR HILL FARM VOLUNTEER**



### SPECIAL THANKS to the businesses and Individuals for their in-kind donations to our Annual Benefit.

Thanks to your support, we raised nearly a half million dollars to protect the health and vitality of our communities while honoring the contributions of conservationists Benny Caiola and Susan Henry. See website for a complete list.

# Westchester Land Trust

Calling All Adventurers! Join us to learn about conservation while having a great time with family and friends! For more info, or to RSVP – Visit [westchesterlandtrust.org](http://westchesterlandtrust.org) or contact Kristen [kristen@westchesterlandtrust.org](mailto:kristen@westchesterlandtrust.org)

<p><b>Saturday, October 12, 2019</b>  <b>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>                  Rain or Shine</p>	 <p><b>Mushroom Walk</b>                  WLT's Westchester Wilderness Walk/                  Zofnass Family Preserve                  258 Upper Shad Road., Pound Ridge</p>	<p><b>WLT presents an educational and entertaining forest stroll exploring the fungi with naturalist Taro Ietaka</b>, former President of the Connecticut-Westchester Mycological Association and Park Supervisor for Westchester County Parks.</p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 19, 2019</b>  <b>4:30 PM – 6:30 PM</b>                  Rain date: Sunday,                  Oct 20, same time</p>	 <p><b>A Haunted Hike</b>                  Leon Levy Preserve                  2-50 Smith Ridge Road, South Salem</p>	<p><b>Hiking + History + GHOST STORIES = an UNFORGETTABLE time!</b>                  Join WLT and Lewisboro Town Historian, Maureen Koehl, for a fun and frightening stroll to the "Black Mansion" at the at Leon Levey Preserve (WLT holds a conservation easement on this land). SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, October 24, 2019</b>  <b>6:30 PM – Reception</b>  <b>7:00 PM – Talk</b></p>	 <p><b>Rocky Hills Environmental Lecture</b>                  Chappaqua Performing Arts Center                  480 Bedford Road, Chappaqua</p>	<p><b>British garden designer James Alexander-Sinclair takes us on a virtual jaunt</b> through a series of gardens he has designed, paying particular attention to how gardens connect us with nature. Presented in partnership with Chappaqua Library and the Garden Conservancy.</p>
<p><b>Saturday, November 2, 2019</b>  <b>8:30 AM – 10:00 AM</b>                  Rain date: Sunday,                  Nov 3, same time</p>	 <p><b>Guided Autumn Bird Walk</b>                  WLT's Otter Creek Preserve                  Taylors Lane, Mamaroneck</p>	<p><b>Birds are on the move!</b> Janelle Robbins, WLT Advisory Board Member and birder extraordinaire, will teach you about the diversity of migrating birds that find food and shelter at this one-of-a-kind salt marsh. Bring binoculars!</p>
<p><b>Sunday, November 17, 2019</b>  <b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>                  Rain or Shine</p>	 <p><b>Trek Turkey Mountain</b>                  Turkey Mountain Preserve Trailhead                  Locke Lane, Yorktown Heights</p>	<p><b>Celebrate National Hike Day on this moderate hike with spectacular views.</b> This group hike is a great chance to enjoy the natural world and meet new people. Grab a buddy (and a snack) and we'll see you at Turkey Mountain.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, December 8, 2019</b>  <b>10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>                  Rain date: Sunday,                  Dec 15, 1-3 PM</p>	 <p><b>Holiday Tree ID Hike</b>                  WLT's Westchester Wilderness Walk/                  Zofnass Family Preserve                  258 Upper Shad Road, Pound Ridge</p>	<p><b>Explore the wintry landscape and learn techniques to identify trees during the winter months.</b> This program is perfect for those looking to gain outdoor knowledge or those looking to get out outside for a fun winter walk!</p>
<p><b>Saturday, January 11, 2020</b>  <b>5:30 PM – 7:00 PM</b>                  Rain or Shine</p>	 <p><b>Under the "Wolf" Moon</b>                  Please contact Kristen at <a href="mailto:kristen@westchesterlandtrust.org">kristen@westchesterlandtrust.org</a> or visit <a href="http://westchesterlandtrust.org/calendar">westchesterlandtrust.org/calendar</a> to register</p>	<p><b>Kick off the New Year with WLT and the Wolf Conservation Center!</b>                  Join the wolves for the first full moon of 2020 (the Wolf Moon) to learn about the conservation of wolves and how WLT protects the places animals call home. Enjoy a moonlit stroll to visit WCC's ambassador wolves and hear their howls. All ages welcome. SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.</p>
<p><b>Saturday, February 22, 2020</b>  <b>10:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b>                  Rain Date: Saturday,                  Feb 29, same time</p>	 <p><b>DIY Maple Sugaring</b>                  WLT's Sugar Hill Farm                  403 Harris Road, Bedford Hills</p>	<p><b>Back by popular demand! Explore the step-by-step process of making maple syrup.</b> Learn how to "tap" into this incredible resource in your own backyard and leave with a sweet treat!</p>

Our stewardship team needs your boots on the ground! Join us in the field!

<p><b>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays</b>  <b>October 1, 10, 15, 24</b>  <b>10:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Grow &amp; Share! Farm Volunteer Days</b>                  @ Sugar Hill Farm                  403 Harris Road, Bedford Hills</p>	<p><b>Would you like to bring a group to volunteer at the farm?</b>                  Please contact Kristen O'Hara at <a href="mailto:kristen@westchesterlandtrust.org">kristen@westchesterlandtrust.org</a> or call 914-234-6992 ext. 15</p>
<p><b>Saturday, Oct 19, 2019</b>  <b>10:00 AM – 1:30 PM</b>                  Rain or Shine</p>	<p><b>Volunteer Stewardship Day</b>                  @ WLT's Tom Burke Preserve                  401 McLain Street, Bedford</p>	<p><b>Help bring history back to life!</b> Learn about the history of stone walls in our region. Join us as we clear brush from a historic stone wall and improve the habitat for wildlife and native plants.</p>
<p><b>Friday, Nov 22, 2019</b>  <b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>                  Rain or Shine</p>	<p><b>Give Thanks to the Land</b>                  @ WLT's Frederick P. Rose Preserve and Rock Shelter Preserve, 193 N Salem Road, Cross River</p>	<p><b>Celebrate the season of giving by helping to expand a meadow and blueberry thicket to shelter birds and pollinators.</b></p>



## SAVE the DATE!

Longtime WLT supporters and Katonah residents Angelina and Monte Lipman invite you to their home for

**Westchester Land Trust's 2020 ANNUAL BENEFIT SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2020**

Details to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## We're applying for Land Trust Accreditation Renewal!

The Land Trust Accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and lands forever.

Visit our website to learn more about the accreditation program and how to submit a comment.



## Getting Outdoors! We're Putting Our Values Into Action

Over the last twelve months, Westchester Land Trust offered more than 50 programs including photo walks, story time hikes and community gardening. These community programs inspired people of all ages to connect with the land and protect the natural world. We look forward to seeing you at a WLT program soon!

In February, dozens of community members from across the region and learned how to tap maple trees at our Sugar Hill Farm HQ, during a DIY Maple Sugaring Program.



In June, we hosted a "Native Gardening 101: How To Plant a Habitat Patch" workshop with PLAN it WILD. Attendees left feeling inspired to plant a pollinator friendly habitat patch in their yards and create pollinator pathways in their community.

Throughout the spring and summer, volunteers planted hundreds of seeds and plugs at Sugar Hill Farm. All fruits and veggies harvested at our quarter-acre farm are donated to fellow community members at the Community Center of Northern Westchester.



*Thank you for all you do to help WLT preserve and steward the land, forever.*

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*“Everyone at Westchester Land Trust is pulling in the same direction to accomplish the mission of preserving, protecting and enhancing the natural resources in our communities. I look forward to continuing to volunteer with WLT and hope to contribute in any way I can to further the success of this amazing non-profit!”*

- SUSAN LEIGHTON, WLT DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEER

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