

New York State Conservation Partnership Program 2003 Grant Awards

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Total 2003 NYSCPP Grant Awards: \$200,000

TRANSACTION GRANT AWARDS: \$50,000 644 Acres Conserved

Albany County Land Conservancy
Slingerlands
\$3,500

To facilitate the acquisition of the 37-acre Indian Ladder Farms Wetland.

Catskill Center for Conservation & Development
Arkville
\$2,450

To assist with the purchase of a 10-acre parcel of land to ensure the permanent protection of and public access to Platte Clove Preserve.

Columbia Land Conservancy

Chatham

\$4,500

To create public access to the High Falls in Columbia County.

Finger Lakes Land Trust

Ithaca

\$5,000

To assist in the acquisition of 50 acres adjacent to the Bahar Nature Preserve on Skaneateles Lake, establishing permanent protection for a threatened section of Carpenter Falls/Bear Swamp Corridor.

Genesee Land Trust

Rochester

\$4,000

To assist with the transaction costs of purchasing 23 acres known as Island Cottage Woods, part of the Braddock Bay Fish and Wildlife Management Area.

Genesee Valley Conservancy

Geneseo

\$3,550

To assist with the purchase of a 104-acre conservation easement on the 208-acre Smith Farm, an active dairy farm in Livingston County.

Oblong Land Conservancy

Pawling

\$4,500

To cover costs of acquiring a conservation easement on Hermit Thrush Hill, a 50-acre parcel in the Town of Pawling.

Orange County Land Trust

Middletown

\$5,000

To cover costs of acquiring a conservation easement on 51 acres on Mt. Eve in the Orange County Black Dirt region.

Southern Madison Heritage Trust

Hamilton

\$2,500

To cover costs of acquiring a conservation easement on 18.05 acres on Preston Hill Road, Madison County.

Teatown Lake Reservation, Inc.

Ossining

\$5,000

To assist with the acquisition of 14.6 acres adjacent to Teatown's Cliffdale Farm property.

The Nature Conservancy

Rochester

\$5,000

To cover transaction expenses associated with the purchase of 185 acres in the Hemlock Lake Watershed of the Finger Lakes.

Woodstock Land Conservancy

Woodstock

\$2,500

To assist with the purchase of an ecologically sensitive 19-acre parcel on the ridge of Mount Guardian.

Woodstock Land Conservancy

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\$2,500

To cover transaction costs associated with the donation of a 35-acre parcel known as Snake Rocks, which contains the headwaters of the Little Beaver Kill, a tributary to the Esopus Creek and the Ashokan Reservoir.

STAFFING GRANT AWARDS: \$97,550

Agricultural Stewardship Association

Greenwich

\$40,000

To assist with the hiring of the first full-time Executive Director.

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust

Watertown

\$25,000

To assist with the hiring of the first full-time Executive Director

Wallkill Valley Land Trust

New Paltz

\$32,550

To support expanding the Executive Director's role to a full-time position.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS: \$52,450

Albany County Land Conservancy

Slingerlands

\$4,000

To update ACLC's strategic plan, develop and implement an organizational fundraising plan, train fundraising volunteers, and implement a new membership and development database.

Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy

Jamestown

\$7,500

To hire a development consultant to coordinate and train the board and a campaign team to undertake the \$4.9 million Chatauqua Lake Forever Beautiful. . . Campaign and to evaluate and advise on membership development.

Columbia Land Conservancy

Chatham

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To develop and implement a strategic plan.

Dutchess Land Conservancy

Millbrook

\$2,500

To develop a long-range strategic plan.

Indian River Lakes Conservancy

Redwood

\$2,500

To further goals of education and land conservation by increasing general membership, board membership, and community participation and by studying local natural and economic resources.

Mount Sinai Heritage Trust

Mount Sinai

\$5,000

To hire a consultant to assist with the development of fundraising and membership development plan.

Ontario Bays Initiative

Chaumont

\$2,700

To develop a 5-year strategic plan, create public access to previously conserved land, and expand efforts to conserve grasslands and an ecologically important marsh.

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Orange County Land Trust

Middletown

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To develop a strategic plan with emphasis on land conservation efforts that complement New York State's Open Space Plan.

Otsego Land Trust, Inc.

Cooperstown

\$1,750

To expand marketing and public awareness efforts through web site development, increased newsletter distribution and new program initiatives.

Southern Madison Heritage Trust

Hamilton

\$5,000

To hire a consultant to guide board members and volunteers through a land conservation project, building skills and organizational capacity.

Thousand Island Land Trust

Clayton

\$5,000

To create and implement a marketing and communications plan.

Westchester Land Trust

New Bedford

\$5,000

To hire a consultant to help form partnerships in five communities where WLT has encountered preservation barriers and to develop an outreach plan for each community.

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TRANSACTION GRANT AWARDS: \$52,000 2,051 Acres Conserved

Adirondack Land Trust / Adirondack Nature Conservancy \$5,000

To acquire a 110-acre property to preserve a three-mile Boquet River corridor and provide public access to the Boquet River.

Columbia Land Conservancy \$3,235

To leverage more than \$606,819 for the acquisition, stewardship and

improvement of the 165-acre Hand Hollow Conservation Area and to assist with establishing public access improvements for the preserve.

Dutchess Land Conservancy

\$8,000

To partner with the Town of Dover and Friends of Dover Stone Church to acquire and preserve a 58-acre property containing the Dover Stone Church, a unique geological formation.

Genesee Land Trust

\$8,500

To acquire conservation easements on approximately 250 acres of farmland in Wayne County.

Indian River Lakes Conservancy

\$3,265

To acquire Better Farm, an 86-acre wetland addition to Grand Lake Reserve, and to provide public access to Butterfield Lake in Jefferson County.

Lake George Land Conservancy

\$4,000

To assist with the acquisition of the 855-acre Cat Mt. Preserve for public use and scenic enjoyment.

Orange County Land Trust

\$7,000

To protect 255 acres of ecologically rich Highlands hillside and stream in the Town of Warwick as a preserve open to the public.

Peconic Land Trust

\$5,000

To acquire 31 acres of farmland in East Setauket. This farmland is part of a network of previously protected conservation land holdings.

Thousand Islands Land Trust

\$8,000

To assist in the acquisition of 241 acres on the St. Lawrence River, part of the Crooked Creek Preserve, and to plan for public access.

STAFFING GRANT AWARDS: \$100,000

North Shore Land Alliance

\$30,000

To hire an assistant director and office assistant.

Saratoga P.L.A.N.

\$30,000

To hire a stewardship and outreach coordinator.

Western New York Land Conservancy

\$40,000

To hire a member development and volunteer coordinator.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS: \$48,000

Delaware Highlands Conservancy

\$6,610

To design and implement a comprehensive membership plan to increase membership in Delaware and Sullivan Counties.

Finger Lakes Land Trust

\$2,500

To engage public and private sector stakeholders in the 500,000-acre Cayuga Watershed, identify land protection priorities, and pilot techniques to prioritize land protection projects in large-scale landscapes.

Genesee Land Trust and Genesee Valley Conservancy

\$9,000 (\$4,500 to each land trust)

To investigate ways in which the Genesee Land Trust and the Genesee Valley Conservancy can work together to increase land conservation in Western New York and to increase the conservation capacity of their boards.

Nassau Land Trust

\$5,000

To establish a communication and education program for municipal officials in Nassau County.

Oblong Land Conservancy

\$3,000

To assist in development and implementation of a visionary strategic protection plan for the Great Swamp in Dutchess and Putnam Counties.

Otsego Land Trust

\$4,915

To hire a contractor to gather and input data for development and stewardship and to archive stewardship materials.

Scenic Hudson, Inc.

\$2,500

To launch several new tasks for the Hudson Valley Agricultural Partnership, each focused on building the coalition's visibility, size, and effectiveness in advocating for Hudson Valley farms and farmland.

Trust for Public Land, Mid-Atlantic Regional Office

\$10,000

To further an unprecedented effort to preserve New York City community gardens under the control of independent land trusts and to provide technical assistance to the newly formed land trusts in Manhattan, The Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens, enabling them to take ownership of and manage their gardens in perpetuity.

Wallkill Valley Land Trust

\$1,975

To complete baseline documentation of easements held by the land trust and to hire a consultant to provide training on baseline documentation.

Westchester Land Trust

\$2,500

To work in partnership with groups and individuals to identify parcels for conservation easements and begin negotiations with landowners, implementing the action plan from a previous Organizational Development project.

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Total 2005 NYSCPP Grant Awards: \$450,000

CONSERVATION CAPACITY & EXCELLENCE GRANT AWARDS : \$90,100 (14 grants)

CONSERVATION CATALYST GRANT AWARDS : \$97,600 (7 grants)

STAFFING GRANT AWARDS : \$126,200 (4 grants)

TRANSACTION GRANT AWARDS : \$86,100 (11 grants)

LAND TRUST ALLIANCE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LAND TRUST GRANTEEES – \$50,000

Note: NYSCPP appropriation also includes \$50,000 for program administration.

CAPACITY AND EXCELLENCE GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROPOSAL	GRANT AWARD
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	To hire a qualified fundraising consultant to plan and implement a fundraising program to succeed our current program, which expires in 2006. Hire local marketing consultant and designer to assist in development of solicitation materials and marketing collateral.	\$6,700
Catskill Center for Conservation and Development	Arkville, Delaware County	To complete internal assessment and prioritization of the Catskill Center's Land Conservation Program, and to review program components and decision on future direction, followed by communication of the resulting vision.	\$2,900
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	To build upon continuing capital campaign by customizing campaign materials (video/DVD and Prospectus), and producing educational materials to reach residents and visitors of Chautauqua Institution, a non-profit educational center and community that attracts 142,000 persons each summer.	\$4,900
Delaware Highlands Conservancy - NY Office	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	To plan and implement a capital campaign to protect culturally significant parcels in the Upper Delaware. This campaign will help preserve "The Gateway to the Upper Delaware," a federally	\$9,600

		designated scenic and recreational river.	
Esopus Creek Conservancy	Saugerties, Ulster County	To initiate facilitator-supported board management and development improvement process designed to bring ECC into compliance with Standards I and III of the Land Trusts Standards and Practices. A pre-assessment of board functions by the facilitator will be followed by a two day retreat involving Mission Statement and Strategic Plan components, continued interface by the facilitator following the meetings, and a final retreat day for committee reports and board actions. A post retreat facilitator evaluation follows, along with end-of-year board actions in compliance with Mission Statement and Strategic Plan needs.	\$7,000
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	To update and enhance existing AutoCAD and GIS mapping capabilities to increase land protection in the Livingston County region of the Genesee River and expand strategic stewardship of 7,500 acres of land protected by the land trust.	\$4,200
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	To develop a strategic protection plan that will seek to address conservation priorities, human resources, fundraising and financial resource development and	\$2,400

		stewardship and partnership opportunities applicable to the land preservation program.	
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	To obtain resources to provide strategic planning, fundraising, and related organizational development The overall purpose is to enhance the likelihood of success for the LGLC's proposed comprehensive fundraising campaign in support of its mission to preserve the water quality of Lake George and the rare plants and animals within its watershed by permanently protecting natural land.	\$9,600
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	To provide resources necessary to fully implement the 2003 Strategic Plan and to build state and federal partnerships to protect Wilson Bay Marsh, a nationally significant wetland habitat for migratory birds, including the NYS threatened Black Tern.	\$4,300
Open Space Preservation Trust	Shoreham, Suffolk County	To develop a strategic plan for the land trust, established in 2000, and to focus conservation efforts in two key parts of Long Island - the Town of Brookhaven pine barrens and in the watersheds of Great South Bay, a NY State designated South Shore Estuary Reserve (SSER).	\$3,900
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange	To conduct feasibility study in preparation for Orange	\$9,600

	County	County Land Trust's Strategic Plan for 2004-2008, which calls for a capital campaign for 2006-2008.	
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	To research and prepare a strategic stewardship plan to keep Quail Hill Farm financially viable in the future. Quail Hill Farm represents a model of organic, community supported agriculture and is the centerpiece of a 212 acre complex of highly scenic, protected farmland in Amagansett.	\$7,700
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	To prepare and implement Board Development Plan. A Strategic Projection Plan and a Project Planning and Design Guide will also be prepared, and the land trust's first conservation easement will be completed. These activities have three goals for the land trust, which was incorporated in 2003--to build organizational and board strength, to accelerate conservation work already begun in the Little River watershed, and to increase capacity for conservation in the St.Lawrence-northern Adirondack service area.	\$9,600
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	To develop Major Donor Moves Plan, a Business and Corporation Membership Program, and continue to raise awareness and support of THTLT and its	\$7,700

		stewardship of 2,700 acres under conservation easement by expanding the general membership program.	
Category Total			\$90,100
CONSERVATION CATALYST GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROPOSAL	GRANT AWARD
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	To plan and implement a landscape-scale agricultural conservation project along 3.5 miles of the Battenkill River corridor in the vicinity of Shushan, Salem and Jackson, and other towns in Washington County, NY. The project area includes approximately 1,200 acres on 8 parcels of land, which will be protected in coordination with The Conservation Fund and the Battenkill Conservancy.	\$19,300
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	To work in partnership with the Town of Philipstown and the Conway School of Landscape Design to develop a natural resource plan that will direct strategic conservation goals in the Town's new Comprehensive Plan, and to partner with the Open Space Institute and Scenic Hudson to increase protection along the Hudson River in Putnam County.	\$7,600
North Shore Land Alliance	Old Westbury, Nassau County	To design, structure and implement a county-wide land/easement acquisition program which will successfully and effectively	\$16,500

		<p>spend the proceeds from two recently passed (November, 2004) bond acts - the \$50 million Clean Water, Open Space Environmental Program and the \$30 million Save Environmental Assets Fund II bond. This grant will position the organization to provide critical guidance on local land conservation decisions and to build support in Nassau County for additional funding sources in 2006.</p>	
<p>Saratoga P.L.A.N.</p>	<p>Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County</p>	<p>To partner with Saratoga County to produce a comprehensive county-wide Green Infrastructure Plan that will identify open spaces, natural areas, trail corridors and farmland that should be protected. Importantly it will work with each community and assure that there are linkages between communities for trails, watershed protection, habitat connections and adequate recreational spaces. The Plan will build on the 1995 "Special Places Campaign" to establish Saratoga PLAN's land protection priorities and to aid towns throughout the county in planning and securing resources for conservation.</p>	<p>\$19,300</p>
<p>Thousand Islands Land Trust</p>	<p>Clayton, Jefferson County</p>	<p>To engage local communities and partner organizations in the creation of a community-based conservation plan for the Thousand Islands landscape. This project will</p>	<p>\$17,600</p>

		create a new regional approach for conservation of up to 2,000 additional acres along the St. Lawrence River and Islands and along major creeks feeding the south side of the St. Lawrence River, from the Village of Cape Vincent to Chippewa Bay.	
Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Inc.	New Paltz, Ulster County	To develop and implement three part campaign (publicity, capital, and land conservation) to preserve and protect the 350-acre Pine Hole Bog, one of the largest dwarf shrub bogs in the Hudson Valley and a priority project area in the 2002 Open Space Conservation Plan, as well as the associated Black Creek watershed and outlet.	\$7,700
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	To launch a two-year comprehensive effort to complete 15 new conservation easements, in addition to land purchases and land use reforms, in North Salem, Lewisboro and Pound Ridge, and nearby towns, that will protect important biodiversity in the 22,000 acre Eastern Westchester Biotic Corridor.	\$9,600
Category Total			\$97,600
CONSERVATION TRANSACTION GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROPOSAL	GRANT AWARD
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	To cover transaction costs for easement acquisition on the Beattie Farm, a 300-acre farm containing a high percentage of prime soils	\$6,000

		located on the White Creek.	
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	To acquire 27 acres of Chautauqua Lake Outlet wetlands and conserve 160 feet of waterfront, including expenses associated with environmental investigation and construction of an interpretive kiosk for public education.	\$7,200
Columbia Land Conservancy - Taconic Ridge acquisition	Chatham, Columbia County	To purchase a 93-acre forested parcel of land in the Taconic Ridge/Harlem Valley Region that is visible from the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and other protected lands, to be used as a public conservation area.	\$9,600
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	To cover expenses related to the purchase of 5 acres of critical migratory bird habitat adjacent to Braddock Bay with a small Lake Ontario beach frontage, adjacent to DEC owned land and near migratory bird banding research station.	\$5,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	To cover costs associated with the pending donation of a 19-acre parcel of undisturbed land to the Hudson Highlands Land Trust. The property, adjacent to NYS-owned parkland, will eventually be added to the Hudson Highlands State Park.	\$6,500
North Shore Land Alliance	Old Westbury, Nassau County	To cover expenses related to protection of a threatened, high conservation value property. The 6-acre property sits between a	\$9,600

		house that may be sold for development and an environmentally sensitive pond area which is slated to be purchased for passive parkland.	
Northeast Wilderness Trust- NY Office	Essex, Essex County	To purchase and preserve the 108-acre Northwest Boquet Mountain Property, which is a vital piece in the protection of the Boquet Mountain Matrix and Split Rock Wildway.	\$9,600
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	To cover expenses associated with the purchase of a 44-acre easement on the Shawangunk Ridge in Orange County.	\$9,600
Teatown Lake Reservation, Inc.	Ossining, Westchester County	To cover transaction costs associated with donation and transfer of an easement on 17 acres of property that is key connection between Teatown's Back 40 Trail and Westchester County's Briarcliff-Peekskill Trail and also contains ~8 acres of a NYS-DEC Class 2 wetland.	\$9,600
The Nature Conservancy, Central & Western New York Chapter	Rochester, Monroe County	To cover costs associated with the protection of strategic parcels comprising 164 acres in the Honeoye Inlet area of the Western Finger Lakes region. The Camp Muller tract is important to maintaining the ecological integrity of the Honeoye Inlet region, as the property nearly connects the newly designated Honeoye Inlet Wildlife Management Area to Harriet Hollister Spencer State Park. The	\$9,500

		eastern side of the tract borders the inlet to Honeoye Lake, which contains one of the largest silver maple-ash swamps in New York. The tract was formerly owned and managed by the Boy Scouts of America.	
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	To cover costs related to managing and improving baseline documentation for a 31-acre conservation easement at a time when the organization is preparing for significant expansion of its activity in purchased conservation easements.	\$3,900
Category Total			\$86,100

STAFFING GRANTS

ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROPOSAL	GRANT AWARD
Albany County Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	To enable 13 year old Capital Region land trust with 800 acres under fee ownership and 300 acres under conservation easement to hire first full time executive director, who will be responsible for program management and development, outreach, fundraising and coordination of board activities, committees, and volunteers.	\$38,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	To enable 16 year old regional land trust with 3,251 acres under fee ownership and 3,856 acres under conservation easement in Finger Lakes region to hire first land protection specialist to	\$28,500

		<p>expand conservation and stewardship capacity. Additional resources will enable improvements in project tracking, landowner and community relations, and protection of priority conservation target areas within the Cayuga and Skaneateles Lake watersheds.</p>	
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	<p>To enable 18 year old regional land trust with 3,614 acres under conservation easement in Upper Susquehanna River watershed region to hire part-time executive assistant to build conservation capacity and aggressively implement Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices.</p>	\$24,000
Rensselaer-Taconic Land Conservancy	Troy, Rensselaer County	<p>To enable 17 year old Rensselaer County land trust with 149 acres under fee ownership and 243 acres under conservation easement to hire first full time executive director and part-time assistant to build capacity for farmland and open space protection, community outreach, and development of sustainable funding base to maintain stable organizational foundation for land conservation, management and development, outreach, fundraising and coordination of board activities, committees, and volunteers.</p>	\$35,700

		Category Total	\$126,200
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PURPOSE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT	GRANT AWARD
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	To enable a 17-year old Rochester-area land trust with 840 acres under fee ownership, 400 acres under conservation easement, and 1100 acres under easement with 3rd party enforcement rights to hire its first land protection specialist and expand professional fundraising capacity. The land trust will utilize its enhanced professional capacity to significantly accelerate the pace of land conservation and pursue new partnership opportunities in the Greater Rochester area.	\$35,000.00
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	To enable a 13-year old land trust to hire a land protection and stewardship director. The land trust, which holds 1,072 acres in fee and 942 acres under easement, will leverage its strong donor base and accomplished communications program to protect critical open space, enhance stewardship practices, and build community support in Orange County, the fastest growing county in New York State.	\$45,000.00
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	To enable a 17-year old Hudson Valley land trust with 180 acres under fee ownership and 1,237 acres under conservation easement, to support its first full time Executive Director and its first full time program assistant. Winnakee Land Trust, which created the 21-mile Historic Heritage Greenway Hike & Bike Trail and the 8-mile Hyde Park Heritage Greenway Trail is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$30,000.00
TOTAL			\$110,000.00

CAPACITY AND EXCELLENCE GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CAPACITY & EXCELLENCE GRANT	GRANT AWARD
Chenango Land Trust	Norwich, Chenango County	To initiate a campaign to lead board and staff members through a major organizational assessment and facilitate strategic planning process. Founded in 1993, the land trust serves Chenango County, which has the highest percentage of protected state lands outside the Catskill and Adirondack Parks. Chenango Land Trust is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$1,000.00
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	To develop a robust, customized stewardship database, based on the successful Vermont Land Trust model, that will improve management of 19,000+ acres of conservation easement and fee lands and prioritize stewardship needs. Columbia Land Conservancy will share the database model with other land trusts in New York and across the country.	\$9,700.00
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	To enable an eminent organizational development consultant to engage board and staff members of a growing regional land trust in a project to complete a comprehensive fundraising/development audit, a two-year fundraising plan, and a major donor fundraising workshop.	\$6,500.00
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	To develop a model partnership-based easement stewardship program that incorporates GIS maps and biodiversity data for Shawangunk Ridge. Grant funds will enable easement management training for Mohonk Preserve and four neighboring land trusts to incorporate state-of-the-art mapping techniques into land protection and to more fully implement the <i>Land Trust Standards & Practices</i> . Mohonk Preserve will also update 15 conservation easements and add biodiversity data to six of easements. Mohonk Preserve, a 43-year old land trust with 6,592 acres in fee and 425 acres under easement, is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$8,750.00
North Elba Land Conservancy	Lake Placid, Essex County	To use GIS modeling and conservation planning experts to help the Lake Placid-area land trust and community identify and prioritize place-based conservation priorities. The project will include a conservation action plan and analysis of funding alternatives for top priority sites. North Elba Land Conservancy was founded in 2005 and is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$13,500.00

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Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	To bring the land trust's stewardship program into compliance with the <i>Land Trust Standards & Practices</i> by improving baseline documentation for 17 publicly accessible open space preserves, which comprise 510 acres held in fee. The project will develop a plan for managing future fee acquisitions and upgrading record keeping systems. Putnam County Land Trust, established in 1969, is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$1,600.00
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	To refine and implement a strong board development plan, strategic financial plan, and strategic land protection plan, building on work funded by a NYSCPP grant awarded in 2005. This capacity-building project enable the land trust to serve a lead role in the Little River Conservation Initiative and more implement the <i>Land Trust Standards & Practices</i> .	\$10,000.00
Three Village Community Trust.	Setauket, Suffolk County	To complete a strategic planning process, working with the Board of Trustees and community partners in Setauket, East Setauket, South Setauket and Stony Brook, to review and refine the current strategic plan (2003-2008). This project will strengthen the land trust's fundraising plan and result in a work plan for targeting protection on 800 acres of potential conservation properties (5 acres or larger) that remain in this key part of eastern Long Island. Three Village Community Trust, established in 2004, is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$4,000.00
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	To enable Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to partner with the local municipalities and Cornell University's Regional Planning Department to develop a comprehensive strategic land conservation plan. Grant funding will help to prioritize the proactive conservation and new partnership opportunities for the entire Tug Hill Plateau region, which includes numerous priority conservation areas listed in the 2005 NYS Open Space Plan, such as the "Tug Hill Core Forests & Headwater Streams".	\$5,500.00
Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park	Gansevoort, Saratoga County	To complete a comprehensive financial and board development plan and facilitated fundraising training for WWPP staff and board members. This project will elevate a community-based organization dedicated to protecting habitat sites for the federally-listed Karner blue butterfly to the next level of organizational capacity and financial independence. Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park, founded in 2001 in partnership with the State of New York, the Town of Wilton, and The Nature Conservancy, is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$5,750.00
TOTAL			\$66,300.00

COLLABORATION GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PURPOSE OF COLLABORATION GRANT	GRANT AWARD
American Farmland Trust - Northeast Region and Western New York Land Conservancy	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County & East Aurora, Erie County	This collaboration will engage local governments and other new constituencies to accelerate the pace of farmland conservation across Western New York. This collaborative project will expand the organizations' operational, programmatic and fundraising partnership and provide regional training for other agricultural land trusts in the region. The collaboration will enagage new partners, funders, and communities in farmland protection in areas of the state with limited farmland conservation experience. AFT is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$14,500.00
Bronx Land Trust, Brooklyn Queens Land Trust, and Manhattan Land Trust	New York, New York County	This collaboration will initiate an integrated program of strategic planning for the three pioneering New York City land trusts. The project will include organizational "visioning" based on extensive community outreach, long-range planning, and a joint fundraising program for 64 community gardens held by the trusts. Grant funding will support organizational and capacity assessments of each of these urban land trusts and result in a plan to recruit and train board members and volunteers for the community gardens. These New York City land trusts, which benefitted from an organizational development grant awarded to the Trust for Public Land in 2004, are first-time NYSCPP grantees.	\$22,500.00
TOTAL			\$37,000.00

CONSERVATION CATALYST GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CONSERVATION CATALYST GRANT	GRANT AWARD
Adirondack Land Trust/Nature Conservancy	Keene Valley, Essex County	To support and enhance a partnership between the Adirondack Land Trust, Tug Hill Commission, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, and other stakeholders to develop a joint forest protection strategy for the Black River Valley. This high-leverage grant project will provide funding that will help maintain and restore essential linkages and landscape-scale connectivity between the Adirondacks and Tug Hill Plateau.	\$16,350.00
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	To work with local towns, landowners, agencies, and other conservation partners to undertake a major conservation initiative within the Hudson River-Route 40 Corridor in Washington and northern Rensselaer counties. This project is expected to conserve 1,000-1,500 acres of high-quality farmland in a rapidly developing and agriculturally significant area that serves as a viewshed for Saratoga National Historical Park, a NYS Open Space Plan focus area.	\$16,000.00
Open Space Institute	New York, New York County	To develop a regional model for building land conservation partnerships in the Hudson Valley. OSI will work directly with two local land trusts, Wallkill Valley Land Trust and Woodstock Land Conservancy, by developing an innovative mentoring and training program. Grant funds will enable OSI to provide fundraising and conservation finance expertise to the land trusts, enabling them to access challenge grants and other resources necessary for accelerating local land protection. This initiative will serve as a model for collaboration amongst land trusts in the Hudson Valley and New York State. Open Space Institute, established in 1967 and responsible for protection of 90,000 acres in New York State, is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$10,000.00
Somers Land Trust	Somers, Westchester	To support a partnership led by Somers Land Trust and involving Westchester Land Trust and Teatown Lake Reservation in support of the 654-acre Angle Fly preserve. Grant funds will help provide conservation planning assistance and targeted outreach to landowners and community partners to ensure long-term management and stewardship of the recently protected Angle Fly preserve, one of the largest single open-space purchases in Westchester County history. Somers Land Trust, founded in 1993, is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$9,000.00
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	To launch the Niagara Escarpment Legacy Project, an initiative to protect high-conservation value areas in the Niagara Escarpment landscape and its vicinity as a contiguous natural environment. This project will help the land trust work with municipal and community partners and funders to protect the last remaining undeveloped parcels along the Niagara Escarpment and to further ecological restoration of oak savannah forests and native grasslands in this priority conservation area.	\$16,800.00
TOTAL			\$68,150.00

CONSERVATION TRANSACTION GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CONSERVATION TRANSACTION GRANT	GRANT AWARD
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	To help enable the bargain purchase of a conservation easement on the 244-acre Mulligan Farm, a scenic farm in the Route 372 special project area and Battenkill River Watershed.	\$4,600.00
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	To facilitate a purchase of development rights (PDR) project will protect the 189-acre Abel Tree Farm, owned and operated as a farm since 1850. The property includes a historic tree farm and 113 acres of prime and statewide important soils. The Abel Family plans to use the PDR funds to expand and diversify their Christmas tree operation by increasing their protection of landscape trees.	\$14,000.00
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	To help cover transaction costs associated with the purchase of a 33-acre property at the heart of Grimes Glen. The project will include providing primary public access to this important attraction, to be conveyed as a gift to Ontario County and subject to a conservation easement.	\$4,750.00
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	To enable Genesee Land Trust to purchase 14 acres of Salmon Creek Wetlands immediately adjacent to the land trust's Salmon Creek Preserve and to 200 acres of New York State & town-held land recently acquired as part of the Braddock Bay Fish and Wildlife Management Area.	\$2,000.00
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	To help the Genesee Valley Conservancy negotiate and complete an agricultural easement on a 233-acre working dairy farm in Groveland. It is hoped that project will serve as a successful model for future land protection efforts with local area farmers. (2006 grant award will be combined with \$3550 in previously allocated transaction grant funds, awarded in 2003 and remitted to LTA due project delays.)	\$1,000.00
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	To facilitate a fee simple donation of a 27-acre undeveloped property in the North Highlands area of the Town of Philipsburg. HHLT will develop a preserve management plan that will result in permanent conservation of a critically important complex of wetland habitat in the Highlands Greenway Corridor, a priority area in NYS Open Space Plan.	\$8,250.00
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	To help defray survey and other transaction costs incurred by the Lake George Land Conservancy, which will protect a 1,450 acre parcel in the Town of Lake George that contains the headwaters of West Brook, a major tributary to Lake George. Grant funds will support a detailed plan to protect and preserve critical near-shore and upland areas in the watershed; reduce discharge of untreated stormwater from nearby roads and highways; and minimize land use development impacts to the West Brook watershed. This is the largest single project funded to date by a NYSCPP transaction grant.	\$10,000.00

ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CONSERVATION TRANSACTION GRANT	GRANT AWARD
Mianus River Gorge Preserve, Inc.	Bedford, Westchester County	To help cover acquisition costs related to protection of a 3-acre parcel in the Town of Pound Ridge that will serve as a critical hardwood buffer to the Mianus Gorge. This compact protection project is crucial to the integrity of the Mianus River Gorge Preserve, the site of the The Nature Conservancy's first habitat protection project more than fifty years ago. Mianus River Gorge Preserve, which holds 753 acres in fee and 183 acres under easement, is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$5,250.00
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	To enable the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to cover survey and legal costs associated with the acquisition of a conservation easement on the 37-acre Crauer property in Wolf Hollow. This project will help protect Chaughtanoonda Creek, a Mohawk River tributary, and important archeological and geological research sites.	\$4,250.00
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	To help cover transactions costs associated with donation of a conservation easement on the 100-acre Schmidt property in Wolf Hollow. This project will add to a complex of protected lands in the Wolf Hollow/ Hoffman Fault area that were threatened by development. (2006 grant award will be combined with \$3500 in previously allocated transaction grant funds, awarded in 2003 and remitted to LTA due project delays.)	\$1,000.00
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	To help enable Mohonk Preserve to leverage additional funding and purchase a conservation easement on the multi-parcel Patinkin assemblage. This project will protect 49 acres of wetlands, streams, forest, and meadow habitat along the Rock Hill Ridge, located in the viewshed of the popular Mohonk Preserve Trails.	\$4,250.00
Northeast Wilderness Trust-NY Office	Essex, Essex County	To enable the Northeast Wilderness Trust to complete purchase and preservation of the 96-acre Murphy property, an key parcel located in the Boquet Mountain Forest Block and Split Rock Wildway, a habitat linkage extending from Champlain Valley lowlands to the Jay Range Wilderness in the Adirondack Park.	\$5,500.00
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	To help complete the bargain sale of an important Suffolk County farm that has been in agricultural use for over 100 years. This project will result in permanent conservation of an historic 17-acre farm in an area facing extreme development pressure.	\$8,500.00
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	To facilitate the acquisition of 90-acre property in Great Swamp with wetlands and surrounding uplands and to develop a plan allowing public access to this new preserve. Putnam County Land Trust, established in 1969, holds 510 acres in fee and is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$8,250.00
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	To assist in the completion of a transaction resulting in donations of a 20-acre fee title property and conservation easement that will create an important new public access to a forest preserve in the Kayaderoseras Creek Corridor, designated for protection in the NYS Open Space Plan.	\$5,000.00

ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PURPOSE OF CONSERVATION TRANSACTION GRANT	GRANT AWARD
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	To enable the St. Lawrence land trust to close on its first conservation easement, a 40-acre property containing historic structures, old growth hardwood forest and 700' of riverfront on the Oswegatchie River. The project will protect habitat in the Lower St. Lawrence River area, listed as a an Important Bird Area by New York Audubon. historic structures.	\$5,700.00
The Nature Conservancy, Central & Western New York Chapter	Rochester, Monroe County	To assist with the critical acquisition of 600-acres of forest in three forest blocks totalling 21,000 bank feet of Cattaraugus Creek frontage. This project will help connect currently protected acreage into an intact landscape of contiguous, permanently protected blocks of forestland.	\$7,750.00
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	To complete a conservation easement on a 262-acre property in the town of Osceola, Lewis County. This project will secure an important parcel in the The Nature Conservancy's Tug Hill buffer area, which surrounds its 14,000-acre Tug Hill preserve and working forest.	\$2,250.00
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	To complete a conservation easement on a 248-acre property in the town of Osceola, Lewis County. This project will protect a privately owned parcel that is close to the The Nature Conservancy's Tug Hill prserve and in watershed of the the East Branch of Fish Creek State Forest. area, which surrounds its 14,000-acre Tug Hill preserve and working forest.	\$2,250.00
Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Inc.	New Paltz, Ulster County	To defray land protection costs and help the Wallkill Valley Land Trust achieve the objectives of its \$926,000 <i>Two Farms Campaign</i> , an initiative to conserve two historic farms in the Town and Village of New Paltz. The purchase of conservation easements on the Jewett and Huguenot Street farms will protect 180 acres - including the last remaining working farmland in the Huguenot Street Historic District - and nearly a mile of frontage along the scenic Wallkill River.	\$14,000.00
TOTAL			\$118,550.00

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GRANT CATEGORY	#	TOTAL GRANT AWARD
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	3	\$110,000.00
CAPACITY & EXCELLENCE GRANTS	15	103,300.00
CONSERVATION CATALYST GRANTS	5	\$68,150.00
CONSERVATION TRANSACTION GRANTS	20	\$118,550.00
TOTAL NYSCPP GRANT AWARDS	43	\$400,000.00

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION		GRANT AWARD
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Two-year grant will enable a 17-year old, western New York land trust with 8,090 acres under conservation easement and 70 acres under fee ownership to hire its first full-time Stewardship Coordinator. This investment in professional capacity will significantly expand landowner outreach and stewardship activities while enabling the land trust to build partnerships with local and state government to conserve agricultural lands in and around Livingston County.	\$41,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Two-year grant will enable a 18-year old, Hudson Valley land trust with 912 acres under conservation easement and 45 acres under fee ownership to hire its first full-time Director of Outreach and Development. This investment in professional capacity will significantly expand the community outreach and fundraising activities of this growing land trust, enabling it to work more effectively with local towns and villages to aggressively meet the land protection challenge in the Hudson Highlands area.	\$26,000
Manhattan Land Trust/ Land Trust/ Land Trust	Bronx Brooklyn Queens King County	Two-year grant will enable three New York City-based land trusts, established in 2004 by the Trust for Public Land, to hire a full-time Community Organizer. This investment in professional capacity will enable these pioneering urban land trusts to maintain sixty-four community gardens in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx and ensure long-term stewardship of New York City's community gardens by increasing public awareness and expanding their base of volunteers, garden leaders and financial supporters.	\$50,000
TOTAL			\$117,000

CAPACITY AND EXCELLENCE GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION		GRANT AWARD
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Project will enable rapidly growing agricultural land trust to upgrade its stewardship program through updates to easement documentation and monitoring data, maps, and other record critical to long-term enforcement of its 50+ conservation easements.	\$12,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Project will help land trust to complete a strategic conservation plan that will enable organization to significantly expand its activities and program reach in the greater Rochester area.	\$7,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Project will help all-volunteer land trust develop a priority land protection parcel list that will enable it to capitalize on partnering opportunities and participate in wetlands conservation funding provided by the North American Wetlands Conservation Council.	\$9,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Project will help growing land trust develop and launch a comprehensive fundraising and donor development program that emphasizes recruitment and cultivation of new donors in the land trust's expanding service area.	\$10,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Project will help land trust in fastest growing county in New York State to review and improve its conservation easement record-keeping, operational policies and internal guidelines in order to fully implement best business practices for land trust organizations.	\$6,500

CAPACITY AND EXCELLENCE GRANTS (continued)			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION		GRANT AWARD
Otsego Land Trust, Inc.	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Project will result in a regional Conservation Blueprint that will map and describe strategic conservation areas linked with wildlife and recreation corridors and identify regional conservation targets (ecosystems, animals, plants, working landscapes and historic sites), enabling the development of new land protection plans.	\$9,000
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	Project will help eastern Long Island land trust develop and implement a Land Prioritization Strategy and enhance its Farmland Accessibility Program, an initiative designed to enable local farmers to access farmland in an area facing intense development pressures and high land prices.	\$12,000
<i>Pound Ridge Land Conservancy</i>	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	Project will help all-volunteer land trust complete surveys and inventories on three public preserves to improve land stewardship practices and to comply with best business practices for land trust organizations. Pound Ridge Land Conservancy is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$8,000
<i>Rev. Linnette C. Williamson Memorial Park Association</i>	New York, New York County	Project will help all-volunteer, inner-city land trust create a website to increase community awareness and involvement in fundraising, public relations, and board recruitment. This Harlem-based neighborhood land trust, the Rev. Linnette C. Williamson Memorial Park Association, is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$2,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Project will help growing land trust develop an innovative Legacy Endowment Program, in association with Community Foundation for the Capital Region, enabling the organization to create model initiative for strengthening long-term financial capacity and securing increased capital for land conservation in Saratoga County.	\$9,700

CAPACITY AND EXCELLENCE GRANTS (continued)			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION		GRANT AWARD
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	The project will enable local land trust to complete a strategic planning initiative to build the capacity and expertise of its board of directors, resulting in the creation and implementation of a prioritized conservation plan for the eastern Catskills and Woodstock area.	\$3,100
COLLABORATION GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION		GRANT AWARD
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	This collaboration project, which will be coordinated by both the Mohonk Preserve and Wallkill Valley Land Trust, will lead to the creation and delivery of a regional land conservation training conference for 125 landowners and municipal officials from around Ulster County.	\$2,130
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	This collaboration project, which will be coordinated by both the Mohonk Preserve and Wallkill Valley Land Trust, will lead to the creation and delivery of a regional land conservation training conference for 125 landowners and municipal officials from around Ulster County.	\$2,130
TOTAL			\$92,560

CONSERVATION CATALYST GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION		GRANT AWARD
Esopus Creek Conservancy	Saugerties, Ulster County	Project will help Esopus Creek Conservancy facilitate and enhance the use of Esopus Bend Nature Preserve by creating a learning experience for Saugerties school teachers and over 1,000 students a year to effectively utilize a newly created "Sense of Place" curriculum on the Preserve.	\$14,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Project will help the Finger Lakes Land Trust work with local and regional partners to launch the Emerald Necklace Greenbelt Conservation Project, an ambitious public-private effort linking 50,000 acres of existing public open space.	\$25,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Old Westbury, Nassau County	Project will help North Shore Land Alliance work with local communities to secure permanent funding for conserving undeveloped lands that are critical to protection of Nassau County's largest and most important groundwater aquifer.	\$20,000
Open Space Institute	New York, New York County	Project will help Open Space Institute develop a Shawangunk Valleys Agriculture Program, which will significantly increase opportunities for farmland protection in the Wallkill and Rondout Valleys, particularly through measures that help local land trusts access and leverage conservation financing.	\$10,000
TOTAL			\$69,000

CONSERVATION TRANSACTION GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION		GRANT AWARD
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Project will help conserve a 204-acre property in the Hoosic River watershed comprised of prime farmland and timberland through donation of a conservation easement.	\$8,000
Bronx Land Trust	New York, Bronx County	Project will transfer 16 community garden properties, purchased by the Trust for Public Land from NYC in 1999, to the Bronx Land Trust, which was specifically formed to hold and steward these inner-city garden properties.	\$6,450
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	New York, Kings County	Project will transfer 34 community garden properties, purchased by the Trust for Public Land from NYC in 1999, to the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust, which was specifically formed to hold and steward these inner-city garden properties.	\$8,060
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Project will help LGLC protect 426 acres along Lake George's eastern shore through purchase of a conservation easement on 406 acres and fee acquisition of another 20-acre parcel.	\$7,300
Manhattan Land Trust	New York, New York County	Project will transfer 14 community garden properties, purchased by the Trust for Public Land from NYC in 1999, to the Manhattan Land Trust, which was specifically formed to hold and steward these inner-city garden properties.	\$4,780
Mianus River Gorge Preserve	Bedford, Westchester County	Project will enable acquisition of an 8-acre parcel in the Town of Pound Ridge, protecting a critically important wetland and a hardwood forest buffer adjacent to the famed Mianus River Gorge Preserve.	\$8,000

CONSERVATION TRANSACTION GRANTS (continued)			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION		GRANT AWARD
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Project will create public access to the scenic Wolf Creek Falls, develop trail maps and signage, and support creation of a new management plan for the new 138-acre preserve.	\$5,900
<i>New York-New Jersey Trail Conference</i>	Matakatung, Sullivan County (project location)	Project will enable public access to a key connector that fills a 140-acre gap along the Shawangunk Ridge Trail in the southern Shawangunk Mountains. New York-New Jersey Trail Conference is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$15,000
<i>North Salem Open Land Foundation</i>	North Salem, Westchester County	Project will help cover the transaction costs related to the acquisition of the 63-acre Bloomerside parcel and to develop educational programs on the site. North Salem Open Land Foundation is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$15,000
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Project will assist with the acquisition and long-term stewardship of a 413-acre, regionally significant wetland complex; this will be the first landscape-scale land protection project completed by this all-volunteer land trust.	\$3,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Project will help conserve, through donation of a conservation easement, 165 acres of open space in Sullivan County containing woodlands, an Indian burial ground and numerous historical structures, including an old schoolhouse, chapel, farmhouse, and barn.	\$15,000
Otsego Land Trust, Inc.	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Project will help protect 435 acres along both sides of upper Otsego Creek, a state-designated trout stream, near a 2,300-acre complex of protected public and private lands in Otsego County.	\$14,000

ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION		GRANT AWARD
<i>Queensbury Land Conservancy</i>	Queensbury, Warren County	Project will protect critical habitat for endangered Karner Blue Butterfly, help local land trust create a nature trail along Clendon Brook, and develop management plan for the new 11-acre nature preserve. Queensbury Land Conservancy is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$9,240
<i>Rev. Linnette C. Williamson Memorial Park Association</i>	New York, New York County	Project will help cover transaction costs related to transfer from New York City of the Harlem vest-pocket park, to an all-volunteer, non-profit organization; this greenspace was established in 1965, the first neighborhood pocket-park created in the United States. The Rev. Linnette C. Williamson Memorial Park Association is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$1,010
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Project will permanently protect 159 acres along Manning Cove, located on Saratoga Lake, and help to enable public access to this important new nature preserve.	\$6,500
<i>The Nature Conservancy, Eastern New York Office</i>	Albany, Albany County	Project will help the Conservancy conserve 590 acres in the Lost Clove area of the Catskill Mountains including the summit of Balsam Mountain; the protected property abuts the Big Indian Wilderness and Belleayre Ski Center in the Catskill Park. The Eastern New York Chapter of The Nature Conservancy is a first-time NYSCPP grantee.	\$7,800
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferon County	Project will help land trust cover transaction costs associated with acquisition of 196 acres for inclusion into the 223-acre Zenda Farm Preserve in the Thousand Islands region.	\$15,000
TOTAL			\$150,040

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GRANT CATEGORY	TOTAL GRANT AWARD	TOTAL GRANTS
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	\$117,000	3
CAPACITY & EXCELLENCE GRANTS	\$92,560	13
CONSERVATION CATALYST GRANTS	\$69,000	4
CONSERVATION TRANSACTION GRANTS	\$150,040	17
TOTAL NYSCPP GRANT AWARDS	\$428,600	



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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Project will empower this expanding agricultural land trust to upgrade key organizational systems to ensure that it has fully implemented Standards and Practices in preparation for accreditation and continued organizational growth.	\$19,500
Chenango Land Trust	Norwich, Chenango County	Project will enable this small, all volunteer land trust to continue working with a consultant to build organizational capacity in the areas of fundraising and board development.	\$3,500
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Project will result in a comprehensive resource analysis and GIS resources which will be used by Columbia Land Conservancy to produce a new strategic land conservation plan for Columbia County.	\$20,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Project will enable the land trust to create a detailed natural resource inventory and open space maps that will help in prioritization and planning for an expansion of strategic conservation efforts in Dutchess County.	\$14,500
Fire Island Land Trust	Sayville, Suffolk County	Project will provide resources needed by this recently established land trust to develop and implement a multi-year strategic conservation plan for Fire Island. Fire Island Land Trust is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$20,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Project will help this growing land trust develop a strategic organizational and fundraising plan that is needed to further strengthen the land trust and accelerate the pace of land conservation in the greater Rochester Area.	\$7,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Project will enable the land trust to improve educational materials and trails on their four primary nature preserves, making them more accessible to the community.	\$7,000
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Project will provide the land trust with resources necessary to increase the organization's fundraising capacity, ensuring that it can sustain its expanding farmland protection program and meet its growing stewardship responsibilities.	\$7,500
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Project will support the efforts of LGLC and local partners and funders to develop a fundraising vision for long term protection and stewardship of Lake George and the surrounding area, including sensitive areas in the West Brook watershed.	\$15,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Project will help the land trust significantly increase public awareness of its land protection program in Montgomery County through an outreach program involving local officials, landowners, and community leaders.	\$4,000
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Preble, Cortland County	Project will help a recently established, all volunteer agricultural land trust develop and implement its first strategic outreach plan and fundraising plan. New York Agricultural Land Trust is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$25,000
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Sullivan County (project location)	Project will support the development of a comprehensive conservation stewardship program for the southern Shawangunk region that will leverage continued protection of a trail corridor between NJ-NY and improve education and public access.	\$13,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Project will assist this regional land trust in developing a multi-year strategic plan focused on marketing, communications, and capacity building strategies to meet new land preservation challenges in one of New York's fastest growing counties.	\$10,000
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Project will enable the all-volunteer land trust to develop and implement a multi-year strategic plan that will result in progress towards implementation of Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$10,000
Schoharie Land Trust, Inc.	Cobleskill, Schoharie County	Project will help this all volunteer land trust in rural Schoharie County to develop and implement a strategic plan and fundraising plan and provide additional training for its board members. Schoharie Land Trust is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$3,700
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Project will assist this established land trust in developing a new set of preserve management plans as part of an initiative to enhance long-term management and stewardship of lands protected in fee in Westchester County.	\$10,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Project will allow Western New York Land Conservancy to engage an experienced financial consultant to expand its fundraising capacity and implement fundraising strategies needed to advance its growing land protection program in western New York.	\$14,500
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Project will empower this local land trust to create and implement a major strategic fundraising plan and provide advanced board member development and training in anticipation of organizational growth over the next several years.	\$25,000
TOTAL			\$229,200

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Stewardship Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Project will enable the American Farmland Trust to complete updated baseline documentation reports on two conservation easement projects completed in the Hudson Valley in 1988 and 1991. Funding will ensure that future baseline documentation reports are in compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$8,350
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Project will enable this local land trust to update baseline documentation for 16 conservation easements, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$8,800
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Project will enable this local land trust to complete a baseline documentation report for its first conservation easement, which protects the 16-acre Lutheran Center Lakeshore Forest property on Chautauqua Lake.	\$2,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Project will help land trust staff update 20 of its oldest baseline documentation reports, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices and helping DLC prepare for accreditation.	\$10,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Project will enable this growing land trust improve baseline documentation on 48 conservation easements acquired prior to 2007, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices and helping HHLT prepare for accreditation.	\$10,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Stewardship Grants (continued)			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Project will enable the land trust to improve baseline information for a 95-acre preserve held in fee, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices and helping RLT prepare for accreditation.	\$5,000
Rondout-Esopus Land Conservancy	High Falls, Ulster County	Project will enable this all-volunteer local land trust to improve baseline documentation on 28 conservation easements, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. Rondout-Esopus Land Conservancy is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$10,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Project will enable Saratoga P.L.A.N. to update baseline documentation reports for 20 conservation easements, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$10,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Project will enable the land trust to improve baseline documentation reports for 5 of the organization's 54 conservation easements, bringing them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices and helping TILT prepare for accreditation.	\$5,000
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Project will enable this local land trust to update baseline documentation reports on 30 conservation easements, bringing the organization into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$10,000
TOTAL			\$79,150

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Project will enable American Farmland Trust to engage local partners to accelerate farmland conservation in four key counties in Western New York. The initiative will dramatically increase agricultural land protection in Cattaraugus, Erie, Genesee, and Niagara counties by building partnerships with land trusts, local governments, and farmers.	\$14,500
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Project will help Finger Lakes Land Trust engage public and private stakeholders, local communities and landowners to develop a common vision and a major land conservation plan for the scenic Skaneateles Highlands, the region surrounding the southern half of Skaneateles Lake.	\$14,500
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Project will catalyze a major collaborative effort involving seven local land trusts to leverage a comprehensive set of regional services, identify shared resources and challenges, increase efficiency, and improve the pace, quality, and effectiveness of land conservation in the Shawangunk Valley and throughout Ulster County.	\$20,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Project will support NSLA's work to update and expand a 12-Village Comprehensive Plan that will ultimately guide North Shore communities and local leaders in protecting many of Nassau County's last remaining wetlands, natural habitat, and open space.	\$16,000
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Project will enable Teatown Lake Reservation to implement its ambitious Bioscape Project, an innovative conservation partnership that aims to engage landowners, educate stakeholders, enhance private land stewardship, and increase protection of open space and natural habitat adjacent to Teatown's 834-acre signature preserve.	\$17,000
Three Village Community Trust	Setauket, Suffolk County	Project will enable Three Village Community Trust to establish a partnership with the Town of Brookhaven to help local officials articulate land protection goals that will be incorporated in <i>Brookhaven 2030</i> , a major new Comprehensive Plan for the Town.	\$10,000
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Project will lead to a partnership between Westchester Land Trust, Hudson Highlands Land Trust and the Highlands Coalition to assess development trends in the Highlands region from 1995-2007. The findings will be shared with local, state, and federal leaders and conservation organizations in New York's Hudson Highlands area and help land trusts craft a regional vision for land conservation and land use planning.	\$17,500
TOTAL			\$109,500

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Professional Development Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Delaware Highlands Conservancy (New York Office)	Sullivan County (project location)	Two-year grant will enable a 14-year old, Upper Delaware River-based land trust with 6,540 acres under conservation easement to expand operations by hiring its first full-time Land Protection Specialist in Sullivan County. This investment in professional capacity will significantly improve landowner outreach while enabling the land trust to partner with local and state government and dramatically increase private land protection activities in Sullivan and Delaware Counties.	\$57,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Two-year grant will enable a 20-year old, Otsego County land trust with 4,500 acres under conservation easement to hire its first full-time Land Protection Specialist. This investment will dramatically increase overall organizational capacity and enable the land trust to expand its land protection efforts in ecologically and culturally significant landscapes throughout the Otsego/Cooperstown region.	\$51,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Two-year grant will enable a 23-year old land trust with 4,100 acres under conservation easement and 3,500 acres under fee ownership to hire its first full-time Director of Conservation. This investment will help the land trust plan and implement a focused land protection program using fee acquisition and conservation easements to permanently protect important natural and cultural resources in the Thousand Islands region.	\$55,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Two-year grant will enable an 18-year old land trust with 3,400 acres under conservation easement in the Tug Hill Plateau/Fort Drum region to hire its first full-time Communications and Outreach Coordinator. This investment will dramatically enhance community and donor outreach capabilities and enable this land trust to fulfill its land preservation mission in Jefferson, Lewis, and Oswego counties.	\$57,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Inc.	New Paltz, Ulster County	Two-year grant will enable a 21-year old local land trust with 1,237 acres under conservation easement and 63 acres under fee ownership in the New Paltz/Wallkill River area to hire its first full-time Development Director. This investment will dramatically expand the land trust's fundraising capacity, helping it to increase the pace, quality, and permanence of land conservation in Southern Ulster County.	\$43,000
TOTAL			\$263,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Project will enable acquisition of a conservation easement on a 201-acre working farm, expanding an important block of conserved farmland in Washington County and helping to maintain agricultural viability in an area threatened by rural sprawl.	\$9,400
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Project will help complete a complex conservation buyer project that will result in partial fee conveyance of the 27-acre Pincus Preserve. In 2005, the land trust received a NYSCPP Transaction Grant to assist with the initial acquisition of this property.	\$15,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Project will enable the land trust to acquire two parcels totaling 26-acres that will help consolidate and improve public access to the popular Grand Lake Reserve, protecting important aquatic habitat and enhancing community enjoyment of this local preserve.	\$12,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Project will result in a 43-acre nature preserve located near Amsterdam, in Montgomery County. The new preserve will be donated by a local family that has owned the land since the early 1900's and will improve opportunities for nature study, birding, and passive recreation in this under-served community.	\$16,000
Northeast Wilderness Trust-NY Office	Essex, Essex County	Project will lead to permanent conservation of the Rowe Property, a 100-acre forested parcel adjacent to a 1,000-acre block of conserved lands that protect the Split Rock Wildway, a key habitat corridor from Lake Champlain to the High Peaks of the Adirondacks.	\$15,000
Oblong Land Conservancy, Inc.	Pawling, Dutchess County	Project will help acquire and create a management plan for the 112-acre Slocum-Mostachetti property. The new nature preserve will protect ecologically significant habitat located in the Great Swamp, one the state's largest wetland complexes.	\$12,500
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Project will enable fee acquisition of a 90-acre property with highly significant archaeological and wetland habitat features, resulting in a publicly accessible nature preserve with a mile of waterfront on Round Lake and the Anthony Kill. The new preserve will be located less than a mile from the Luther Forest Technology Park.	\$25,000
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	Project will help permanently conserve 45 forested acres of shoreline and protect high quality aquatic and riparian habitat along the Lower Raquette River. The new conservation easement property will be adjacent to the 650-acre St. Lawrence State Forest.	\$8,500

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>NY Office Location</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
The Nature Conservancy, Central & Western New York Chapter	Rochester, Monroe County	Project will lead to fee acquisition of the 128-acre Goodridge parcel, which will significantly expand the existing 313-acre Westhill Preserve, a key component of TNC's Western Finger Lakes Priority Conservation Area. TNC has protected 4,000 acres in this area, preventing further fragmentation of rare habitat in Ontario County.	\$13,000
Three Village Community Trust	Setauket, Suffolk County	Project will result in a management plan for the land trust's first conservation easement property. The 10.8-acre nature preserve contains a rare old-growth forest remnant that borders Brookhaven and the Village of Poquott. The preserve is to be named after the late Stephen D. Matthews, who was a Trustee of the Village of Poquott and a champion of the environment on Long Island.	\$3,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Project will facilitate the donation of a conservation easement on the 52-acre Harcourt Sanctuary in the historic town of New Paltz. Currently owned by the Huguenot Historical Society, this property provides access to the Wallkill River and will protect an important wetland complex that abuts the recently protected Jewett Farm.	\$6,250
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Project will enable a conservation easement donation on the 120-acre Haskins Farm property, resulting in permanent protection of productive agricultural lands as well as conservation of wetlands and mature hardwood forest and Hemlock-Northern Forest habitat in the upper reaches of the Allegheny River watershed.	\$8,500
TOTAL			\$144,150

Summary of 2008 New York State Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards		
GRANT CATEGORY	GRANT AWARDS	GRANTS
Capacity & Excellence Category	Total for Category: \$308,350 (28 Grants)	
Capacity Grants	\$229,200	18
Stewardship Grants	\$79,150	10
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$109,500	7
Professional Development Grants	\$263,000	5
Transaction Grants	\$144,150	12
Total: 2008 Land Trust Grant Awards	\$825,000	52

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Capacity & Excellence Grants

Capacity & Excellence Category - Assessment Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Battenkill Conservancy is an all-volunteer land trust and a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$5,000
Farm Catskills	Delhi, Delaware County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Farm Catskills is an all-volunteer agricultural land trust and a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$5,000
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices in preparation for national land trust accreditation by 2011.	\$5,000
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Putnam County Land Trust is an all-volunteer land trust.	\$5,000
Rev. Linnette C. Williamson Memorial Park Association	New York, New York County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practice. The Park Association owns vest pocket parks and community gardens in Central Harlem.	\$5,000
		TOTAL	\$25,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Growing Support for Farms and Food in Erie County - Project will enable AFT to partner with Erie County to update the county's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan and expand support for farmland protection in western New York through community outreach.	\$25,000
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Towards Financial Sustainability - Project will enable BQLT to build capacity through development and implementation of a fundraising plan and board training to improve financial management in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$15,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Increased Financial Capacity Through Community Engagement - Project will strengthen community connections and build public support for CPF's conservation mission and programs by implementing a new communications, outreach and marketing strategy.	\$8,200
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Community Assistance Program - Project will develop CLC's Community Assistance Program to provide technical support on land use planning and development practices to municipal governments, local officials, and community groups throughout Columbia County.	\$39,700
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Conservation Easement Landowner Outreach Program - Project will enable CLC to enhance its conservation easement stewardship program by developing a comprehensive, county-wide landowner outreach program. CLC holds more than 140 easements on over 20,000 acres.	\$25,000
Farm Catskills	Delhi, Delaware County	Community Outreach to Build Support for Farmland Protection in Delaware County - Project will facilitate development of a communications strategy, building local support for farmland protection in the Catskills region. Farm Catskills is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$5,000
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Fee Owned Land Establishment Initiative - Project will enable GVC to expand public awareness of and improve access to its fee-owned properties with the addition of interpretive signs, benches, and field tools on two nature preserves open to the public.	\$3,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Strategic Land Protection Plan for the Hudson Highlands - Project will enable HHLT to develop a robust GIS based analysis of land and natural resources in HHLT's service area which will help identify priority areas and key parcels to target for conservation. HHLT will use this plan as it seeks a land protection goal of 2,000 acres by 2011.	\$10,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Stewardship and Conservation Plan for the Grand Lake Reserve - Project will enable the all-volunteer IRLC to improve management and stewardship practices on its 1,000-acre Grand Lake Reserve in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices, complete a strategic conservation plan and a long-term organizational development plan, and develop updated trail maps and brochures.	\$10,000
Mianus River Gorge Preserve	Bedford, Westchester County	Visitor Entrance Improvements - Project will enable MRGP to make key improvements to the primary entrance area for the 224-acre Preserve, enhancing access for 10,000 visitors each year. In 1964, Mianus River Gorge Preserve became the first registered National Natural Landmark; it was the first property protected by The Nature Conservancy in the 1950's.	\$14,250

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Capacity & Excellence Category - Capacity Grants (continued)			
Oblong Land Conservancy	Pawling, Dutchess County	Transforming Oblong - Project will enable the all-volunteer OLC to hire a stewardship consultant and build capacity by implementing goals identified in its recently completed strategic organizational plan, in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. Much of OLC's service area and its protected lands are within the New York City watershed.	\$21,000
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Point Peninsula: A Blueprint for Conservation - Project will enable the all-volunteer OBI to develop a strategic conservation plan for Point Peninsula, an Important Bird Area for Audubon New York and a NYS Open Space Plan priority area, that will identify priority lands for protection and expand OBI's strategies for land conservation in the area.	\$8,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Building Organizational Capacity & Resilience with Community-Based Support - Project will enable OLT to expand its outreach and fundraising program, improve board and staff training, and develop information for landowners to secure resources needed to implement OLT's Conservation Blueprint for the Leatherstocking Region.	\$19,000
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Building RLT's Fundraising Capacity - Project will support the development of a comprehensive fundraising plan and related outreach materials to help RLT - one of New York's first accredited land trusts - to build capacity and achieve its conservation and stewardship goals for the Capital District.	\$22,500
Schoharie Land Trust	Cobleskill, Schoharie County	Working Smarter: Building Systems and Infrastructure - Project will enable the all-volunteer SLT to establish sustainable financial, fundraising, and communications programs, develop a landowner and donor database, build a stronger land trust presence in Schoharie County.	\$7,700
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	Little River-Grasse River Conservation Initiative - Project will enable the all-volunteer StLLT to develop a strategic organizational plan and a community outreach program to build public awareness and support for efforts to protect the Grasse River corridor and watershed of the Little River.	\$30,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Implementing Organizational Assessment Recommendations - Project will enable THTLT to prepare for national accreditation in 2011 and implement recommendations from its recent organizational assessment, including strategic improvements to its conservation easement monitoring and stewardship program.	\$17,450
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Strategic Plan and Action Proposal - Project will support WVLT's efforts to complete an updated strategic organizational plan to ensure long term success in implementing WVLT's mission and addressing the conservation needs and priorities of communities in southern Ulster County.	\$23,450
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Strategic Conservation Plan: Developing Comparative Evaluation Tools and Focus Areas - Project will enable WLT to identify priority focus areas and facilitates a proactive, targeted conservation approach in the Town of Red Hook in northern Dutchess County.	\$25,000
TOTAL			\$329,250

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Capacity & Excellence Category - Stewardship Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve	Rensselaerville, Albany County	Records Update and Boundary Markers - Project will update Huyck Preserve's property records in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. ENHP holds 28 fee properties on 2,000 acres and is a first-time grant recipient.	\$10,000
Catskill Center for Conservation & Development	Arkville, Delaware County	Building Stewardship Capacity: Keeping Up with the Times - Project will update baseline documentation on CCCD's conservation easements in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. CCCD holds 17 easements on 1,569 acres.	\$8,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Corner Monumentation and Survey Maps - Project will update baseline documentation on 6 GLT conservation easements on 58 acres in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. GLT holds 16 easements on 1,063 acres.	\$10,000
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Surveys on Two LGLC Properties - Project will update LGLC's property records in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. LGLC holds 6 fee properties on 2,775 acres and is preparing for national accreditation in 2011.	\$10,000
Mianus River Gorge Preserve	Bedford, Westchester County	Survey Work for Five High Priority Parcels - Project will update MRGP's property records in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. MRGP holds 82 fee properties on 764 acres and is preparing for national accreditation in 2009.	\$10,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Winn Property Boundary and Ashford Glen and Phillipin Kill Management Plans - Project will update MHLC's property records in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. MHLC holds 16 fee properties on 1,133 acres.	\$10,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Fuller Mountain Survey - Project will update property records for the 259-acre Fuller Mountain Preserve in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. OCLT holds 17 fee properties on 1,083 acres.	\$8,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Enhancing Stewardship Capacity by Updating Baseline Documentation - Project will update baseline documentation on 12 OLT conservation easements in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. OLT holds 45 easements on 5,200 acres.	\$10,000
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	Peconic Land Trust Stewardship Plan - Project will update records for PLT's fee properties and baseline documentation for its conservation easements in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. PLT holds 83 fee properties on 1,233 acres and 98 conservation easements on 2,507 acres.	\$7,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	West Canada Creek Baseline Documentation Updates - Project will update THTLT's baseline documentation on 3 conservation easements and 17 tax parcels on 477 acres in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. THTLT holds 29 easements on 4,544 acres and is preparing for national accreditation in 2011.	\$3,600
		TOTAL	\$86,600

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
Organization	Location	Project Title	Grant Award
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Making the Case for New York's Farmland - Two-year project will utilize AFT's National Assessment of Working Lands at Risk analysis to evaluate where and what type of farmland and open space in New York could be lost to development by 2030. This research supports the recommendations of Governor Paterson's Food Policy Council to increase farmland protection funding and fully integrate farmland protection into the State's Smart Growth efforts and the NYS Open Space Plan. AFT will engage stakeholders from around New York to guide the research and disseminate the results.	\$20,000
Bronx & Manhattan Land Trusts	The Bronx and Manhattan, Bronx and New York Counties	Urban Garden Connections: Community Outreach Program - Two-year project will strengthen a recently established collaboration involving the Bronx Land Trust and Manhattan Land Trust in order to build community support and improve stewardship of more than 30 inner-city community gardens. Working in partnership with neighborhood volunteers, New York City and state agencies, and elected officials, the outreach and education initiative will raise awareness and improve access to community gardens in the Bronx, Harlem and the Lower East Side.	\$39,400
Catskill Center for Conservation & Development	Arkville, Delaware County	Learning Together on the Land: A Catskill Sense of Place - Two-year project will enable CCCD to partner with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to utilize DEP-protected lands in the New York City watershed and implement its interdisciplinary and hands-on curriculum, "The Catskills" A Sense of Place." The project will engage teachers and hundreds of students from two public school systems, advancing a land conservation and environmental education ethic in the rural Catskills region and inspiring the next generation in stewardship.	\$30,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy & Scenic Hudson	Millbrook, Dutchess County	West Kerley Corners Road Landscape Scale Farmland Protection Project - Two-year project will enable two accredited land trusts, in partnership with Dutchess County, Winnakee Land Trust and the Red Hook Agricultural and Open Space Committee, to launch an initiative that will result in the protection of 15 contiguous properties in the Town of Red Hook. These high-priority lands contain 1,080 acres of prime farmland and an important woodland buffer. This ambitious community-based conservation initiative could leverage \$8 million in capital funds and establish a regional model for coordinated farmland protection.	\$38,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Canandaigua Lake Watershed Protection Initiative - Two-year project will advance a watershed protection initiative, in partnership with local landowners and the Town of Canandaigua through an intensive conservation planning process led by FLLT. The project will result in detailed watershed maps, landowner outreach and 200 or more additional acres of protected land in the Canandaigua Lake watershed, an Important Bird Area for Audubon New York and the local source of clean drinking water to 60,000 residents.	\$40,000
Fire Island Land Trust	Sayville, Suffolk County	FILT Cooperative Management and Education - Two-year project will enable Fire Island Land Trust, established in 2006, to develop relationships with the National Park Service, Fire Island National Seashore, Suffolk County, The Nature Conservancy, and Pines Conservation Society to support cooperative management and increase landowner involvement in efforts to protect the fragile barrier island.	\$20,000
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Wyoming County Farmland Conservation - Two-year project will facilitate GVC's efforts, in partnership with American Farmland Trust, Western New York Land Conservancy, and Wyoming County, to develop a successful purchase of development rights program for farmland protection in Wyoming County. The project will enable GVC to build on successful efforts in Livingston County and expand its farmland protection program into Wyoming County's farming community.	\$16,893

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Conservation Catalyst Grants (continued)			
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Hudson Highlands Land Trust Regional River of Words Project - Two-year project will assist HHLT, in partnership with DEC and Garrison's public schools, to develop a Hudson Highlands version of the River of Words curriculum, an acclaimed program that is connecting children and communities around the world to their local watersheds. The project complements education goals in the NYS Open Space Plan and will enhance HHLT's presence in the Hudson Highlands.	\$20,000
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, and Green Counties (project locations)	West Hudson Community Trail Program - Two-year project will enhance public access and promote community support for open space protection by expanding trail networks and improving links between public parks and preserves in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, and Greene counties. Funding will enable NY-NJTC to provide assistance to local municipalities and private landowners in DEC Regions 3 & 4, bringing thousands of New Yorkers closer to trailheads and local protected areas.	\$40,000
Northeast Wilderness Trust	Essex, Essex County	Split Rock Partners Outreach Project - Two-year project will help the recently accredited NWT, in partnership with the Adirondack Council, Adirondack Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy's Adirondack Chapter, Eddy Foundation, and New York State, to accelerate the pace of land protection in the Split Rock Wildway. The project will result in a regional strategic conservation plan and expanded community outreach and education programs. The project is ultimately intended to conserve a 20,000-acre biodiversity and wildlife habitat corridor linking the Adirondacks and the Lake Champlain Valley.	\$35,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Expanding Environmental Education and Stewardship Programming at Roosevelt Preserve - Two-year project will enable NSLA, in partnership with Nassau County and the Town of Hempstead, to develop an innovative environmental education and stewardship program in the Roosevelt Preserve, a 70-acre forested parcel within a highly developed area of Nassau County. Through this community service program, NSLA will greatly expand stewardship and environmental education opportunities for minority and low income residents in this underserved area.	\$25,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Community Gardens in the Cities of Orange County - Two-year project will help OCLT establish community gardens in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods in the cities of Middletown and Port Jervis and make improvements at OCLT's Peoples Garden in the city of Newburgh. This project will depend OCLT's constituency and increase urban green space and local food production in Orange County, the fastest growing suburb in New York City's metropolitan area, providing residents new opportunities to engage in community conservation and stewardship.	\$19,500
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	Charnews Farm Outreach Project - Two-year project will enable PLT, in partnership with the Town of Southold's Farmland Protection Program and North Fork community volunteers, to develop and implement a sustainable agriculture and outreach program at the 23-acre Charnews Farm. The project will build on PLT's successful Quail Hill Farm model, a protected farm that supports a popular community supported agriculture and apprenticeship program in Amagansett.	\$30,000
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Connecting with Nature Through Questing - Two-year project will help WLT, in partnership with North Salem Open Land Foundation, develop a new Quest program on four public access nature preserves. The Quests will attract new visitors and connect children and adults to these special places using an innovative educational game that highlights the area's natural and human history. This project could serve as a model for other land trusts, state agencies, and municipalities interested in enagaging local communities in local parks and preserves through discovery and experiential nature education.	\$12,100
		TOTAL	\$385,893

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Professional Development Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Two-year grant will enable this 19-year old agricultural land trust with 8,361 acres under conservation easement to hire its first Outreach and Program Coordinator to assist with fundraising and expand its community outreach programs in Washington and northern Rensselaer counties. Grant includes a guided organizational assessment in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$65,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Two-year grant will enable this 20-year old Rochester-area land trust with 1,229 acres under conservation easement and 859 acres in fee ownership to raise its Executive Director and two other staff to full-time status and become a regional leader in conservation. Grant includes technical assistance in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$55,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Two-year grant will enable this 17-year old Capital District land trust with 631 acres under conservation easement and 1,133 acres in fee ownership to hire its first Development Director, increase fundraising capacity and implement a major development plan. Grant includes technical assistance in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$60,000
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Preble, Cortland County	Two-year grant will enable this 3-year old regional agricultural land trust to protect 5,000-10,000 acres in next 5 years by hiring its first Director of Conservation Programs and increasing assistance and services to landowners and state, county, and municipal partners in farmland protection. Grant includes a guided organizational assessment in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$75,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Two-year grant will enable this 22-year old land trust with 1,583 acres under conservation easement and 1,514 acres in fee ownership to hire its first Director of Development & Community Support, expanding PLAN's regional presence and strengthening its community outreach program throughout Saratoga County. Grant includes a guided organizational assessment in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$55,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Two-year grant will enable this 18-year old land trust with 3,500 acres under conservation easement and 603 acres in fee ownership to hire its first Development Coordinator, develop a major fundraising program, and expand community outreach throughout Erie and Niagara counties. Grant includes a guided organizational assessment in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$75,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Two-year grant will enable this 21-year old Hudson Valley land trust with 157 acres under conservation easement and 208 acres in fee ownership to hire its first full time Executive Director and a part-time Outreach and Membership Coordinator to transform the capacity of WLC's conservation and education programs in Woodstock and the eastern Catskills. Grant includes a guided organizational assessment in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$75,000
		TOTAL	\$460,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Braymer Farm Property - conservation easement (149.4 acres). Project will enable ASA to partner with The Conservation Fund to purchase a bargain-sale conservation easement on a working farm in the Batten Kill River watershed, expanding a significant block of conserved land near the New York/Vermont border.	\$7,500
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Bethel, Sullivan County (project location)	Bethel Farm Property - conservation easement (119 acres). Project will help DHC, in partnership with Sullivan County, to acquire a conservation easement on a high-priority property with wetlands, wildlife habitat, and agricultural potential in the Upper Delaware River watershed.	\$13,250
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Grimes Glen Protection Project - fee acquisition (32 acres) - Project will enable FLLT, in partnership with DEC and Ontario County, to acquire and permanently protect the heart of Grimes Glen, one of the Finger Lakes Region's premier gorges. FLLT will maintain public access to this cherished natural area.	\$14,907
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Giant's Ledges - fee acquisition (175 acres) - Project will facilitate a partnership involving Mohonk Preserve and the Open Space Institute to acquire and manage two properties at the extreme northern end of the Shawangunk Mountain range. The project will protect some of the last stands of healthy hemlocks on the Shawangunk Ridge and habitat for rare plant and animal species.	\$20,600
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Monroe, Orange County (project location)	Shirazi-Monroe Property - fee acquisition (63 acres). Project will help NY-NJTC, in partnership with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and Orange County, to complete the bargain-sale purchase of a key parcel adjacent to the Sterling Forest State Park, expanding an important natural area in close proximity to the New York City metropolitan area.	\$3,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Kezialain Farm Property - conservation easement (166 acres). Project will help OCLT, in partnership with the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets and Orange County, to facilitate the purchase of development rights on a family farm in the Town of Minisink. The working farm has been in the Lain family since 1775 and is now one of the few producers of USDA certified organic grass-fed beef in the greater Hudson Valley region.	\$9,500
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	McNight Property - fee acquisition (60 acres). Project will allow Saratoga PLAN to conserve woodland and wetland habitat for the threatened Blanding's Turtle, providing educational, recreational, and scenic benefits to the public. The project abuts the Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park and is in the NYS Open Space Plan's Saratoga County Wetlands and Sandplains Recovery Area.	\$10,000
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	Grasse River Property - conservation easement (182 acres). Project will help StLLT protect an environmentally significant property that contains farmland, wetlands and 2,500' of riparian habitat on the Grasse River, approximately one mile south of Canton and the Little River confluence. This project will triple the number of acres protected by the all-volunteer StLLT.	\$7,500
The Trust for Public Land, Mid-Atlantic Regional Office	Marlborough, Ulster County	Milton Riverfront Park Project - fee acquisition (14.5 acres). Project will help TPL, in partnership with the Town of Marlborough, Scenic Hudson, and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, to acquire the Milton-Agway property and create a natural public recreation area, establishing the community's first direct public access to the Hudson River.	\$40,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Old Ford Farm Project - conservation easement (51 acres). Project will enable WVLT to put a conservation easement on property containing quality agricultural soils and wetlands along the Wallkill River, a NYS Open Space Plan priority area. The parcel is contiguous to the first property conserved by WVLT in 1989 and is the site of a recently established farm that grows locally grown food for the New Paltz community.	\$4,500
TOTAL			\$130,757

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Summary of 2009 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards

<i>Grant Category</i>	<i>Grant Funding</i>	<i># of Grants</i>
Capacity & Excellence Grants	\$440,850	34
Assessment Grants (5)	\$25,000	
Capacity Grants (19)	\$329,250	
Stewardship Grants (10)	\$86,600	
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$385,893	14
Professional Development Grants	\$460,000	7
Transaction Grants	\$130,757	10
TOTAL: 2009 NYSCPP GRANTS	\$1,417,500	65

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Assessment Grants			
ORGANIZATION *First time grantees are in bold	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AWARD
Esopus Creek Conservancy	Saugerties, Ulster County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Esopus Creek Conservancy is an all-volunteer land trust.	\$5,000
Great Swamp Conservancy	Canastota, Madison County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Great Swamp Conservancy is an all-volunteer land trust and a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$5,000
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Greene Land Trust is a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$5,000
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Kingston Land Trust is a new, urban land trust and a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$5,000
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices in preparation for land trust accreditation in 2012.	\$5,000
Nassau Land Trust	Garden City Park, Nassau County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$5,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices in preparation for land trust accreditation in 2012.	\$5,000
Oblong Land Conservancy	Pawling, Dutchess County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Oblong Land Conservancy is an all-volunteer land trust.	\$5,000
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Ontario Bays Initiative is an all-volunteer land trust.	\$5,000
Somers Land Trust	Somers, Westchester County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Somers Land Trust is an all-volunteer land trust.	\$5,000
Southern Madison Heritage Trust	Hamilton, Madison County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Southern Madison Heritage Trust is an all-volunteer land trust.	\$5,000
Three Village Community Trust	Setauket, Suffolk County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Three Village Community Trust is an all-volunteer land trust.	\$5,000
Yonkers Land Conservancy	Yonkers, Westchester County	Guided Organizational Assessment based on Land Trust Standards and Practices. Yonkers Land Conservancy is an all-volunteer land trust and a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$5,000
		TOTAL	\$65,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
ORGANIZATION *First time grantees are in bold	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AWARD
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	ASA's Sustainable Positioning - Project will enable ASA to develop policies, update records, and assemble the required materials to apply for national accreditation in 2012.	\$25,000
Bronx and Manhattan Land Trusts	The Bronx and New York, Bronx and New York Counties	Fundraising/Communications Plan for MLT and BLT - Project will facilitate the development and implementation of a long-range fundraising and communications plan for the Bronx and Manhattan Land Trusts.	\$20,000
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Strengthen BQLT Financial and Land Management - Project will enable BQLT to educate members of the board on fiscal responsibility and improve financial systems and accountability.	\$15,000
Capital District Community Gardens	Troy, Rensselaer County	Capacity Building Assistance Fundraising and Development - Project will enable CDCG to strengthen fundraising and board development in preparation for hiring a full-time development coordinator to increase the organization's capacity as a leading urban land trust.	\$30,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Strategic Land Conservation Plan Development - Project will enable CPF to develop a GIS based analysis of land and natural resources in CPF's service area, identifying focus areas for proactive conservation efforts.	\$9,000
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Planned Giving Program Development - Project will support CLC's work to develop and launch a planned giving campaign in celebration of the land trust's 25th anniversary.	\$30,500
Cragmoor Conservancy	Cragmoor, Ulster County	Strategic Planning - Project will enable this all-volunteer land trust to develop a strategic organizational plan, including a new mission statement, vision statement, and action plan to guide the land trust's conservation work in Ulster County.	\$4,500
Farm Catskills	Delhi, Delaware County	Strengthening Farm Catskills Capacity for Excellence - Project will enable Farm Catskills to implement recommendations from a recent organizational assessment with focus on board development and policies to improve financial accountability, recordkeeping, and communications practices.	\$9,500
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Genesee Land Trust Capacity Grant for Accreditation - Project will enable GLT to allocate additional staff time and intern hours to prepare files and application materials and register for national accreditation in 2011.	\$14,000
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	Buffalo, Erie County	Securing Community Gardens on Vacant Land in Buffalo - Project will allow GGB to explore new opportunities to secure long-term, permanent protection of vacant land for community gardens in the City of Buffalo.	\$22,000
Great Swamp Conservancy	Canastota, Madison County	Great Swamp Conservancy - Project will enable this all-volunteer land trust to upgrade and professionalize its communication materials and launch a promotional campaign to increase the land trusts visibility and recognition in the community.	\$3,750

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
ORGANIZATION *First time grantees are in bold	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AWARD
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Greene Land Trust Organizational Capacity Improvement - Project will assist in implementing the organization's recently adopted strategic goals, including building community support, improving financial management and recordkeeping, and planning for increased capacity.	\$8,500
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	IRLC Comprehensive Outreach, Membership, Fundraising Program - Project will support the all-volunteer IRLC as it begins the transition to becoming a staffed and sustainable organization by developing and implementing comprehensive outreach, membership, and fundraising programs to generate long-term community engagement and financial support.	\$25,000
Mianus River Gorge Preserve	Bedford, Westchester County	Community Outreach Initiative - Project will support this accredited land trust's efforts to strengthen and expand marketing and communications, including completing website upgrades, developing promotional materials, exploring social media opportunities, and identifying new supporters and potential partners.	\$25,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Adopt a Forest Lot - Project will enable MHLC to develop, implement, and evaluate a community forestry program based on the successful community garden models, allowing urban and suburban children and families access to forested land. This pilot project will take place on two of MHLC's preserves near downtown Albany.	\$6,900
Nassau Land Trust	Garden City Park, Nassau County	Shortterm Farm Restoration & Longterm Farm Master Planning - Project will assist Nassua Land Trust in the management of the 5-acre Grossman Farm property owned by Nassua County, focusing on short-term restoration needs, a long-term master plan for stewarding the property, and a capital campaign to support continued work on this demonstration farm.	\$20,000
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Preble, Cortland County	Specialized Easement Planning and Fundraising Training - Project will support NYALT's efforts to update a fundraising and outreach plan and to train staff and board members on conservation easement planning and drafting.	\$10,500
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Greene, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster Counties (project location)	West Hudson Community Trails - Project will allow the Trail Conference to assist communities in open space stewardship through responsible trail building, providing access and connecting stakeholders to land through trail design, building constituencies for open space protection through trails and hiking.	\$15,000
Oblong Land Conservancy	Pawling, Dutchess County	Oblong's PR/ Media Requirement - Project will enable OLC to engage an expert to assist the land trust in strengthening public relations and media communications, as well as build fundraising capacity.	\$2,400
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Foodsheds and land protection in the lower Hudson Valley - Project will facilitate organizational planning to develop strategies and programs to support food production and conservation in the urban and suburban landscape north of New York City.	\$7,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
ORGANIZATION *First time grantees are in bold	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AWARD
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Expanding Conservation Capacity & Excellence in the Otsego Region - Project will facilitate a merger between OLT and an all-volunteer land trust based in Cooperstown, NY supporting completion of baseline documentation reports, a new management plan, and a public planning process for the newly acquired fee and easement properties.	\$35,000
Pound Ridge Land Conservancy	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	Armstrong Preserve Project-Land Steward/ Community Educator - Project will enable the all-volunteer PRLC to strengthen community engagement and support of suburban land conservation through the development of an environmental education program on the 43-acre Armstrong Preserve.	\$12,500
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Records Management and Storage - Project will enable the all-volunteer PCLT to implement recommendations from a recent organizational assessment, focusing on improvements to records management and storage to bring them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$4,200
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Saratoga PLAN Management Planning - Project will enable Saratoga PLAN to begin preparing for national accreditation, bringing its records into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices and completing management plans on more than 2,000 acres and 25 fee-owned properties.	\$24,500
Southern Madison Heritage Trust	Hamilton, Madison County	Public Access and Education Project - Project will enable the all-volunteer SMHT to expand an existing trail system on the Leland Reserve, provide additional public access for the community and expand educational programming for 5th graders at the Hamilton Central School.	\$2,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Zenda Farm Preserve Management Plan Project - Project will enable TILT to engage the SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry Department of Landscape Architecture to complete a management plan for the 405-acre Zenda Farm Preserve.	\$12,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Building a Responsive and Resilient Land Trust - Project will enable this recently accredited land trust to build capacity for communications and fundraising and to develop improved financial systems.	\$25,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Preparing for Organizational Excellence, The Road to Full Implementation of Land Trust Standards and Practices - Project will enable WNYLC to prepare for national accreditation in 2012 and implement recommendations from its recent organizational assessment.	\$25,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Positioning the Woodstock Land Conservancy for Land Protection Success in Woodstock and the Eastern Catskill Mountains: Strategic Planning and Implementation - Project will support WLC's efforts to implement goals identified in the land trusts strategic plan, including coaching on board/ staff roles and responsibilities, organizational structure, and website upgrades to improve public outreach and engagement.	\$25,000
			\$468,750

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Stewardship Grants			
ORGANIZATION <i>*First time grantees are in bold</i>	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AWARD
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Railroad Bed Trail Survey: Project will update property records for the 30-acre Railroad Bed Trail property in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. GVC holds 2 fee properties on 70 acres and applied for accreditation in 2011.	\$7,500
North Salem Open Land Foundation	North Salem, Westchester County	Baseline Update Project: Project will update baseline documentation on 9 of NSOLF's older conservation easements in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. NSOLF has 12 easements on 443 acres.	\$10,000
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Preserve Management Plans: Project will update records for PCLT's fee properties in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. PCLT holds 21 fee properties on 680 acres.	\$9,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Advancing Fee-Owned Land Stewardship at the Woodstock Land Conservancy: Project will update property records for 4 of WLC's fee owned properties in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. WLC holds 10 fee properties on 208 acres.	\$10,000
		TOTAL	\$36,500

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
ORGANIZATION *First time grantees are in bold	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AWARD
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Strengthening Land Trust Connections with Beginning Farmers -Two- year project will enable AFT to partner with NY land trusts to engage beginning farmers and to focus on ways to remove barriers for entry into farming and access to farmland.	\$30,000
Capital District Community Gardens	Troy, Rensselaer County	Outreach and Education for Conservation - Two-year project will enable CDCG to expand outreach and education its successful Community Gardening Program to meet increasing demand for community garden plots. CDCG will collaborate with community centers and other partners to deliver workshops, hands on demonstration classes, and gardener mentoring programs to novice gardeners.	\$25,000
The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development	Arkville, Delaware County	Catskill Region Leadership Institute - Two-year project will enable the Catskill Center to improve elected officials' understanding of the economic and environmental benefits of land conservation in the Catskill region and NYC watershed through training and web-based resources.	\$16,500
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Chautauqua Watersheds Conservation Stewardship Program - Two-year project will allow the CWC to partner with the Chautauqua Lake Management Commission, Chautauqua Lake Association, Natural Resources Conservation Service and other partners to deliver a multifaceted landowner education and outreach program to assist landowners in adopting watershed friendly land use and conservation practices, and to explore new land protection opportunities in the Chautauqua Lake Watershed.	\$35,000
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	Kingston Rail Trail Connections Project - Two-year project will enable Kingston Land Trust to launch a public planning process to pursue strategies to restore linkages to the City of Kingston via historic transportation pathways.	\$12,500
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Shawangunk-Joppenburg Mountain Public Planning Process - Two-year project will enable Mohonk Preserve, in partnership with the Open Space Institute, to launch a public planning and community visioning process to identify strategies for restoring and creating connections to the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail as it extends north towards the City of Kingston.	\$20,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	A Small Farm Initiative - Two-year project will bring together key stakeholders to initiate conversation about local food, land use, and interaction between farmers and community residents. NSLA will host two summits, one in 2011 and one in 2012 to advance local farming initiatives that benefit small farmers, gardeners, and the local community.	\$24,000
Northeast Wilderness Trust	Essex, Essex County (project location)	Split Rock Wildway Conservation Phase 2- Two-year project will enable NWT to partner with DOT, DEC, timber land and agricultural land owners to identify barriers to wildlife migration and adjust management practices to better suit wildlife migration. NWT will also create a long-term monitoring process to track wildlife migration over time and measure the benefits of land conservation in the wildway.	\$20,000

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
ORGANIZATION *First time grantees are in bold	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AWARD
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Oaks Creek Blueway Trail - Two-year project will focus on connecting people with land and water by linking new public access sites along a 15-mile water trail from the headwaters at Canadarago Lake to the confluence with the Susquehanna River.	\$20,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Transfer of Development Rights (TDR), Community Conservation Tool - Two year project will enable Saratoga PLAN to partner with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to coordinate a team of municipal officials, developers, and researchers to analyze the implications for communities considering TDR programs to achieve conservation and smart growth goals.	\$20,000
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Helping Local Farming Become Sustainable - Two-year project will allow WLT to expand its Farmers Network Program, making it a permanent part of WLT's work. The focus of the Farmers Network is to help Westchester farms become more sustainable by encouraging landowners to permanently protect their land through conservation easements, matching farmers and landowners, and bringing together key stakeholders to discuss topics relevant to the local farming community.	\$20,000
		TOTAL	\$243,000

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Professional Development Grants			
ORGANIZATION *First time grantees are in bold	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AWARD
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Two-year grant will enable this 17-year old land trust working in the Upper Delaware River Watershed (10,822 acres under conservation easement) to hire a part-time Outreach & Development Coordinator, expanding the land trust's fundraising and communications work and providing additional capacity in New York's Delaware and Sullivan counties.	\$45,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Two-year grant will enable this accredited, 22-year old Hudson Valley land trust (1,462 acres under conservation easement and 20 acres in fee ownership) to expand a part-time Membership & Public Policy Coordinator position to full-time, giving this regionally significant land trust more capacity to communicate with and engage its members, the community, and state and local elected leaders.	\$50,000
Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station	Rensselaerville, Albany County	Two-year grant will enable this 80-year old Capital Region land trust and nationally recognized biological research stations (2,000 acres in fee ownership) to hire a Ph. D level scientist for a full-time Director of Conservation Education position, strengthening outreach and educational programs, and implementing the organization's new stewardship plan. Grant includes funding for a Standards and Practices Assessment.	\$75,000
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Two-year grant will enable this 23-year old land trust (5,957 acres under conservation easement and 657 acres in fee ownership) to hire a full-time Land Protection Specialist to identify new conservation opportunities and oversee the stewardship and management of the organization's existing land portfolio. Grant includes technical assistance to implement Land Trust Standards and Practices as preparation for accreditation.	\$55,000
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Two-year grant will enable this accredited, 24-year old Capital Region land trust (530 acres under conservation easement and 211 acres in fee ownership) to hire a second staff member, a part-time Development & Communications Coordinator, increasing fundraising capacity, expanding community outreach, and improving the land trust's visibility in Rensselaer County. Grant includes funding for a Standards and Practices Assessment.	\$36,600
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Two-year grant will enable this 22-year old Hudson Valley land trust (2,150 acres under conservation easement and 181 acres in fee ownership) to hire a full-time Director of Development to manage all aspects of fundraising including events, membership, appeals, donor relations, and expansion of Winnakee's dedicated stewardship fund.	\$60,000
		TOTAL	\$321,600

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
ORGANIZATION *First time grantees are in bold	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AWARD
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Hoosic River Watershed Project - conservation easement (287 acres) - Project will enable ASA to partner with the Castanea Foundation to permanently protect two agricultural properties in Washington County within the Hoosick River Watershed.	\$10,000
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Mongaup Sanctuary - conservation easement (102 acres) - Project will enable DHC to acquire a conservation easement on a high-priority property containing rare and endangered species while supporting sustainable forestry and protecting water quality in the New York City Watershed.	\$4,500
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Pierson Farm - conservation easement (174 acres) - Project will help Dutchess Land Conservancy facilitate the purchase of development rights on a historic family farm in the Town of LaGrange. The land has been in the Pierson family for over 100 years and is currently being used to farm hay for local farmers.	\$28,500
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Berntsson/ Millier Acquisition - fee acquisition (169 acres) - Project will enable FLLT to make public access improvements and develop a comprehensive management plan for the recently acquired Berntsson/ Miller property. This critical parcel is the first link in the Emerald Necklace, a crescent of 50,000 acres of open space around the southern end of Cayuga Lake near Ithaca.	\$35,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Alasa Farms - conservation easement (607 acres) - Project will enable GLT to permanently protect a working farm and farm animal rescue and rehabilitation center located on Sodus Bay, an embayment of Lake Ontario. A \$607,000 grant from the USDA NRCS Farm and Ranchland Protection Program will help with the purchase price of the easement.	\$35,000
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Indian Fort Nature Preserve - fee acquisition (65 acres) - Project will allow GVC to develop and implement a management plan and create public access for this recently acquired forested parcel located in the Town of Geneseo. This property is historically significant, containing one of the few remaining undisturbed Iroquois sites in New York State.	\$20,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Barber Property - fee acquisition (287 acre) - Project will help MHLC acquire and develop public access for this priority parcel located along the southern end of the Helderberg Escarpment in the Town of New Scotland. The property is adjacent to a 106-acre parcel MHLC protected in 2007 with a conservation easement.	\$6,700
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Preble, Cortland County	Lacey Family Farm Project - conservation easement (300 acres) - Project will enable NYALT to accept the donation of a conservation easement on a working family farm in Cayuga County. This will be NYALT's first donated easement project.	\$12,700
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Eldrett Property - conservation easement (183 acres) - Project will enable OBI to accept the donation of a conservation easement and create a comprehensive stewardship and management plan for a property located in Jefferson County that has been maintained by the owners as a nature preserve open to the public for the last 25 years.	\$8,250

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
ORGANIZATION *First time grantees are in bold	NY OFFICE LOCATION	PROJECT SUMMARY	GRANT AWARD
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Robert Ingalls Preserve - fee acquisition (30 acres) - Project will assist RLT in developing a management plan and public access for an important parcel that provides many opportunities for community enjoyment including fishing, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing, and birding.	\$15,000
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Croft Acquisition Project - fee acquisition (72 acres) - Project will enable Teatown Lake Reservation to permanently protect a priority parcel in the Croton-on-Hudson biodiversity area with scenic, recreational, and ecological value. Located adjacent to Teatown's existing 834-acre preserve, this critical parcel will link to existing trails, expanding access for public use.	\$30,000
The Nature Conservancy, Central & Western New York Chapter	Rochester, Monroe County	Lake Ontario Shaker Heights Land Company Acquisition - fee acquisition (478 acres) - Project will allow TNC to partner with NYSDEC to permanently protect an environmentally significant property containing coastal wetlands, forest land, a riparian corridor, and shrub/ scrub habitat. This project complements GLT's conservation of Alasa Farms, as both are located in the Lake Ontario Basin along Sodus Bay.	\$20,000
The Trust for Public Land, New York Regional Office	New York, New York County	Depot Place - fee acquisition (0.58 acres) - Project will enable TPL to partner with the Port Authority to facilitate the acquisition and transfer of this parcel to NYC Parks as permanently protected parkland. The property will conserve approximately 400 feet of shoreline along the Harlem River and will help with completion of the planned Harlem River Promenade.	\$20,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Murray Isle Acquisitions - fee acquisition (64 acres) - Project will allow TILT to accept the donation of three parcels located in the interior of Murray Island, Jefferson, NY. In accordance with the landowners wishes, TILT will manage them as a forever wild nature preserve, providing critical habitat for the migratory songbird populations and waterfowl.	\$16,500
Three Village Community Trust	Setauket, Suffolk County	Tyler Homestead and Patriots Rock Property - conservation easement (3.5 acres) - Project will allow TVCT to fulfill its dual mission of "preserving and protecting land and historic structures" by permanently protecting the historic Tyler homestead and gardens and a woodland area surrounding Patriot's Rock, site of a pivotal Revolutionary War battle.	\$5,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Kerry & Schuler Properties - conservation easement (612 acres) - Project will enable THTLT to partner with Ft. Drum and Ducks Unlimited through the Army Compatible Use Buffer Program to purchase agricultural easements on the Kerry and Schuler Properties in Jefferson County.	\$9,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Dale Road Farm - conservation easement (57 acres) - Project will enable WNYLC to permanently protect a working farm in the rural community of Gasport, Niagara County. Public access to the parcel will allow the opportunity to provide farm tours, u-pick services, and educational programs for the community.	\$6,500
		TOTAL	\$282,650

2011 Land Trust Grants - New York State Conservation Partnership Program

Summary - 2011 New York State Conservation Partnership Program Grants		
<i>Grant Category</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i># of Grants</i>
Standards and Practices Assessment Grants	\$65,000	13
Capacity Grants	\$468,750	29
Stewardship Grants	\$36,500	4
Capacity & Excellence Grants (All)	\$570,250	46
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$243,000	11
Professional Development Grants	\$321,600	6
Transaction Grants (3,490 acres)	\$282,650	17
TOTAL 2011 GRANTS	\$1,417,500	80

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2012 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards			
Capacity & Excellence Category--Assessment Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Central New York Land Trust	Syracuse, Onondaga County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practice</i> . Central New York Land Trust is a first-time Conservation Partnership Program grant recipient.	\$5,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for national land trust accreditation in the next three years.	\$5,000
North Elba Land Conservancy	North Elba, Essex County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> . North Elba Land Conservancy is an all-volunteer land trust.	\$5,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for national land trust accreditation in the next three years.	\$5,000
Placid Lake Foundation	Lake Placid, Essex County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> . Placid Lake Foundation is a first-time Conservation Partnership Program grant recipient.	\$5,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for national land trust accreditation in the next three years.	\$5,000
		TOTAL	\$30,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Building Greater Community Support for Food and Farms - Project will enable ASA to engage new communities and constituencies for farmland conservation, including the cities of Troy, Rensselaer, and Glens Falls.	\$20,000.00
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Developing a Farmland Protection Engagement Campaign to Save New York's Farmland - Project will support the development of a long-range fundraising and communications campaign to attract and mobilize new audiences to support AFT's farmland protection work in NY.	\$25,000.00
Capital District Community Gardens	Troy, Rensselaer County	Capacity Building Assistance, Fundraising and Development (Phase II) - Project will enable CDCG to build on a 2011 Capacity Grant in order to strengthen fundraising and board development, enhance training for board members, and update the organization's strategic plan.	\$30,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Strategic Organizational Planning - Project will support CPF's work to develop a comprehensive five-year strategic organizational plan to direct its land conservation and historic preservation activities through the year 2018.	\$5,300
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Outreach and Development Enhancement - Project will assist DHC's efforts to expand outreach and development capacity in NY through enhanced and targeted outreach and programming in Sullivan and Delaware County.	\$22,500
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	GIS Toolkit Enhancement - Project will enable DLC to update and make significant improvements to its county-wide Geographic Information System (GIS), enhancing its land protection program and strategic conservation planning capabilities.	\$25,000.00
Farm Catskills	Delhi, Delaware County	Pilot Project for Accepting Land or Easements for Affordable Farmland - Project will support Farm Catskills as it evaluates options for conserving farmland, holding conservation easements, and pursuing partnerships to promote affordable farmland in the Catskills Region.	\$5,250.00
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	North Coast Campaign - Project will enable GLT to launch a major capital campaign and raise funds to support conservation of the 627-acre Alasa Farms.	\$35,000.00

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Connecting to Nature in the City - Project will support GLT's efforts to strengthen relationships with local neighborhood groups and the City of Rochester by building a community stewardship program for the new El Camino Trail and Conkey Corner Park.	\$15,000.00
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	Buffalo, Erie County	Building Capacity for Land Conservation in Buffalo - Project will assist Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo with the implementation of its new strategic plan, initially developed with funding from a 2011 Capacity Grant, in order to preserve urban community gardens and promote urban agriculture in Buffalo.	\$24,000.00
Great Swamp Conservancy	Canastota, Madison County	Capacity Building and Planning for Transition to a Staffed Organization - Project will enable the all-volunteer GSC to hire a part-time contractor to oversee the daily operations of the land trust and lead the board in implementing recommendations from a recent Standards and Practices Assessment.	\$20,000.00
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Strategic Conservation Plan - Project will support Greene Land Trust's work to develop a Strategic Conservation Plan which will identify lands currently protected in Greene County and determine the land trust's land protection goals and priorities for the future.	\$8,000.00
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Hudson Highlands Strategic Plan Project - Project will enable HHLT to update its strategic plan to guide the land trust through 2017 and prepare for accreditation renewal in 2013.	\$20,000.00
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Continuing To Build For Sustainability: Outreach, Membership and Development - Project will support IRLC's work to build organizational capacity and financial resources necessary to ensure that this all-volunteer land trust becomes a strong, effective and sustainable organization that can continue to grow.	\$15,000.00
Lake Champlain Land Trust	Clinton, Essex, and Washington Counties (project area)	Enhancing New York Land Protection Around Lake Champlain - Project will enable Lake Champlain Land Trust to expand its landowner and community outreach, programming and conservation planning efforts along the western shore of Lake Champlain. Lake Champlain Land Trust is a first-time Conservation Partnership Program grant recipient.	\$20,000.00
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Summer Steward Intern and Summer Education Intern - Project will enable LGLC to partner with the Student Conservation Association and contract with two student interns to assist with preserve management and easement monitoring, and to develop and implement educational programs for children, adults and local families.	\$8,300.00

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy Accreditation - Project will support MHLC's accreditation preparation efforts, including a review of the land trust's <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> assessment and completion of the accreditation application in 2012.	\$7,200.00
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	GIS Repository & Needs Assessment Project - Project will enable Mohonk Preserve to build a comprehensive, centralized repository for its Geographic Information System (GIS) data, assess its GIS mapping needs, and set priorities for future GIS-based conservation planning in and around the Mohonk Preserve.	\$9,500.00
Nassau Land Trust	Garden City Park, Nassau County	Educational, Volunteer, and Community Programs at Crossroads Farm at Grossmann's - Project will support NLT's efforts to expand and institutionalize its educational, volunteer and community programs at Crossroads Farm at Grossmann's in Malverne on Long Island.	\$10,000.00
North Salem Open Land Foundation	North Salem, Westchester County	Preserves Survey Project - Project will enable NSOLF to commence survey and marking of boundaries on 23 fee-owned nature preserve properties on approximately 750 acres, bringing the land trust into compliance with <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> .	\$20,000.00
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Policy Development & Implementation Related to Future Pursuit of Accreditation - Project will support OBI's work to implement recommendations from a recent <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> assessment in anticipation of accreditation in the next three years.	\$6,500.00
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Conservation Financing for Orange County Land Trust - Project will enable OCLT to enhance its Development Director's role in order to build fundraising capacity and evaluate public and private opportunities to initiate a new model for land conservation finance in the county.	\$20,000.00
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Supporting Growing Conservation Efforts in the Otsego Region - Project will enable OLT to make improvements to its internal business systems, including financial management and reporting and organizational record keeping in preparation for national land trust accreditation in 2013.	\$20,000.00
Placid Lake Foundation	Lake Placid, Essex County	Placid Lake Foundation Outreach Project - Project will enable Placid Lake Foundation to partner with the North Elba Land Conservancy in order to convene and educate local landowners, attorneys, accountants, and land trust board members about conservation easements, and to contract with a consultant to evaluate a potential merger of the two all-volunteer land trusts.	\$7,500.00

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Preparing for Accreditation Renewal - Project will support RLT's efforts to evaluate its progress in implementing <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> since becoming accredited in 2007 and to prepare the land trust for accreditation renewal in 2013.	\$17,000.00
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Planning for Perpetuity - Project will enable Saratoga PLAN to complete a facilitated strategic planning process designed to guide and focus the land trust's county-wide land protection, community planning, and educational programs over the next 3-5 years.	\$30,000.00
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	Connecting Our Community: Building a Communication and Fundraising Plan - Project will enable SLLT to build an integrated communication and fundraising plan to more effectively communicate its mission, educate local landowners and communities in rural St. Lawrence County and raise additional financial support.	\$12,000.00
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	TILTreks & Talks Program Expansion and Enrichment - Project will support TILT's efforts to further develop its signature TILTreks & Talks outreach program in order to expand the land trust's educational and recreational opportunities for the community and to recruit additional financial support for the organization.	\$12,000.00
Urban Garden Connections Land Trust & Manhattan Land Trust] [Bronx	The Bronx and New York, Bronx and New York Counties	Building our Land Trusts - Project will support community organizing and outreach to gardeners, enhance board development and training for these pioneering urban land trusts and enable the organizations to partner with the Student Conservation Association to hire a bilingual intern to update their outreach and communications program.	\$25,000.00
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Board Training - Project will enable Wallkill Valley Land Trust and neighboring Orange County Land Trust to partner for the purpose of engaging a facilitator and strengthening both organizations by providing fundraising and donor development training for board members.	\$8,600.00
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Communications Plan - Project will enable WLT to hire a consultant to build a communications platform that will allow the land trust to make improvements in the areas of fundraising, outreach, external communications, and programming thereby increasing the participation of the land trust's members and constituency.	\$22,000.00
Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park	Wilton, Saratoga County	Reaching a Larger Audience: Community Outreach and Conservation Internship Project - Project will enable Wilton Wildlife to partner with the Student Conservation Association to hire an intern for the Preserve's popular environmental education programs, increasing use of the preserve and meeting the land trust's three goals of education, conservation and recreation.	\$17,500.00

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	5-Year Organizational Strategic Plan and Financial Development Plan for Endowment - Project will enable WLT to revise its organizational strategic plan and draft a development plan for its stewardship fund and ongoing operations needs.	\$18,000.00
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Expanding Land Conservation Capacity & Excellence - Project will enable WLC to implement recommendations from a 2011 <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> assessment and develop an expanded strategic conservation plan to broaden community support and position the land trust for additional projects in Woodstock and the eastern Catskills.	\$25,000.00
		TOTAL	\$586,150

Capacity & Excellence Category--Stewardship Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Adirondack Land Trust	Keene Valley, Essex County	Conservation Easement Record Keeping - Project will enable the Adirondack Land Trust to update and improve recordkeeping systems for its extensive portfolio of conservation easements in preparation for national land trust accreditation.	\$10,000.00
Oblong Land Conservancy	Pawling, Dutchess County	Baseline Update - Project will enable OLC to bring baseline documentation reports for 15 conservation easements into compliance with <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for national land trust accreditation.	\$10,000.00
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Filling in the Blanks for Future Stewardship Integrity - Project will enable WNYLC to complete current condition reports and management plans for two fee-owned properties in preparation for national land trust accreditation.	\$10,000.00
		TOTAL	\$30,000

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Columbia County Farmland Protection Collaborative - Two-year project will help CLC launch a new conservation partnership with Scenic Hudson and local farmers that is expected to result in permanent protection of approximately 1,000 acres of prime agricultural lands in Columbia County.	\$18,962.00
Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve	Rensselaerville, Albany County	Engaging Local School Districts as Partners - Two-year project will support the Huyck Preserve's efforts to expand science and environmental education opportunities for area students and to help the Preserve serve as an outdoor classroom for four local school districts.	\$22,500.00
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Upper Susquehanna Critical Areas Project (Western Region) - Two-year project will enable FLLT to partner with Otsego Land Trust, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and other local partners to advance land conservation in the Upper Susquehanna watershed, recently ranked America's most endangered river.	\$35,000.00
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Mohonk Preserve Foothills Planning Project - Two-year project will enable Mohonk Preserve to partner with Open Space Institute and local/regional community stakeholders to determine appropriate ways in which to manage 857 acres acquired by OSI from the owners of the Mohonk Mountain House in 2011.	\$30,000.00
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties (project area)	Southern Gunks Greenway Campaign - Two-year project will build the Trail Conference's campaign to raise funds to acquire and conserve an unbroken corridor of publicly accessible lands along the Shawagunk Ridge Trail, linking the Catskills to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.	\$27,000.00
Open Space Institute	Orange County (project area)	Hudson Highlands Connectivity Project - Two-year project will enable OSI to formalize partnerships with Orange County Land Trust, Hudson Highlands Land Trust and key agencies to develop and implement a vision for long-term ecological connectivity, recreation and scenic protection in the Western Hudson Highlands.	\$31,000.00
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Upper Susquehanna Critical Areas Project (Eastern Region) - Two-year project will enable OLT to partner with Finger Lakes Land Trust, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and other local partners to advance conservation in the Upper Susquehanna watershed, recently ranked America's most endangered river.	\$30,000.00
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	Farms for the Future - Two-year project will enable PLT to build and expand its successful Farms for the Future initiative in order to address farmland accessibility, affordability, and sustainability in western Suffolk County on Long Island.	\$15,000.00

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Conservation Catalyst Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Long Term Data Collection on Protected Lands - Two-year project will enable Teatown Lake Reservation to collaborate with the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies and three local land trusts to design a model framework for long-term data collection on protected land and to track regional trends, including climate change, deer impacts, invasive plants, and water quality degradation.	\$37,500.00
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Niagara Escarpment Legacy (Phase II) - Two-year project will enable WNYLC to begin the implementation phase of a multi-year project intended to protect and restore approximately 320 acres of private and public lands along the Niagara Escarpment.	\$38,400.00
		TOTAL	\$285,362

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Professional Development Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Two-year grant will enable a 6-year old urban land trust working in Brooklyn and Queens to expand a part-time Program Coordinator to full-time, expanding the land trust's community programs, as well as its administrative and fundraising capacity. BQLT owns and manages 32 community gardens in Brooklyn and Queens. Grant includes a <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> Assessment.	\$75,000.00
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Two-year grant will enable a 3-year old land trust operating in Essex County to create a full-time position that will strengthen local community outreach and improve its communications to landowners, supporters and project partners in the Champlain Valley. Grant includes a <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> Assessment.	\$50,000.00
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Two-year grant will enable this accredited, 22-year old land trust with 13,300 acres under conservation easement and 140 acres in fee ownership to establish a full-time, permanent position of Land Conservationist to oversee the organization's conservation and landowner outreach program in Livingston and Wyoming counties.	\$45,000.00
Mianus River Gorge Preserve	Bedford, Westchester County	Two-year grant will enable this accredited, 59-year old land trust with 175 acres under conservation easement and 769 acres in fee ownership to create a full time staff position combining a rigorous scientific background with grant development and fundraising skills. The Mianus River Gorge Preserve was the first project of the Nature Conservancy in the 1950's.	\$75,000.00
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Two-year grant will enable this accredited, 21-year old land trust with 6,815 acres under conservation easement to hire a full-time Land Protection Manager who will oversee the land trust's rapidly growing farmland protection program, developed in partnership with Ft. Drum and the US Department of Defense.	\$75,000.00
		TOTAL	\$320,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Quincy Farm - conservation easement (49 acres) - Project will enable ASA to partner with the Open Space Institute to permanently protect a working farm with productive soils, scenic vistas, woodlots and wetlands adjacent to the Saratoga National Historic Battlefield.	\$10,000.00
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Stuyvesant Farms - conservation easement (166 acres) - Project will support CLC's efforts to partner with local farmers to protect high-value agricultural parcels in the Town of Stuyvesant, Columbia County.	\$11,800.00
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Sulphur Springs Farm - conservation easement (161 acres) - Project will enable DHC to complete its first agricultural easement in New York State and ensure the permanent protection of prime farmland in the Town of Liberty, Sullivan County.	\$11,200.00
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Jaycox Park-to-Park Connection Project - fee acquisition (50 acres) - Project will facilitate a partnership between HHLT, New York State, Open Space Institute, New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, and other partners to permanently protect a parcel of land that will create a sought-after linkage between Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve and Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park.	\$16,000.00
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Conservation Management and Public Access Improvements - fee acquisition (548 acres) - Project will enable IRLC to develop conservation management plans for and make public access improvements to lands acquired in 2011 through the US Fish and Wildlife Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, in partnership with Ducks Unlimited.	\$9,800.00
North Elba Land Conservancy	North Elba, Essex County	Intervale Lowlands - conservation easement (133 acres) - Project will enable the NELC to permanently protect a high conservation value property on the West Branch of the Ausable River, conserving significant natural and scenic resources in the Lake Placid community.	\$9,400.00
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Conveyance of Nature Conservancy Preserves - fee acquisition (65 acres) - Project will enable NSLA to complete appraisals and surveys in preparation of conveyance from The Nature Conservancy of four preserves to NSLA for use as nature preserves and public recreation areas.	\$20,000.00
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Staalensen Preserve - fee acquisition (23.5 acres) - Project will enable RLT to permanently protect one of the last remaining undeveloped tracts of land in the City of Troy, and to partner with the City of Troy, local residents, and Capital District Community Gardens to develop a management plan for public use and enjoyment.	\$20,000.00

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
The Nature Conservancy - Central and Western New York Chapter	Rochester, Monroe County	Shed Antler - fee acquisition (514 acres) - Project will enable TNC to acquire an important timberland property and expand its 14,500-acre Tug Hill Conservation Area, furthering its goal to conserve 25,000 acres in the Tug Hill region.	\$20,000.00
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Sweet Tract - fee acquisition (81.5 acres) - Project will enable TILT to permanently protect a unique property in the Thousand Islands that harbors significant wetland and forest habitat for a variety of species, including several New York State threatened species.	\$20,000.00
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Joppenbergh Mountain Management Plan - fee acquisition (118 acres) - Project will enable WVLT to develop and implement a management and public access plan for this parcel, which was acquired in 2011 and expected to be transferred to the Town of Rosendale. This project will ultimately also enhance local access to the popular Wallkill Valley Rail Trail.	\$8,250.00
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Maryknoll Sisters - conservation easement (42 acres) - Project will enable WLT to partner with the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, a private religious organization, and complete a conservation easement on their historic campus, which borders the Croton-to-Highlands Region Biodiversity Area.	\$9,538.00
		TOTAL	\$165,988

2012 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards - Land Trust Alliance Roster for DEC Invoice		
<i>Grant Category</i>	<i>Recommended Funding</i>	<i># of Grants</i>
Capacity Grants	\$586,150	34
Standards and Practices Assessment Grants	\$30,000	6
Stewardship Grants	\$30,000	3
Capacity & Excellence Grants Category (All)	\$646,150	43
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$285,362	10
Professional Development Grants	\$320,000	5
Transaction Grants (1,951 acres)	\$165,988	12
TOTAL 2012 NYSCPP GRANTS	\$1,417,500	70

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Detailed Roster of 2013 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards			
Capacity & Excellence Category--Assessment Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Capital District Community Gardens	Troy, Rensselaer County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> .	\$5,000
North Salem Open Land Foundation	North Salem, Westchester County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for accreditation.	\$5,000
The Wetland Trust	Burdett, Schuyler County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> . The Wetland Trust is an all-volunteer land trust and a first time NYSCPP applicant.	\$5,000
		TOTAL	\$15,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Adirondack Land Trust	Keene Valley, Essex County	Conservation Easement Record Keeping - Grant will enable the Adirondack Land Trust to update and improve recordkeeping systems for its extensive portfolio of conservation easements in preparation for national land trust accreditation.	\$10,000.00
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Phase two of AFT's Engagement Campaign to Accelerate Farmland Protection in NY - Grant will support a statewide conference promoting farmland protection and development of action kits to engage and mobilize local food consumers to act to preserve farmland.	\$10,000.00
BANG Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Property Survey and Water Maintenance - Grant will support survey work on community garden properties and address water maintenance needs on three properties held by the Brooklyn Alliance of Neighborhood Gardens (BANG). BANG is a first time NYSCPP applicant.	\$3,700.00
Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	Strategic Action Plan (SAP) and Community Park Development Plan Implementation - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Battenkill Conservancy to implement goals of their 2011-2013 Strategic Action Plan (SAP) and its 2012 Community Park Development Plan, focusing on local outreach and membership development.	\$8,000.00
Capital District Community Gardens	Troy, Rensselaer County	Organizational Capacity Building: Outreach and Marketing - Grant will support CDCG's efforts to further expand its program to increase community engagement and funding support through enhanced social media, public relations and marketing in the Capital Region cities it serves.	\$20,000.00
Catskill Center for Conservation and Development	Arkville, Delaware County	Student Conservation Association (SCA) Intern - Grant will enable the Catskill Center to partner with SCA to hire a six-month intern to assist with conservation easement monitoring and support delivery of educational programs, including the Center's Lark in the Park program and Catskill Naturalist Apprentice Program (CatNAP).	\$20,000.00
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Membership Organization and Development - Grant will allow Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to design and implement specific membership, communications, and development activities to increase membership support and engagement to ensure long term capacity to sustain its programs.	\$10,000.00
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Conservation Lands Management Program - Grant will support Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy's efforts to bring its lands management program into compliance with Standards and Practices by surveying 11 properties and developing updated management plans for 6 properties.	\$15,000.00

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Cragsmoor Conservancy	Cragsmoor, Ulster County	Community Outreach - Grant will support the all volunteer Cragsmoor Conservancy's efforts to build local engagement and improve its communications program to keep the community informed and involved in the organization's land protection efforts in the southern Shawangunks.	\$1,000.00
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Enhanced Outreach Project - Grant will enable Delaware Highlands Conservancy to build on its outreach and development efforts by strategically leveraging its successful merger with the Eagle Institute and by enhancing outreach to engage new constituents in Sullivan & Delaware counties.	\$25,000.00
Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve	Rensselaerville, Albany County	Building Membership and Fundraising Capacity - Grant will enable Huyck Preserve to better engage members and prospective supporters, expanding financial support for the organization through redesign of its website and revitalization of its Visitor's Center with improved interpretive displays.	\$18,000.00
Esopus Creek Conservancy	Saugerties, Ulster County	Esopus Creek Conservancy on the Move - Grant will support the all-volunteer Conservancy's efforts to strengthen board member skills and competencies, especially in fundraising, in order to increase capacity and more effectively engage other conservation partners in the Saugerties area.	\$15,000.00
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Expanding Fundraising Capacity - Grant will enable Genesee Valley Conservancy to strengthen its fundraising efforts through enhanced, targeted staff training and to improve its website as it manages its first major capital campaign and expands its conservation focus into new areas.	\$8,250.00
Great Swamp Conservancy	Canastota, Madison County	Administrative Assistant - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Great Swamp Conservancy to build organizational capacity and sustain key programs through increased administrative support and to continue its progress in implementing Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$15,600.00
Green Guerillas	New York, New York County	Supporting the Bronx & Manhattan Land Trusts - Grant will enable Green Guerillas, an established community garden-support organization in New York City, to partner with the Bronx & Manhattan Land Trusts, to provide assistance in community organizing and garden maintenance, and to support MLT & BLT as they plan for the future. Green Guerillas is a first time NYSCPP applicant.	\$18,000.00
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Prepare for Accreditation - Grant will support the all-volunteer Greene Land Trust's efforts to build on its organizational assessment and recently completed strategic plan and to prepare its application for accreditation in 2014 or 2015.	\$7,900.00

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Engaging the Community - Grant will enable Greene Land Trust to develop and coordinate an expanded land trust program in Greene County focused on community engagement, seasonal events, and programming to build support amongst landowners, volunteers and local towns.	\$7,500.00
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Building and Foundation for Accreditation - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Conservancy to develop baselines and conservation management plans for three fee properties, bringing them into compliance with Standards and Practices in preparation for accreditation in the next three years.	\$9,250.00
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	Strategic Planning Process - Grant will enable Kingston Land Trust to develop its first five-year strategic plan, refine its current mission and values and clarify its approach to land conservation, preservation, and community development in the greater Kingston community.	\$18,000.00
Lake Champlain Land Trust	Clinton, Essex, and Washington Counties [project area]	Protecting New York Land Around Lake Champlain - Grant will enable Lake Champlain Land Trust to build local partnerships and strengthen its relevance through Ambassador Landscape Conservation Projects and enhanced landowner outreach in Lake Champlain's western watershed.	\$20,000.00
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Cook Mountain and Gull Bay Preserve Surveys - Grant will enable the Conservancy to complete surveys and update boundary postings on two popular preserves, bring them into compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices in preparation for accreditation.	\$15,000.00
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Historic Mohonk Gatehouse Trailhead Project - Grant will enable Mohonk Preserve to plan and develop public access to one of the Hudson Valley's most iconic and scenic open spaces, enhancing local recreation while protecting the high-traffic Shawangunk Ridge from overuse.	\$48,000.00
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Preble, Cortland County	Outreach & Fundraising Programs to the Corporate/ Agribusiness Sector - Grant will support the New York Agricultural Land Trust's initiative to recruit and build support amongst local and regional agribusinesses and other business partners that rely on vibrant farm communities in central NY.	\$15,000.00
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Accreditation Grant - Grant will support North Shore Land Alliance's efforts to complete a three-year strategic plan, fundraising plan, comprehensive conservation plan and succession plan, and to complete implementation of Standards and Practices in preparation for accreditation.	\$25,000.00

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Oblong Land Conservancy	Pawling, Dutchess County	Baseline Documentation Report Update - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Oblong Land Conservancy to review and update its conservation easement documentation, bringing them into compliance with Standards and Practices in preparation for accreditation in 2014 or 2015.	\$7,500.00
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Preparing for Accreditation - Grant will support the all-volunteer Ontario Bays Initiative's efforts to update its project documentation, bringing them into compliance with Standards and Practices in preparation for accreditation.	\$2,000.00
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Strengthening Stewardship Program - Grant will enable Orange County Land Trust to partner with the Student Conservation Association to hire a five-month intern, improve its stewardship and GIS tools and enhance visitor experience through educational opportunities on its 14 properties.	\$15,000.00
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Renewal, Strategic Planning, and Planned Giving - Grant will support Rensselaer Land Trust's commitment to renewal of accreditation as well as enable its development of a new five-year strategic plan and a new planned giving program.	\$15,000.00
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Strategic Progress Towards Accreditation - Grant will enable Saratoga PLAN to develop a comprehensive strategic land conservation plan for its Saratoga County service area, define priority focus areas, and implement Standards and Practices in preparation for accreditation.	\$25,000.00
Teatown Lake Reservation Inc	Ossining, Westchester County	Organizational Strategic Planning Process - Grant will support Teatown Lake Reservation's efforts to enhance visitor experience and expand its regional presence through completion of a three-year financial plan and a new five-year strategic plan.	\$15,000.00
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Determining Conservation Priorities - Grant will enable Thousand Islands Land Trust to complete a strategic land conservation plan, identifying opportunities within its focus area, prioritizing new conservation easement and land acquisitions, and structuring short- and long-term funding needs.	\$20,000.00
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Website & Social Media Project - Grant will support Westchester Land Trust's initiative to redesign its website and develop a strategic social media program that creates a compelling online presence to engage land trust members, conservation partners, municipal leaders and new constituencies.	\$20,000.00

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Countdown to Accreditation - Grant will enable the eight-county Western New York Land Conservancy to hire a temporary project coordinator to review compliance with Standards and Practices and to assist in preparation for accreditation in 2014 or 2015.	\$25,000.00
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Website Renovation: Transforming Interest Into Action to Grow Organizational Support - Grant will enable the Western New York Land Conservancy to redesign and improve its website to inform and attract landowners, volunteers, donors and conservation partners in its eight-county service area.	\$15,000.00
Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park	Wilton, Saratoga County	Reaching a Larger Audience and Building Our Future - Grant will allow Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park to hire an intern to support its school and youth environmental education programs, expand public presence on the Preserve's trail system, and enhance its community and volunteer outreach.	\$15,000.00
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Agriculture Support Program - Grant will enable Winnakee Land Trust to explore partnership opportunities and develop a local pilot farmer-match program, focusing on agricultural lands identified in its 2011 Strategic Conservation Plan.	\$10,000.00
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Creating an Effective Development Function to Implement 2020 Strategic Plan - Grant will enable the Woodstock Land Conservancy to strengthen its fundraising and development team and implement a Development Action Plan in preparation for additional staff capacity in 2014.	\$20,000.00
		TOTAL	\$567,700

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Stewardship Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Audubon International	Troy, Rensselaer County	Natural Resources Inventory and Management Plan - Grant will allow Audubon International to conduct baseline natural resource inventories and to develop management plans for five fee-owned preserves in the Capital Region. Audubon International is a first time NYSCPP applicant.	\$7,500.00
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Preparing for Accreditation: Record Keeping for the Future - Grant will enable Finger Lakes Land Trust to update project documentation and record keeping systems for its 12,000-acre portfolio of conservation easements and fee-owned properties, bringing them into compliance with Standards and Practices in preparation for accreditation in 2014 or 2015.	\$10,000.00
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	Land Survey and Mapping Project - Grant will enable Kingston Land Trust to complete surveys for its 10 fee-owned parcels in the City of Kingston in compliance with Standards and Practices.	\$10,000.00
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Comprehensive Management Plans - Grant will support Westchester Land Trust's efforts to enhance conservation programs on its "Ambassador Preserves" and to complete comprehensive management plans for 24 fee-owned properties in preparation for renewal of accreditation.	\$10,000.00
		TOTAL	\$37,500

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Hudson Valley Farmlink - Grant will support a new American Farmland Trust initiative to connect farmers and landowners by building a regional database, website and network to connect farm-seekers, current farmers, land trusts, and other agricultural organizations in the Hudson Valley.	\$25,000.00
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Cayuga Watershed Protection Initiative - Grant will enable Finger Lakes Land Trust to accelerate pace of conservation in the Cayuga Lake Watershed by partnering with public and private stakeholders in a coordinated initiative that will engage landowners and local officials and help prioritize conservation opportunities in the Six Mile Creek Sub-Watershed.	\$35,000.00
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Capital to Catskill Project - Grant will allow Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to plan and launch a major campaign to secure funding, partners and public support for an initiative to conserve critical parcels along a 15-mile corridor, from the Helderberg Escarpment to Rensselaerville.	\$35,000.00
Open Space Institute	New York, New York	Binnewater Hills Conservation Assessment & Planning Project - Grant will strengthen collaboration with DEC, Rondout-Esopus Land Conservancy, Wallkill Valley Land Trust and other partners and produce a comprehensive inventory and strategic conservation plan for the 5,000-acre Binnewater Hills area (Ulster Co.), a high-priority area for OSI's Northeast Resilient Landscapes Initiative.	\$30,000.00
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	New York Land Trust Conference - Grant will support Peconic Land Trust's initiative to lead a collaboration with New York's land trust community to plan, coordinate and deliver a state-wide conservation conference in April 2014, providing a high-impact training and networking event.	\$50,000.00
Placid Lake Foundation	Lake Placid, Essex County	Merge Project - Grant will enable the Placid Lake Foundation and all-volunteer North Elba Land Conservancy to move forward in a collaborative merger of the two organizations, expanding their professional capacity, strengthening community support for conservation in the Lake Placid area and achieving greater organizational efficiency.	\$22,500.00
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Engaging Partners to Increase the Pace of Conservation on the Rensselaer Plateau - Grant will help RPA launch an initiative to engage municipal officials, educate private forest owners, and develop a Community Forest Plan for one of New York's largest unfragmented forested areas and a high-priority conservation area in the state 2009 Open Space Plan.	\$30,000.00
Scenic Hudson Land Trust	Ulster County & Columbia County [project area]	Conservation Corridors: Linking Community Assets - Grant will enable Scenic Hudson to partner with local land trusts, municipalities and other community partners to protect high-priority contiguous parcels, creating and enhancing trails and linking scenic, cultural, recreational and ecological assets in the Catskill-Hudson and Black Creek corridors.	\$38,000.00

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Conservation Catalyst Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Connecting the Rail Trail to the Town of Rosendale - Grant will support the Wallkill Valley Land Trust's efforts work with the Town of Rosendale to plan, design and build a connecting trail that will provide safe and convenient access for visitors and area residents to the new extension of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail and the recently renovated Rosendale Railroad Trestle.	\$25,000.00
		TOTAL	\$290,500

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Professional Development Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Two-year grant will enable this twenty-four year old land trust (3,078 acres under conservation easement and 930 acres in fee ownership) to hire its first full-time Director of Conservation Programs, who will spearhead Genesee Land Trust's expanding land and easement acquisition program, with a specific focus on GLT's North Coast conservation area and local farmland protection projects. Genesee Land Trust received national accreditation in 2013.	\$75,000.00
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	Buffalo, Erie County	Two-year grant will enable this twenty-one year old organization to hire a second full-time employee and its first dedicated Program Manager, who will enable GGB to expand its community outreach and education programs, improve community garden stewardship and take a proactive approach as an emerging urban land trust. GGB currently supports 70 community gardens on formerly vacant and abandoned lots throughout the City of Buffalo.	\$49,000.00
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Two-year grant will enable this twenty-four year old land trust (1,618 acres under conservation easement and 68 acres in fee ownership) to hire its first full-time dedicated Land Steward, who will oversee the HHLT's growing portfolio of protected properties, strengthen its relationship with landowners, and accelerate the pace of conservation in the Highlands area. Hudson Highlands Land Trust received national accreditation in 2008.	\$60,000.00
		TOTAL	\$184,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Fedler Farm - conservation easement (156 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses and help ASA permanently protect a family-owned dairy farm with highly productive soils, woodlots, and scenic frontage on the Battenkill River, in the Town of Easton.	\$18,000.00
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Essex Highlands - conservation easement (318 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses and help Champlain Area Trails accept their first donated conservation easement, permanently protecting Richard & Leanna DeNeale's property in the Essex Highlands near Lake Champlain.	\$18,000.00
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Stuyvesant Farmland Protection Project - conservation easements (342 acres) - Grant will build on CLC's partnership with Scenic Hudson and cover related project expenses, supporting conservation of three high-priority, family-owned dairy farms in the Town of Stuyvesant and leveraging additional funding through the Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program.	\$25,000.00
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Triple Creek Farm - conservation easement (500 acres) - Grant will build on CLC's partnership with Scenic Hudson and cover related project expenses, supporting conservation of a fourth-generation dairy farm in the Town of Taghkanic and leveraging additional funding through the Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program.	\$25,000.00
Cragsmoor Conservancy	Cragsmoor, Ulster County	Brown Parcels - fee acquisition (4.7 acres) - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Cragsmoor Conservancy to complete surveys, boundary marking, and archeological studies on three recently donated parcels of undeveloped land near Sam's Point Preserve in the southern Shawangunks.	\$8,000.00
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Turner Brook Preserve - conservation easement (36 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses and enable Delaware Highlands Conservancy to permanently conserve the Turner Brook Preserve property bordering the state-owned 4,880-acre Neversink Unique Area and the "High Falls" portion of the Neversink River.	\$3,100.00
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Rose Valley Forest - conservation easement (26 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses and enable Delaware Highlands Conservancy to permanently conserve a parcel with important wildlife habitat and scenic views in the Neversink Highlands area of Sullivan County.	\$4,700.00
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Kaline and Greig Farms - conservation easements (306 acres) - Grant will build on DLC's partnership with Scenic Hudson and cover related project expenses, supporting permanent conservation of two multi-generational dairy farms, adding to an existing assemblage of 2,400 acres of protected farmland in the Town of Red Hook.	\$25,000.00

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Building Pathways Through an Irreplaceable Landscape - fee acquisition (54 acres) - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Conservancy to complete a baseline report and management plan and to develop ADA-compliant trails that will provide for recreational use as well as handicapped canoe and kayak access to the Boyd Pond property, acquired in 2012.	\$30,000.00
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Amy's Park Preserve - fee acquisition (490 acres) - Grant will enable LGLC to complete a survey for a recent major acquisition bordering state forest preserve lands and leveraged with state and NAWCA funding, ensuring public access to hiking trails and new launch sites for two ponds.	\$4,000.00
Mianus River Gorge Preserve	Bedford, Westchester County	Twin Lakes Project - fee acquisition (19.5 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses, including stewardship plans, in support of the Preserve's campaign to acquire and protect from development several parcels of threatened upland forest that feed a major tributary of the Mianus River.	\$32,000.00
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Exxon Mobil Project Site Improvements - fee acquisition (8 acres) - Grant will enable North Shore Land Alliance to review and evaluate the suitability of establishing seagrass and/or shellfish beds on a remediated property in Cold Spring Harbor that was recently donated by Exxon Mobil.	\$14,000.00
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Birnberg Transaction - fee acquisition (186 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses and enable Orange County Land Trust's recent acquisition to become a public nature preserve adjacent to the popular Orange County Heritage Trail and Goosepond Mountain State Park, a Highlands Priority Landscape.	\$20,000.00
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Ice Pond Extension - fee acquisition (101 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses and enable the all-volunteer Putnam County Land Trust to preserve important meadow and wetland habitat adjacent to already protected lands in the headwaters of Muddy Brook, a tributary of the East Branch of the Croton River and a key source of drinking water for the New York City metropolitan area.	\$7,500.00
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Foster Sheep Farm - conservation easement (128 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses and facilitate Saratoga PLAN's protection of a family owned sheep farm on the Hudson River, supporting an important regional supplier of quality yarn for fiber artisans and leveraging additional funding through the Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program.	\$10,000.00
The Trust for Public Land	Staten Island, Richmond County	Pouch Camp, Phase 1 - conservation easement (43 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses and help the Trust for Public Land permanently protect an important, undeveloped parcel - in the heart of Staten Island's 2,800 acre Greenbelt - that contains important habitat and serves as the base for New York City's only Scout Camp, used by 20,000 Scouts annually.	\$35,000.00

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Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Chippewa Bay Conservation Project - fee acquisition (27 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses, including property survey, legal fees, management plan, and public access plan for the Chippewa Bay Tract located in the Town of Hammond.	\$13,000.00
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	James Blake Jr. Wildlife Sanctuary - fee acquisition (140 acres) - Grant will enable Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to complete a stewardship plan, resource inventory, and boundary survey, and to make public access improvements to this recently acquired wildlife sanctuary, its first fee-owned property.	\$28,000.00
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Expanding Land Protection in Bluestone Wild Forest - fee acquisition (14 acres) - Grant will cover related project expenses and enable Woodstock Land Conservancy to acquire and preserve a property that adjoins the state Bluestone Wild Forest, a DEC priority area that is popular with mountain bikers, hikers and birders.	\$2,500.00
		TOTAL	\$322,800

2013 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards - Land Trust Alliance Roster for DEC Invoice		
<i>Grant Category</i>	<i>Grant Funding</i>	<i># of Grants</i>
Capacity Grants	\$567,700	37
Standards and Practices Assessment Grants	\$15,000	3
Stewardship Grants	\$37,500	4
Capacity & Excellence Grants Category (All)	\$620,200	44
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$290,500	9
Professional Development Grants	\$184,000	3
Transaction Grants (1,951 acres)	\$322,800	19
TOTAL 2013 NYSCPP GRANTS	\$1,417,500	75

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Detailed Roster of 2014 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards			
Capacity & Excellence Category--Assessment Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Friends of the Washington County Important Bird Area (IBA)	Fort Edward, Washington County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> . Friends of the Washington County Important Bird Area (IBA) is an all-volunteer organization and a first-time grant recipient.	\$5,000
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for renewal of accreditation. The Conservancy was initially accredited in 2011.	\$5,000
		TOTAL	\$10,000

Capacity & Excellence Category--Stewardship Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Baseline and improved documentation - Grant will enable the accredited Delaware Highlands Conservancy to update baseline documentation on two older conservation easement properties and improve project documentation for three other conservation easements in preparation for renewal of accreditation.	\$10,000
		TOTAL	\$10,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Capitalizing on the Local Food Movement - Grant will enable the Agricultural Stewardship Association to develop a marketing initiative to reach key audiences beyond their service area, including the New York's metropolitan area, and to highlight local farm products and agricultural initiatives that further advance effective farmland preservation in Washington and Rennselaer counties.	\$25,000
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	No Farms No Food: Join the NY Movement Engagement Campaign - Grant will support American Farmland Trust's continued efforts to engage 50,000 New Yorkers to take personal action to support farmland protection and participate in local food initiatives.	\$22,500
Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	Battenkill Corridor Connections Project - Grant will invest in the all-volunteer Battenkill Conservancy's efforts to strengthen and expand community partnerships that promote planning for future connections between ten public access points along the popular Battenkill River and throughout the watershed.	\$15,000
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Capacity 2014-15: Growing BQLT's Network - Grant will support Brooklyn-Queens Land Trust's efforts to develop and implement an effective community engagement strategy and a new 3-year strategic plan, as well as to further implementation of <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> . BQLT is an urban land trust that owns and manages 32 community gardens.	\$34,000
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Champlain Area Trails Accreditation, Strategic Plan, and Public Outreach Project - Grant will support Champlain Area Trail's expanding land conservation program through support for accreditation in 2014, completion of a multi-year strategic plan, and enhanced community and landowner outreach programs.	\$20,000
Cragsmoor Conservancy	Cragsmoor, Ulster County	Improving Performance Land Trust Standards and Practices - Grant will allow all-volunteer Cragsmoor Conservancy to further prepare for accreditation by implementing standards related to board governance, conservation easement stewardship, land acquisition, and management plans.	\$6,750
Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve	Rensselaerville, Albany County	Expanding and Enriching Public Access - Grant will enable the popular Huyck Preserve to engage its members as well as prospective supporters through development of a volunteer corps, support for the Preserve Visitors Center and trail maintenance.	\$9,200
Esopus Creek Conservancy	Saugerties, Ulster County	Continuing the Momentum: Engaging the Community Around Nature, Stewardship, and ECC's Sustainability - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Conservancy to build on its innovative nature education program for children, support its land stewardship program, and strengthen community outreach through fundraising and board development.	\$15,550

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Making Connections: Engaging and Educating in a Digital Age - Grant will support a comprehensive initiative to boost engagement, membership, and financial support through systematic communications across media channels, including a re-designed website, expanded social media presence, and robust regional education program centered around Finger Lakes Land Trust's programs and services.	\$26,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Strategic Planning - Grant will enable the accredited Genesee Land Trust to embark on a two-part strategic planning process to guide visioning and organizational decision-making and to increase the land trust's impact and relevance in communities in the Greater Rochester area over the next 3-5 years.	\$30,000
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Land Conservation Plan Implementation - Grant will support Genesee Valley Conservancy's efforts to implement the community outreach priorities in its recently completed Strategic Land Conservation Plan, including the expansion of the Conservancy's popular community outings and lecture series, to grow public support and spur new farmland and open space conservation projects.	\$9,000
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	Buffalo, Erie County	Sustaining Organizational Capacity for Conservation in Buffalo - Grant will enable Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo to complete a smooth leadership transition by providing professional development and training support to the organization's new Executive Director.	\$6,000
Green Guerillas	New York, New York County	Supporting the Bronx and Manhattan Land Trusts - Grant will enable Green Guerillas to build on its recent collaboration with the Bronx and Manhattan Land Trusts, supporting efforts to implement management plans, build board member expertise, and effectively oversee services to 32 community garden properties owned and managed by BLT & MLT.	\$22,000
Mianus River Gorge Preserve	Bedford, Westchester County	Building Capacity for Land Management, Conservation & Restoration at the Mianus River Gorge - Grant will support development of a comprehensive management plan for the Preserve, support stewardship activities, and enable further research into restoration and invasive species control techniques that can be incorporated into Preserve management and shared with other land trusts.	\$25,000
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Strengthening Institutional Effectiveness as an Accredited Organization - Grant will support this accredited land trust's efforts to enhance its mapping and geographical information systems (GIS) capabilities for improved land protection, conservation defense, and stewardship and to improve its records management procedures for greater operational efficiencies.	\$15,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
North Salem Open Land Foundation	North Salem, Westchester County	Accreditation Preparation Grant - Grant will enable North Salem Open Land Trust to retain a consultant and intern to further implement <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in anticipation of their application for accreditation in 2015.	\$15,000
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Organizing Towards Accreditation - Grant will enable this all-volunteer land trust on Lake Ontario's Eastern Shore to further implement <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for accreditation in the next three years.	\$3,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Student Conservation Association (SCA) Intern for Stewardship - Grant will enable Orange County Land Trust to strengthen its land stewardship program by hiring a 10-month SCA Intern who will assist with volunteer programming, land management, and improvements to OCLT's twelve public nature preserves.	\$20,000
Pound Ridge Land Conservancy	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	The Armstrong Preserve and Education Center: A Learning Landscape - Grant will support continued efforts to build community support for protection of natural resources through a conservation and land management education program based at the Pound Ridge Land Conservancy's 43-acre Armstrong Preserve and Education Center.	\$12,000
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Land Management Plans: Phase One - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Putnam County Land Trust to further implement <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> with a focus on Fee Land Stewardship procedures, including new management plans for four of PCLT's public nature preserves.	\$9,000
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Moving the RPA from Very Effective to Sustainably Effective - Grant will support completion of a ten-year strategic plan and a comprehensive fundraising plan to build professional capacity and sustain organizational effectiveness, accelerating the pace of community-supported forest conservation across the Rensselaer Plateau.	\$25,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Brand Aid Project - Grant will enable Saratoga PLAN to develop and launch a new marketing and communications campaign to increase community participation and financial support and to engage more local and regional stakeholders in support of the land trust's conservation goals, services and programs.	\$27,000
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Interpretive and Master Plan Development - Grant will help Teatown Lake Reservation develop a comprehensive interpretive plan and a new master plan to direct TLR's long term utilization of its popular nature center and 1,000-acre public nature preserve.	\$25,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Developing and Implementing a Comprehensive Volunteer Program - Grant will allow this accredited land trust to strengthen its outreach, education, and stewardship programs through a comprehensive volunteer initiative that will support TILT's popular outings and events, enhance community engagement and improve stewardship on 8,000 acres of public nature preserves, trails, and conservation easement properties	\$25,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Sustaining Relevance - Grant will enable the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to sustain its successful regional efforts and growing momentum around the Fort Drum area through new outreach initiatives, expanded social media and website capabilities, and a new fundraising program to help build long-term reserves for the future.	\$25,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Develop and Implement a Capacity Building Action Plan for Accreditation Application Process - Grant will enable Wallkill Valley Land Trust to further implement <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in anticipation of its application for accreditation in 2015, including completion of a new multi-year strategic plan and updated communication materials.	\$24,000
TOTAL			\$491,000

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Youth Conservation Initiative - Grant will enable the accredited Columbia Land Conservancy to expand its innovative partnership with Greenagers, a youth environmental service and job training program, in collaboration with the Hudson and Taconic Hills school districts in Columbia County.	\$45,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Conservation Options Real Estate Education Program - Grant will support a series of regional workshops and informational materials, organized by HHLT for local real estate professionals, to increase awareness of private land conservation tools and tax benefits associated with conservation easement donations, conservation subdivisions, bargain sales, and gifts of land to land trusts.	\$15,000
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	Comprehensive Management Framework for the Kingston Greenline - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Kingston Land Trust to further engage local stakeholders, including land trusts, trail associations, city leaders and elected representatives in the development of plans to maintain, support and operate the Kingston Greenline, part of an expanding network of rail trails in Ulster County.	\$22,000
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Working Lands & Wildlife Study Area - Grant will enable LGLC to partner with the Lake Champlain Land Trust to study the ecology and conservation values of a 5,000-acre area south of Fort Ticonderoga between Lake George and Lake Champlain, and develop a land conservation plan to help landowners and local communities preserve historic farms and wildlife habitat in the area.	\$44,000
Oblong Land Conservancy	Pawling, Dutchess County	Strategic Land Conservation Plan - Grant will establish a new collaboration between two all-volunteer land trusts, Oblong Land Conservancy and Putnam County Land Trust, as they engage local stakeholders to develop a new, regional strategic land conservation plan focusing on the Great Swamp, in northeastern Putnam County and southeastern Dutchess County.	\$15,000
Open Space Institute	New York, New York County	New York State Resilient Landscapes Initiative - Grant will support Open Space Institute's efforts to expand outreach and education on protecting biodiversity in New York's climate-resilient landscapes, enhancing the strategies of regional land trusts, local communities, and public sector partners.	\$25,000

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Conservation Catalyst Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Collaborative Conservation & Public Access Enhancement - Grant will enable a new initiative involving four established Capital District land trusts (Saratoga P.L.A.N., Agricultural Stewardship Association, Rensselaer Land Trust, and Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy) to increase regional awareness of their programs and services through joint messaging and marketing.	\$15,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	St. Lawrence Valley Partnership for Golden-Winged Warblers - Grant will support a partnership between TILT, Indian River Lakes Conservancy, Audubon New York, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Clarkson University and the state Department of Environmental Conservation to develop and implement best practices for habitat management focused on the at-risk Golden-Winged Warbler and other shrub species.	\$45,200
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Niagara River and Niagara Escarpment Conservation - Grant will enable the Western New York Land Conservancy to increase the pace of private land conservation and strengthen public support for preserving threatened wildlife habitat and scenic open space along the Niagara River and Niagara Escarpment, iconic landscapes whose nexus is Niagara Falls.	\$21,700
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Trails Project Coordination - Grant will support this accredited land trust's initiative to partner with municipalities, local trail committees, private landowners and others to establish new trail easements, improve public access, and increase support for a connected network of trails in Dutchess County.	\$45,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Engaging Stakeholders and Branding for the New Catskill Mountain Rail-Trail - Grant will help Woodstock Land Conservancy coordinate a group of stakeholders for the proposed Catskill Mountain Rail Trail, creating a new community education initiative, marketing and associated outreach in support of a new 38-mile recreational trail linking the Catskills to the Kingston area.	\$30,000
		TOTAL	\$322,900

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Professional Development Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Two-year grant will enable this sixteen year-old land trust in the Indian River Lakes area (with 1,698 acres in fee ownership) to hire its first staff member, a full-time Coordinator of Public Programs and Administration. In recent years, IRLC has acquired several new properties for use as public nature preserves with trails. The new Coordinator will strengthen IRLC's landowner outreach and community programs, support fundraising activities, and help prepare the organization for accreditation in the next three years.	\$57,000
Lake Placid Land Conservancy	Lake Placid, Essex County	Two-year grant will enable the Lake Placid Land Conservancy (with 174 acres under conservation easement) to hire its first full-time Executive Director. LPLC was formed in 2013 through the merger of Placid Lake Foundation and North Elba Land Conservancy. The Executive Director will lead and accelerate LPLC's land conservation and community outreach programs, building the Conservancy's capacity to assist private landowners and local communities in preserving priority land and water resources and enhancing access in the heart of the Adirondacks.	\$75,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Two-year grant will enable this twenty-two year old land trust (with 1,288 acres under conservation easement and 1,500 acres in fee ownership) to hire a full-time Program Assistant. The Program Assistant will support the Conservancy's board and staff and strengthen MHLC's conservation, fundraising and community outreach programs, increasing its local and regional impact. The Conservancy received national accreditation in 2013.	\$68,500
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Two-year grant will enable this twenty-six year old land trust (with 8,551 acres under conservation easement and 459 acres in fee ownership) to hire its first full-time Land Protection Manager. The Land Protection Manager will oversee Otsego Land Trust's growing land conservation program with a specific focus on conservation easement, land acquisition and public access opportunities in the Susquehanna River headwaters of Central New York. Otsego Land Trust is registered for accreditation in 2014.	\$75,000
		TOTAL	\$275,500

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
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Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Mc-Arthur-Sauert Farm - conservation easement (159 acres) - Grant will cover project expenses and help the accredited Agricultural Stewardship Association permanently conserve an historic, family-owned farm with highly productive agricultural soils in the Town of Greenwich.	\$24,000
Catskill Center for Conservation and Development	Arkville, Delaware County	Thorn Property - fee acquisition (60 acres) - Grant will support a recent donation of an important conservation property in Woodstock, NY. The property will be owned by the Catskill Center and managed in collaboration with the Woodstock Land Conservancy. It will become a public preserve as well as a site for future environmental education programming in the eastern Catskill Region.	\$7,100
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Wildway Passage/Boquet River - fee acquisition (99 acres) - Grant will help cover transaction costs and public access improvements associated with the recent acquisition of a key parcel in the Split Rock Wildway, a priority area in New York's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy Plan, that includes 2,300 feet of shoreline along the Boquet River.	\$22,000
Chenango Land Trust	Norwich, Chenango County	Chenango Canal Lock 99 - fee acquisition (1 acre) - Grant will support the all-volunteer Chenango Land Trust's acquisition of a historic site. The property includes one of the best-preserved locks in the Chenango Canal system as well as remains of an aqueduct that carried the Chenango Canal over Bowman Creek in the Town of Oxford, NY.	\$3,050
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Smallwood Forest Reserve - conservation easement (134 acres) - Grant will enable the accredited Delaware Highlands Conservancy to protect important wildlife habitat on private property in the Town of Bethel. The protected parcel contains forestland and scenic views and provides a source of drinking water for the community of Smallwood.	\$4,000
Ducks Unlimited	Carthage, Jefferson County (project area)	Foster Project/ACUB - conservation easement (219 acres) - Grant will help Ducks Unlimited continue its partnership with the Fort Drum Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) Program by protecting critical wildlife habitat on private land in Jefferson County. DU is a national, accredited conservation organization and a first-time NYSCPP grant recipient.	\$16,500
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Sleight Farm - conservation easement (119 acres) - Grant will support help cover project expenses and support DLC's partnership with the Town of La Grange to purchase development rights on Sleight Farm. The former dairy farm is currently leased to the neighboring Sprout Creek Farm, which is renowned for its fine cheese products and serves as both an education center and summer camp.	\$10,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Kesicke & Klose Farms - conservation easements (177 acres) - Grant will support a project involving DLC, Scenic Hudson, and the Town of Red Hook to secure conservation easements on two working farms in the Town of Red Hook. The 103-acre Klose Farm operates a popular farmers market throughout the year. The 74-acre Kesicke Farm is a sheep and hay farm that is the site of a start-up Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operation.	22,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Gallar Conservation Partnership Project - conservation easement (135 acres) - Grant will help protect two properties in the Town of Philipstown that are adjacent to a site listed in the NY and National Register of Historic Places. The conservation easement permits HHLT to develop public access through a two-mile walking trail across these scenic and historically important private lands.	28,000
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Van Hart Preserve - fee acquisition (65 acres) - Grant will help cover transaction costs associated with the Conservancy's newest public nature preserve, which is adjacent to state forest preserve lands. The Conservancy plans to connect this property to its Pilot Knob Preserve, expanding a network of trails near the popular southeast end of Lake George.	2,450
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	DeForest Williams - fee acquisition (32 acres) - Grant will support the accredited North Shore Land Alliance's campaign, in partnership with Suffolk County and Town of Huntington, to acquire an important undeveloped property. A new public nature preserve would conserve the scenic and ecological integrity of Cold Spring Harbor and help protect Long Island's groundwater aquifer.	30,000
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Kinderhook Creek Preserve - fee acquisition (38 acres) - Grant will enable the accredited Rensselaer Land Trust to acquire two neighboring properties and complete a management plan for a new public nature preserve that will offer recreational opportunities and enhanced public access to Kinderhook Creek, a renowned trout stream.	22,000
Southern Madison Heritage Trust	Hamilton, Madison County	Gateway Reserve Addition and Public Access Enhancement - fee acquisition (4.4 acres) - Grant will support the all-volunteer land trust's acquisition of a priority open space parcel that will provide access along the historic Chenango Canal - Madison Feeder and allow SMHT to expand onsite elementary and adult environmental education programs.	13,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
The Trust for Public Land	Patterson, Putnam County (project area)	South Hollow - fee acquisition (355.5 acres) - Grant will support protection of the high priority South Hollow property in the Town of Patterson, Putnam County and enable transfer of these lands to the state, to be managed as part of DEC's Cranberry Mountain Wildlife Management Area.	\$21,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Weibel - conservation easement (200.1 acres) - Grant will enable the accredited Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to assist low-income landowners who wish to preserve their farmland in Lee Center, Oneida County, in perpetuity. Approximately 98% of the soils on this farm are considered Prime or Statewide Importance for agriculture.	\$9,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Fassler - conservation easement (970 acres) - Grant will support the THTLT's protection of an important property containing hardwood forest, wetlands and agricultural lands in the Town of Amboy, Oswego County. This project advances private land conservation in the north shore forests of Oneida Lake, a strategic conservation focus area for the accredited land trust.	\$10,000
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Westchester Land Trust Collaborative Conservation in the Great Swamp - fee acquisition and conservation easement (115.7 acres) - Grant will help the accredited Westchester Land Trust to partner with Putnam County Land Trust and Friends of the Great Swamp to protect three key properties in the Great Swamp area and within the Croton Reservoir System. PCLT will own the nature preserve and Westchester Land Trust will hold and monitor the conservation easement.	\$36,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Mill Road Scenic Outlook - fee acquisition (60 acres) - Grant will help Western New York Land Conservancy cover transaction expenses associated with its successful campaign to acquire and permanently protect one of the area's most cherished scenic and natural properties. WNYLC will be developing a scenic overlook as well as other public access for this new preserve.	\$28,000
		TOTAL	\$308,100

2014 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards - Land Trust Alliance Roster for DEC Invoice		
<i>Grant Category</i>	<i>Grant Funding</i>	<i># of Grants</i>
Capacity Grants	\$491,000	26
Standards and Practices Assessment Grants	\$10,000	2
Stewardship Grants	\$10,000	1
Capacity & Excellence Grants Category (All)	\$511,000	29
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$322,900	11
Professional Development Grants	\$275,500	4
Transaction Grants (2,944 acres)	\$308,100	18
TOTAL 2014 NYSCPP GRANTS	\$1,417,500	62

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Detailed Roster of 2015 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards			
Capacity & Excellence Category--Assessment Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Pound Ridge Land Conservancy	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for accreditation in the next 3 years.	\$5,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for accreditation in the next 3 years.	\$5,000
		TOTAL	\$10,000

Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Bedford Audubon Society	Bedford, Westchester County	Voices for Conservation - Grant will enable Bedford Audubon to implement new communications tools and best practices to better engage their community and to cultivate a more diverse and sustainable constituency. Bedford Audubon Society is a first time grant recipient.	\$15,700
Catskill Center for Conservation and Development	Arkville, Delaware County	Thorn Preserve Public Access Improvements - Grant will support a floodplain restoration feasibility study, enhance public access to the new Thorn Preserve, and develop a "field classroom" that educates residents and local officials about climate resilience and science-based approaches to floodplain management on Saw Kill Creek.	\$25,000
Capital Roots	Troy, Rensselaer County	Urban Community Garden Program - Grant will enable priority site improvements and enhance management on 50 community gardens owned by Capital Roots (formerly Capital District Community Gardens) in Albany/Troy and support its gardener education program.	\$20,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Engage Community Through Program - Grant will build capacity to sustain the CPF's land conservation and community outreach efforts by broadening its membership base and engaging more local and regional residents in community-based activities, such as its summer walks program.	\$24,500

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)

Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Central New York Land Trust	Syracuse, Onondaga County	Building Capacity with a Comprehensive Stewardship and Outreach Program - Grant will enable Central New York Land Trust to build capacity for organizational development, increased community engagement and improved stewardship on 49 publicly accessible nature preserves.	\$25,000
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Stewardship Capacity Grant - Grant will enable the Conservancy to leverage opportunities to partner with Open Space Institute and William Penn Foundation by enhancing conservation easement monitoring capabilities and landowner outreach in New York, and by strengthening internal systems in preparation for renewal of accreditation.	\$22,750
Edmund Niles Hucyk Preserve	Rensselaerville, Albany County	Improving Performance through Accreditation: Grant will enable the 84-year old E.N. Huyck Preserve to develop procedures and implement <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> as it prepares for national accreditation in the next three years.	\$15,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Strengthening the Conservation Constituency - Grant will support a major initiative to promote tourism and recreation through the launch of gofingerlakes.org , a new interactive map and web portal that will showcase the best places for hiking, paddling, birdwatching, and other outdoor activities in the Finger Lakes region.	\$26,000
FRIENDS of the Washington County Grasslands IBA	Fort Edward, Washington County	Building FIBA's Organizational Strength - Grant will support development of FIBA's first multi-year strategic plan and new marketing materials, building capacity for future acquisition of priority grassland habitat sites and preparing the all-volunteer land trust for national accreditation.	\$15,000
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	Buffalo, Erie County	Building Capacity for Best Practices and Land Tenure in Urban Gardens - Grant will support implementation of best practices in soil safety and food production in the 73 garden spaces that GGB manages, develop a regional partnership with Greenprint Niagara, and prepare the foundation for a capital campaign to support future community garden acquisitions.	\$25,000
Great Swamp Conservancy	Canastota, Madison County	Capacity Building for Community Engagement - Grant will enable this all-volunteer land trust to contract with an Outreach and Community Engagement Coordinator to develop and support the Conservancy's popular environmental education and Watchable Wildlife programs.	\$28,000
Green Guerillas	New York, New York County	Supporting the Bronx and Manhattan Land Trusts - Grant will support an ongoing collaboration to provide board training, technical assistance, and capacity-building services to the Bronx Land Trust and the Manhattan Land Trust, which collectively own and manage 32 community gardens in the Bronx, Harlem and lower East Side.	\$27,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)

Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	Land Survey and Management Project - Grant will enable KLT to complete survey maps and mark boundaries on nine fee-owned parcels in the City of Kingston that abut Esopus Creek or are in the vicinity of the evolving Ulster County Rail Trail and may provide future public access opportunities.	\$3,200
Lake Placid Land Conservancy	Lake Placid, Essex County	Lake Placid Land Conservancy Strategic Plan - Grant will build on a 2014 NYSCPP grant to hire its first executive director and enable the Conservancy to develop a multi-year strategic plan that involves the community in a process to define the organization's mission, goals and priorities.	\$15,000
Lewisboro Land Trust	Lewisboro, Westchester County	Naturalist Collaboration Grant - Grant will enable four all-volunteer land trusts (Lewisboro Land Trust, Putnam County Land Trust, Somers Land Trust, and Oblong Land Conservancy) to increase capacity by hiring an expert naturalist to conduct workshops and guided hikes, as well as to prepare management plans and natural resource inventories. Lewisboro Land Trust is a first time grant recipient.	\$4,950
Mianus River Gorge	Bedford, Westchester County	Building Capacity for Land Management, Conservation & Restoration at Mianus River Gorge - Grant will support the second phase of an initiative to promote applied research programs and to increase the visibility of the Gorge's stewardship activities among local supporters, regional organizations, visitors and neighboring landowners.	\$20,000
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Preble, Cortland County	Transition for Sustainability - Grant will help New York Agricultural Land Trust in its efforts to become more financially sustainable by supporting further exploration of funding sources, building relationships with local farmers and agricultural business interests, and developing updated marketing materials.	\$19,500
North Salem Open Land Foundation	North Salem, Westchester County	Landowner Outreach - Grant will enable NSOLF to hire an expert naturalist to provide outreach to easement holders and other landowners and to complete management plans on its fee-owned nature preserves. NSOLF is applying for accreditation in 2015.	\$3,150
Oblong Land Conservancy	Pawling, Dutchess County	Slocum-Mostachetti Preserve - Grant will support Oblong Land Conservancy's efforts to improve public access and visitor experience at its 100+ acre Slocum-Mostachetti Preserve through the installation of a new trailhead kiosk and improved signage. The Conservancy is applying for accreditation in 2015.	\$3,000
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Site Design for Priority Conservation Areas - Grant will support OBI's process to articulate and focus its conservation efforts in the eastern Lake Ontario region through mapping and development of enhanced and adaptable conservation priorities in its service area.	\$13,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)

Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Acquire Warwick Conservancy Assets - Grant will enable the Orange County Land Trust and Warwick Conservancy to complete a legal review and due diligence in anticipation of a possible consolidation.	\$10,000
Pound Ridge Land Conservancy	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	Native Plant Restoration - Grant will support Pound Ridge Land Conservancy's efforts to demonstrate restoration of native habitat and promote local biodiversity by removing invasive species at select sites on its preserves and remediating them using native plants.	\$5,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Changing Lives Through Organizational Impact - Grant will support Otsego Land Trust's efforts to position for greater impact, including a goal of protecting 25,000 acres in the next 25 years, through a comprehensive training program for board, staff and volunteers and upgraded internal systems.	\$30,000
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Engaging in a Digital Age - Grant will support an initiative to boost engagement, membership, and financial support through improved communication and a re-designed website with a focus on content to increase organizational engagement, visitation to preserves, and participation in outings and public education programs.	\$10,500
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Fostering Donor Relations - Grant will enable Saratoga PLAN to strengthen a fundraising platform that will inform its strategic plan for 2016-2018 and build relationships with funders and individual donors, ensuring it has adequate resources to accelerate conservation in Saratoga County, including funding for a new community farm project.	\$30,000
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	Connecting Our Community - Grant will support efforts to train local volunteers to promote and expand programming for landowners, real estate agents, environmental management councils, and town boards on the basics of land protection and conservation easements.	\$12,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	All Persons Trail at the Otter Creek Preserve - Grant will support TILT's plan to construct a universally accessible trail on its 107-acre Otter Creek Preserve, providing enhanced opportunities for recreation and enjoyment by community members and seasonal visitors.	\$30,000
Three Village Community Trust	Setauket, Suffolk County	Enhancement of Monitoring & Volunteer Recruitment Programs for the Matthews Preserve - Grant will help Three Village Community Trust improve management of its 10-acre suburban nature preserve through enhanced monitoring and a new volunteer training program.	\$6,000

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Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Improving Effectiveness through Increased Fundraising Capacity - Grant will support a collaboration between Western New York Land Conservancy and Genesee Land Trust to increase their fundraising capabilities by engaging a leading expert who will provide training and strategic guidance on major donor cultivation, fundraising programs, and direct mail campaigns.	\$40,000
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Updating Management Plans - Grant will enable Winnakee Land Trust to update management plans for the 76-acre Drayton Grant Park in Rhinebeck and the 102-acre Winnakee Nature Preserve in Hyde Park in preparation for renewal of accreditation and to increase visitation over the next five years.	\$10,000
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Website Redesign and Launch of Social Media Campaign - Grant will support a website overhaul and social media campaign focused on improving information about the benefits of land conservation and publicly accessible conservation lands, increasing donor and volunteer involvement with a new portal for fundraising through major events and outings, and other communication materials showcasing Winnakee Land Trust's work in Dutchess County.	\$20,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Building For Future Sustainability - Grant will support Woodstock Land Conservancy's efforts to increase its long term financial strength by hiring an expert fundraising consultant and a contract-associate in preparation of a new development staff position in the next year.	\$30,000
		TOTAL	\$584,250

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
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Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Finding Common Ground in Promoting Local Food and Farms - Grant will support a new rural-urban collaboration between Agricultural Stewardship Association and Capital Roots that will engage more farmers in farmland conservation planning, expand local and regional markets for farmers, improve accessibility of locally grown food in underserved areas of Albany/Troy, and explore new synergies between the organizations and their diverse constituents.	\$17,640
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Sharing Stories of Family Farmers - Grant will enable American Farmland Trust to develop nine pilot episodes of "FarmStory", a new video project featuring conversations with New York farm families that examines their history, challenges and successes, and highlights the importance of protecting working farmland for future generations. Grant funds will also help support the 2015 installment of American Farmland Trust's popular "Harvesting Opportunities" conference.	\$35,000
Buffalo Niagara Land Trust	Buffalo, Erie County	Buffalo Regional Framework for Conservation - Grant will support development of a new regional conservation framework and strategies for priority land acquisition for Erie County through a partnership between the Buffalo Niagara Land Trust, Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo, and Western New York Land Conservancy. Buffalo Niagara Land Trust is a first time grant recipient.	\$20,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	A Conservation Future for the Finger Lakes Region - Grant will enable Finger Lakes Land Trust to work with partners to produce a comprehensive regional conservation plan covering twelve Finger Lakes counties and will outline conservation priorities with maps and detailed supporting documentation for use by the land trust, towns and local conservation partners.	\$25,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	El Camino Opportunity - Grant will support a collaboration with Project HOPE, the City of Rochester and other partner organizations to connect children, seniors and other residents to nature through recreation and environmental education in the El Camino neighborhood. GLT will further develop programming along the El Camino multi-purpose trail, offering safe outdoor recreation and trail stewardship opportunities for a predominantly minority neighborhood with high rates of poverty.	\$38,000
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	Buffalo, Erie County	Urban Gardens as a Nexus for Environmental Stewardship - Grant will enable Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo to develop a partnership with Buffalo Audubon Society to develop and expand its innovative school-gardens network, launched in collaboration with the City of Buffalo and the Buffalo Public Schools Health and Wellness Department.	\$40,000

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Conservation Catalyst Grants (continued)			
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Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Greene County Conservation Priorities (Phase 1) - Grant will allow Greene Land Trust to work with local towns and other organizations to develop a comprehensive conservation plan for Greene County, with a focus on natural and cultural features and detailed maps to highlight gaps and priority areas for conservation in the county. Greene Land Trust, an all-volunteer land trust, applied for accreditation in 2015.	\$18,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Indian River and Lakes Water Project - Grant will support Indian River Lakes Conservancy's efforts to convene experts from DEC, Cornell's Community and Regional Development Institute, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Jefferson County Soil & Water District, and SUNY Oneonta to develop an action plan addressing nutrient pollution and water quality problems in the Indian River and nearby lakes.	\$35,000
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Providing Stewardship Training to New York's Land Trusts - Grant will enable Mohonk Preserve to provide a series of five facilitated trainings and discussion sessions on relevant stewardship topics for Hudson Valley land trusts and to develop a publicly available final report and resource guide.	\$15,000
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Collaborative Stewardship of Newly Protected Open Spaces in Rosendale - Grant will support a partnership with Wallkill Valley Land Trust to provide shared stewardship services, including ranger patrols, trail maintenance, ecological monitoring, search and rescue operations and user outreach in a popular public recreation area encompassing portions of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, as well as the Rosendale Trestle and Joppenburgh Mountain.	\$23,000
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Project Area: Sullivan & Orange Counties	Creating Connections Via Long Distance Trails - Grant will support collaborative efforts to further develop two long distance hiking trails, including a protected trail corridor connecting Sterling Forest State Park, Goose Pond Mountain State Park, and Schunemunk Mountain State Park, and another trail corridor linking Black Rock Forest to Storm King State Park.	\$20,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Water Education Program for Long Island Elementary School Students - Grant will support the expansion of North Shore Land Alliance's innovative Long Island Water Education program, enabling 1,500 fourth, fifth and sixth grade students to complete classes examining water quality and connections between surface waters and Long Island's threatened aquifer.	\$40,000

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Conservation Catalyst Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	Updating Southampton Town's Farmland Preservation Strategy - Grant will enable Peconic Land Trust to collaborate with the Town of Southampton to review and update the Town's 1998 Farm and Farmland Preservation Strategy and develop new tools and strategies to conserve 2,200 acres of farmland remaining in an area facing extreme development pressure and the highest land values in Suffolk County.	\$40,000
The Nature Conservancy - Central & Western New York	Rochester, Monroe County	Construction of a Cascade Overlook Bridge at The Nature Conservancy's Rob's Trail - Grant will enable The Conservancy's Central and Western New York chapter to partner with DEC to create new public access between state lands surrounding Hemlock and Candice Lakes and complete the construction of a new foot bridge near the crest of a scenic waterfall on the eastern slopes of Hemlock Lake. Supporting the trail-building project will be three inner city high school students from the Conservancy's Leaders in Environmental Action for the Future (LEAF) Program.	\$20,000
The Nature Conservancy - Eastern New York	Albany, Albany County	Harnessing the Potential of Carbon Markets for Long-term Forest Protection - Grant will support an emerging approach to conservation that focuses on sustaining the range of benefits that forested landscapes provide, including clean water, wildlife habitat, forest products and recreational opportunities, by leveraging new sources of funding from carbon markets. In this pilot project, TNC will work with forest landowners and partnering land trusts throughout eastern New York to identify key forestlands, create sustainable forest management plans, and advise landowners on strategies to benefit from third-party certified forest products and carbon offsets.	\$30,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Landowner Engagement to Secure Key Connectivity Tracts - Grant will allow Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to partner with the Adirondack Nature Conservancy and Wildlife Conservation Society to engage landowners in the Black River Valley & Black River corridor, a DEC Region 6 Priority Project area. The collaboration will seek to involve 6-12 landowners located in a key 3,000-acre linkage between Adirondacks and Tug Hill Plateau, providing guidance on land management practices and conservation easements and creating a pipeline of new local ambassadors to advance this work.	\$40,900
		TOTAL	\$457,540

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Professional Development Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	Grant will enable this twenty-two year old land trust (with 17 acres in fee ownership) to hire its first part-time Executive Director. Currently an all volunteer land trust with a popular River Watch and watershed education programs, the part-time Executive Director position will enable the Conservancy to enhance community engagement and broaden its reach and appeal, while taking a more proactive role in direct land conservation in the Battenkill River area.	\$45,000
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Grant will enable this six-year old land trust (with 99 acres in fee ownership and 396 acres under conservation easement) to hire a full-time Stewardship Coordinator. As a relatively young organization with growing momentum, CATS will use the expanded capacity to maintain and improve access to 40+ miles of trails in eastern Essex County/Champlain Valley and oversee its fee-owned and conservation easement properties. CATS is currently applying for national accreditation.	\$70,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Grant will enable this twenty-six year old land trust (with 2,100+ acres under conservation easement) to transition a part-time Program and Database Associate into a full-time position with a focus on database administration, fundraising and research, and program support. Expanding the position will satisfy HHLT's near term staff capacity needs and enable senior staff to concentrate on core responsibilities in development, community outreach, land use/policy advocacy, easement stewardship, and land conservation.	\$55,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Grant will enable this twenty-two year old land trust (with 1,260+ acres in fee ownership and 1,360+ acres under conservation easement) to expand a part-time position into a full-time Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator position. The new enhanced position will assist with external communications, manage community outreach and engagement programs, and oversee stewardship of OCLT's 12 publicly accessible fee-owned preserves. This position will also providesupport to the Director of Development and Director of Conservation & Stewardship, enabling these staff to focus on fundraising and project cultivation.	\$55,000
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Grant will enable this six-year old land trust (with 350 acres in fee ownership) to hire its first professional staff, a part-time Executive Director and a part-time Administrator. With a focus on protecting working forestland on the Rensselaer Plateau, RPA has set an ambitious goal of protecting 18,000 acres by 2019. RPA recently leveraged federal funding to acquire a 350-acre Community Forest and is leading a multi-landowner, multi-parcel partnership project to conserve an additional 12,000+ acres of working forest with conservation easements in the next few years. Grant funding will also include a Standards and Practices Assessment in preparation for national accreditation.	\$75,000

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Professional Development Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Grant will enable this fifty-two year old land trust (with over 1,000 acres in fee ownership) to hire its first full time Bilingual Environmental Educator. Teatown's constituency is composed primarily of residents, members, students, and visitors from Westchester County, in which nearly 22% of the population is Hispanic or Latino. The enhanced capacity will enable Teatown to expand environmental science and education programs in the neighboring Town of Ossining, where nearly 45% of residents are Hispanic or Latino. Grant funding will also include a Standards and Practices Assessment in preparation for national accreditation.	\$70,000
		TOTAL	\$370,000

Conservation Transaction Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Healy Lake Farm - conservation easement (117 acres) - Grant will support permanent protection of farmland which provides feed for a local dairy operation and is adjacent to another farm recently selected for state farmland protection funding. The property has 1,900 feet of frontage along Little White Creek in the Hoosic River drainage and is a designated Class A stream suitable for drinking water, swimming, and trout spawning habitat.	\$15,000
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	1100 Bergen Street Garden Acquisition - fee acquisition (0.23 acres) - Grant will enable BQLT to acquire a significant community garden property in Crown Heights that has been in existence for over 25 years. With intensifying development pressures in the neighborhood, acquisition of this community garden will ensure its long term protection and stewardship as an important community asset.	\$24,000
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Chautauqua Creek Preserve Acquisition & Access Project - fee acquisition (21 acres) - Grant will support the CWC's acquisition of its 26th fee-owned property, a priority parcel with 2,150 feet of frontage on Chautauqua Creek in the Chautauqua Gorge and adjacent to Chautauqua Gorge State Forest. CWC will create and manage public access with an improved parking area and new trail into the Chautauqua Gorge, a DEC "Significant Habitat Area".	\$11,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Taconic Orchard Farmland Protection Project - conservation easement (33 acres) - Grant will help offset transaction costs associated with protection of Taconic Orchards, a successful fruit orchard and Century Farm (designation of farms remaining in a family for 100 years or more) in the Towns of Livingston and Taghkanic. The conservation easement was purchased with a Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program grant in partnership with Scenic Hudson.	\$18,000
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Livingston Farmland Conservation Project - conservation easement (228 acres) - Grant will support protection of two key parcels in the Town of Livingston, including a six-generation family owned and operated apple orchard and a non-profit animal rescue sanctuary for horses, goats and other farm animals. Conservation easements were purchased on both properties with a Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program grant in partnership with Scenic Hudson.	\$37,400
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Long Eddy River Access Project - fee acquisition (0.6 acres) - Grant will help Delaware Highlands Conservancy acquire a critical riverfront property located along the Delaware River. The property is expected to be conveyed to New York State, ensuring public river access, an upgraded boat launch and improved parking area.	\$8,460
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Verbank Club - conservation easement (75 acres) - Grant will support a project to purchase development rights on 75 acres of the Verbank Hunting and Fishing Club property in the Town of Union Vale. With 6,000 acres currently under ownership by private sporting clubs in the area, DLC hopes this project will further collaboration to connect conservation lands in the North Clove Valley, one of Dutchess County's most important landscapes.	\$13,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Suter Property - conservation easement and fee acquisition (57.8 acres) - Grant will support DLC's partnership with the Town of La Grange through its Municipal Conservation Areas Program. The Town will take fee ownership of the property while the land trust will hold an easement. The transfer of the Suter property to the Town will result in a contiguous 106 acre multi-use park and provide access to athletic fields and recreational trails along the Wappinger Creek Greenway, a top priority ecological corridor.	\$14,000
FRIENDS of the Washington County Grasslands IBA	Fort Edward, Washington County	FIBA Land for Owls: Loftus Parcel - fee acquisition (14 acres) - Grant will support the FIBA's first land acquisition project, located in the heart of the Washington County Grasslands Important Bird Area. The priority parcel will be opened to the public for birdwatching and managed to support endangered, threatened, and declining birds including Short-Eared Owls and other species that depend on grassland and early successional habitat.	\$2,100

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Building Bridges Between Lands and People - fee acquisitions (205 acres) - Grant will help cover transaction costs associated with IRLC's acquisition of two priority parcels adjacent to the Indian River DEC Wildlife Management Area. In addition to buffering and connecting state conservation lands, IRLC will develop a new Environmental Education Center with accessible trails, the first such facility in the Indian River Lakes area.	\$30,000
Mianus River Gorge	Bedford, Westchester County	The Levene Project - fee acquisition (73 acres) - Grant will assist with the acquisition of a top priority property that includes headwaters of Piping Brook, a pristine tributary of the Mianus River which provides drinking water supply for over 100,000 people. Local donors, the Town of North Castle, Westchester Land Trust and other project partners raised \$2.8 million for the purchase.	\$40,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Helderberg Conservation Corridor - Craven Easement - conservation easement (87 acres) - Grant will support permanent protection of private lands near the Helderberg Escarpment through a collaboration between the Conservancy and Open Space Institute. This project will add to a complex of conservation land that includes John Boyd Thacher State Park, Indian Ladder Farms and the DEC Black Creek Marsh Wildlife Management Area.	\$17,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Helderberg Conservation Corridor - Tenzin Gyatsu Monastery - fee acquisition & conservation easement (355 acres) - Grant will enable the Conservancy to partner with the Open Space Institute, the Town of Berne, and Albany County to acquire and place a conservation easement on this historic property on the Helderberg Escarpment. The property, purchased by OSI, will be transferred to the Town of Berne for use as a new town park; MHLC will hold the easement.	\$3,050
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Humes Property Acquisition - fee acquisition (28 acres) - Grant will support the \$5.2 million acquisition of an important undeveloped parcel in Mill Neck that is adjacent to conservation lands owned by Nassau County as well as to the Shu Swamp Preserve and Francis Pond conservation areas. NSLA will develop educational programs and create public access on the property, which is designated as a top priority in NSLA's 2014-2020 Draft Open Space Plan.	\$40,000
Oblong Land Conservancy	Pawling, Dutchess County	Gilbert Preserve - fee acquisition (44 acres) - Grant will enable Oblong Land Conservancy to acquire two parcels adjacent to the Swamp River in the Town of Dover and within the Great Swamp Important Bird Area. The properties to be acquired contain forest and wetland habitat important to migratory waterfowl and will include public access.	\$5,600

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	NY Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Prospect Hill Road Transaction - fee acquisition & conservation easement (81 acres) - Grant will help cover transaction costs, including due diligence, survey, management plan and baseline documentation, associated with the acquisition and public access improvements on the new preserve, in the Town of Southeast. PCLT expects to donate a conservation easement on the property to Westchester Land Trust in 2015.	\$10,000
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Kinderhook Creek Expansion - fee acquisition (17 acres) - Grant will enable Rensselaer Land Trust to expand its Kinderhook Creek Nature Preserve, creating a 59-acre recreation area for hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing and protecting important forest and riparian habitat along Kinderhook Creek and Tsatsawassa Creek in Nassau.	\$10,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	McNally/Wellesley Island Conservation Initiative - fee acquisition (277 acres) - Grant will support TILT's acquisition of three high-priority parcels on Wellesley Island consisting of forested lands and wetlands and adjacent to TILT's 93-acre Barnett Creek Preserve. The acquisition will help catalyze additional conservation on Wellsley Island, which supports habitat for migrating waterfowl including Wood Duck, Common Merganser, Gadwall, American Black Duck and the Greater Scaup.	\$30,000
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Otter Creek Preserve - fee acquisition (35 acre) - Grant will support transfer of the Otter Creek Preserve, in Mamaroneck, from The Nature Conservancy to Westchester Land Trust. As the largest privately-owned tidal wetland designated and protected as a nature sanctuary in Westchester County, the Preserve will also receive public access improvements.	\$30,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Conserving the Coulter Farm - conservation easement (108 acres) - Grant will enable WNYLC to protect a popular farm with a u-pick berry operation. Located in the towns of Cambria and Wilson, Coulter Farm is WNYLC's largest protected farmland project to date in Niagara County and will help spur additional farmland protection in one of the most productive agricultural areas of the state.	\$19,600
		TOTAL	\$378,210

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2015 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards		
<i>Grant Category</i>	<i>Grant Funding</i>	<i># of Grants</i>
Capacity Grants	\$584,250	32
Standards and Practices Assessment Grants	\$10,000	2
Capacity & Excellence Grants Category	\$594,250	34
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$457,540	16
Professional Development Grants	\$370,000	6
Transaction Grants (1,858.5 acres)	\$378,210	20
TOTAL	\$1,800,000	76

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Detailed Roster of 2016 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards			
Capacity & Excellence Category--Assessment Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Catskill Center	Arkville, Delaware County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for accreditation in the next 3 years.	\$5,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for accreditation in the next 3 years.	\$5,000
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for accreditation in the next 3 years.	\$5,000
		TOTAL	\$15,000

Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	Battenkill Corridor Connections Project Phase II - Grant will build on efforts supported by the Conservation Partnership Program to expand the Conservancy's community outreach programs, promote watershed education and improve public access along the popular Battenkill River.	\$20,000
Capital Roots	Troy, Rensselaer County	Community Garden Capacity Building - Grant will support community garden site improvements and training programs, enabling Capital Roots to add 100 new gardeners to manage the 51 community gardens it owns throughout the Capital Region and educating 4,000 garden members about the health, social, and physical benefits provided by community gardens.	\$18,000
Catskill Center	Arkville, Delaware County	Platte Clove Preserve Access Enhancements - Grant will enable the Catskill Center to make public access improvements to their iconic 208-acre Platte Cove Preserve in Greene County, a site made famous by the Hudson River School of artists, and to update Preserve maps, signage and interpretative kiosks.	\$10,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Accreditation Preparation - Grant will enable Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, which was founded in 1967 and oversees 14 conservation properties and 25 conservation easements on a total of 1,058 acres, to prepare for national accreditation in the next two years.	\$14,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Central New York Land Trust	Syracuse, Onondaga County	Creating Conservation Capacity - Grant will enable Central New York Land Trust to build organizational capacity by strengthening outreach and communications in the Syracuse area, and by developing a stewardship initiative for the 48 preserves it manages through a partnership with Onondaga Earth Corps, an urban youth development program based in Syracuse.	\$25,000
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Turning Landowner Commitment Into Long-Term Support - Grant will help the Conservancy develop its presence and donor base in New York by strengthening its communications and outreach programs targeting conservation-minded landowners in the Upper Delaware River area.	\$21,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Geospatial Inventory & Evaluation of Reserved Rights - Grant will update Conservancy's geographic information system (GIS) in order to identify and track buildable and non-buildable areas within the Conservancy's extensive portfolio (387 conservation easements on 39,000 + acres), improving efforts to analyze risks associated with successor landowners and reserved rights on conserved properties.	\$10,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Creating Connections - Grant will support a Finger Lakes Land Trust project to improve parking and site interpretation and to complete a resurfaced trail on its 30-acre Bishop Nature Preserve, creating family-friendly access to the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail, a multi-purpose recreational trail that extends 5 miles to the City of Geneva.	\$30,000
Friends of the Washington County Grasslands Important Bird Area	Fort Edward, Washington County	Building Program and Outreach Capacity - Grant will enable Friends of the IBA to develop its fundraising efforts and popular wildlife education programs as the all-volunteer organization looks toward opportunities to hire its first staff and prepare for accreditation.	\$25,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Communicating the Conservation Connections - Grant will strengthen GLT's communications program in order to reach and engage a new and diverse constituency in the greater Rochester area and provide opportunities for local communities to connect with nature through programs such as GLT's urban youth conservationists pilot program and Alasa Farms school field trips.	\$25,000
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	Buffalo, Erie County	Regional Impact Through Community Gardens - Grant will assist Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo and Greenprint Niagara as they move forward on a strategic merger that will strengthen community garden programs in Buffalo and the City of Niagara Falls. Once the merger is completed, the organization will be renamed Grassroots Gardens of Western New York.	\$40,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Great Swamp Conservancy	Canastota, Madison County	Conservation Education Programming - Grant will support the Conservancy's Outreach and Community Engagement Coordinator and its popular environmental education and Watchable Wildlife program by building stronger relationships with visitors, local schools and volunteers.	\$25,000
Green Guerillas	New York, New York County	Supporting the Bronx Land Trust & Manhattan Land Trusts - Grant will enable Green Guerillas to advance its collaboration with the Bronx Land Trust and Manhattan Land Trust, helping to provide services, support and programming for 30+ permanently protected community gardens.	\$20,000
Huyck Preserve	Rensselaerville, Albany County	Implementing Best Forest & Wildlife Management Practices - Grant will support a comprehensive ecological resource survey for the 2,093-acre Preserve, which was founded in 1931. The project will help define strategic conservation priorities and enable the Preserve to develop a stewardship master plan to prepare for accreditation and implement best forest and wildlife management practices.	\$30,000
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	Investing in Engagement and Development Capacity - Grant will help this all-volunteer, urban land trust in the City of Kingston to take the next step in developing its communications and fundraising efforts, in order to increase community engagement and build long-term financial support.	\$28,500
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Organizational Efficiency & Technology Enhancements - Grant will enable LGLC to acquire a new, state of the art database to strengthen its fundraising capacity and to improve land management and stewardship systems for the 4,863 acres of conservation land that it oversees.	\$20,000
Lake Placid Land Conservancy	Lake Placid, Essex County	Outreach Program Development - Grant will help Lake Placid Land Conservancy develop and launch a land registry pilot program that will expand strategic outreach to private landowners in areas prioritized for conservation and offer "citizen science" programming to educate landowners about wildlife habitat, invasive species, seasonal phenology and climate change.	\$25,000
Lewisboro Land Trust	Lewisboro, Westchester County	Access Nature - Grant will support Lewisboro Land Trust's Access Nature initiative, a collaboration with local towns, schools and community partners, including a local organization that provides individualized care for people with disabilities, to provide inclusive, community access to local public nature preserves and trails.	\$2,900
Mianus River Gorge	Bedford, Westchester County	Native Species Triage - Grant will enable Mianus River Gorge to implement a biodiversity protection and restoration program on its 877-acre preserve, focusing on invasive species control, restoration & re-introduction of native flora, and development of a new seed-source protection system.	\$20,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Conserving and Connecting Communities for 25 Years & Beyond - Grant will enable Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to enhance and expand its communications, marketing and fundraising efforts to reach and recruit a wider audience, with the goal of building a more robust Capital Region land trust and in anticipation of its 25th anniversary in 2017.	\$40,000
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Providing Outdoor STEM Education for Disadvantaged Youth - Grant will support Mohonk Preserve's pioneering initiative to provide outdoor-based Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education experiences for 230 middle school and high school students from the Hudson Valley, including at-risk urban youth from the City of Newburgh.	\$20,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Preserve Stewardship Internship Program - Grant will enable North Shore Land Alliance to recruit a program leader and four interns (in college and/or recent graduates) who will focus on stewardship projects, gaining career-training and mentoring opportunities through hands-on service to the land.	\$20,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Changing Lives Through Organizational Impact - Grant will enable Otsego Land Trust to engage a national community conservation expert as they further efforts to increase community impact, enhance landowner outreach, and more effectively reflect the needs of their regional service area.	\$10,000
Pound Ridge Land Conservancy	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	Community Supported Restoration - Grant will PRLC's efforts to restore native habitat at its 38-acre Halle Preserve and at its 18-acre Richards Preserve, with a focus on removing invasive non-native species and engaging with partner organizations, volunteers, and preserve neighbors to raise awareness about methods for preserving and enhancing plant diversity.	\$6,900
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Management Plans - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Putnam County Land Trust to complete management plans for 12 of its 33 fee-owned nature preserve properties in preparation for land trust accreditation in the next two years.	\$9,500
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Ramping up the Rensselaer Plateau Community Forest - Grant will support efforts to complete public access improvements, including improved parking, signage, composting toilet, and mountain bike trails to allow community members, partner organizations and volunteers to implement programs and priority activities outlined in RPA's Poestenkill,/Rensselaer Plateau Community Forest Plan.	\$30,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
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Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Strategic Building Blocks for Conservation - Grant will enable Saratoga PLAN to engage volunteers, interns, landowners, community partners, and biologists with a focus on land conservation priorities and to complete a business plan for resourcing its conservation initiatives in the fastest growing county in New York state.	\$30,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Advancement of Zenda Farms Preserve - Grant will enable the Thousand Islands Land Trust to develop a comprehensive business plan to guide the development of community events, additional programming, and farm activities on its popular 405-acre Zenda Farm preserve.	\$38,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Enhancing Community Engagement Through Web and Social Media Development - Grant will enable Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to improve its outreach and community engagement through the development of an updated, interactive website and expanded use of social media and mobile-ready platforms.	\$28,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Identifying Priority Lands for Conservation - Grant will provide funding for Wallkill Valley Land Trust to engage experts in a project to thoroughly map conservation priority areas in their service area, allowing the land trust and partner organizations to implement a more proactive strategy of pursuing conservation easements on private lands.	\$25,000
Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park	Wilton, Saratoga County	Capacity Building Through Community Outreach - Grant will support Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park's ongoing community engagement efforts by enabling recruitment of interns to develop maps, brochures and other updated communication materials, including interpretive materials used in its popular environmental education programs.	\$20,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Accreditation Support - Grant will enable the Conservancy to obtain expert assistance in preparation for accreditation in 2016 and to provide training and support as the Conservancy transitions to new Executive Director leadership.	\$10,000
TOTAL			\$696,800

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Connecting Climate Resilience and Farmland Conservation - Grant will launch American Farmland Trust's efforts to engage farmers, conservation partners and others about opportunities to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by conserving agricultural lands and protecting soil quality in New York.	\$20,000
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Building Capacity to Bring a Next Generation onto Farmland - Grant will support an AFT initiative to strengthen a professional statewide support network to advance priority farmland conservation and to assist farms in transitioning to the next generation of farmers through a statewide needs assessment, outreach and coaching.	\$20,000
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Celebrate, Innovate, Reconnect, Link-up and Education (CIRCLE) Initiative - Grant will enable Brooklyn-Queens Land Trust to implement its CIRCLE initiative, fostering community engagement and environmental sustainability within their network of 30+ community gardens, catalyzing new partnerships to support BQLT's pioneering program of urban conservation, stewardship, and community-building.	\$40,000
Capital Roots	Troy, Rensselaer County	Strengthening the Capital Region's Foodshed Through Food Assessment - Grant will enable Capital Roots to partner with research institutions, land trusts and other partners to conduct a systematic assessment of the Capital Region's food system, its strengths and weaknesses, and opportunities to make improvements that can benefit both agricultural producers and low income communities.	\$30,000
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Catskill Region (Project Area), Delaware County	Catskill Access and Stewardship Program - Grant will enable the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference to collaborate with land trusts to design, build, promote and manage a network of "community trails" in the Catskills region by sharing expertise in trail layout and design, volunteer training and recruitment, and best practices in trail maintenance.	\$30,000
Open Space Institute	New York, New York County	2016 New York State Land Conservation Summit - Grant will enable the Open Space Institute to lead a collaborative effort with land trusts and other partners to coordinate and deliver a major statewide land conservation conference that will include expert-led workshops, field trips, and networking opportunities. The Summit, scheduled for May 2016 in Saratoga Springs, is expected to draw 300+ attendees.	\$38,000

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Conservation Catalyst Grants (continued)			
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Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	Revitalizing Conservation in the Town of Riverhead - Grant will support Peconic Land Trust's initiative to identify and prioritize farmland and undeveloped open space in the Town of Riverhead and to assist the Town in re-establishing its farmland protection and Transfer of Development Right (TDR) programs.	\$30,000
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Rensselaer County Conservation Plan - Grant will enable the Rensselaer Land Trust, with input and collaboration from municipalities, community groups, land trusts, and residents, to complete its first county-wide, strategic land conservation assessment, a project that will identify and map priority wildlife habitat, water resources and scenic values and include public workshops and community outreach.	\$40,000
The Scenic Hudson Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Wayfinding and Trail Design - Grant will support Scenic Hudson's leading efforts to develop and promote a continuous multimodal trail system along the Black Creek Corridor through the Towns of Esopus and Lloyd that recognizes the area's history and biodiversity, advancing tourism and outdoor recreation in the area.	\$37,000
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Coordinating Land Trusts to Galvanize Public Support for Conservation - Grant will enable Teatown Lake Reservation to take the next step in advancing the Environmental Monitoring and Management Alliance (EMMA), an innovative, regional platform for sharing data, best practices and strategies in land stewardship, stakeholder engagement and efforts to build public awareness of conservation issues in the greater Hudson Valley.	\$38,000
		TOTAL	\$323,000

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Professional Development Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Development Director - Grant will enable this twenty-six year old land trust (with 16,615 acres under conservation easement) to hire its full-time Development Coordinator. With enhanced capacity for fundraising and major donor engagement, ASA will be positioned to raise both the capital and operating funds it needs to advance ambitious conservation objectives, including a goal of conserving an additional 8,400 acres by 2020.	\$75,000
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Conservation Lands Manager - Grant will enable this twenty-six year old land trust (with 747 acres in fee ownership and 16 acres under conservation easement) to hire its first full-time Conservation Lands Manager, who will manage the Conservancy's portfolio of conserved lands, accelerate completion of new conservation projects, and help the land trust prepare for accreditation in the next three years. Funding will include a Land Trust Standards and Practices Assessment.	\$80,000
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Stewardship Associate - Grant will enable this thirty year old land trust (with 2,481 acres in fee ownership and 25,381 acres under conservation easement) to hire a full-time Stewardship Associate. The position will augment the Conservancy's stewardship program, working with the Conservation Easement Stewardship Manager to oversee an expansive portfolio of public conservation areas and conservation easements across the county.	\$72,000
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford, Westchester County	Preserve Manager & Educator - Grant will enable this twenty-eight year old land trust (with 720 acres in fee ownership and 5,148 acres under conservation easement) to hire a full-time Preserve Manager and Educator. As WLT looks to strengthen community interest in the care of conserved properties, this new position will add capacity for the maintenance, stewardship and enhancement of its 29 nature preserves, as well as capacity for education and outreach in Westchester's diverse communities.	\$66,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Land Protection Director - Grant will enable this twenty-five year old land trust (with 745 acres in fee ownership and 4,591 acres under conservation easement) to hire its first full-time Land Protection Director. The new position will develop and accelerate the Conservancy's regional land conservation efforts, enabling them to keep pace with growing interest in land conservation, particularly in Erie County and Niagara County.	\$30,000
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Operations & Development Manager - Grant will enable this twenty-seven year old land trust (with 178 acres in fee ownership and 2,200 under conservation easement) to hire its first full-time Operations and Development Manager, who will support the land trust's development and fundraising activities including membership, events, communications, and community outreach.	\$75,000
TOTAL			\$398,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	Schmidt Meadow Preserve Project - fee acquisition (11 acres) - Grant will cover costs associated with acquisition of a prime riverfront parcel with over 2,000 ft. of stream frontage, enabling the Conservancy to create a new public access point to the popular river, complete a survey and species inventory, and implement stream habitat improvements.	\$10,000
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Split Rock Wildway, Duca Parcel - conservation easement (120.5 acres) - grant will support permanent protection of private lands located within a critical wildlife corridor that connects the Split Rock Wild Forest and the Adirondack mountains and enable CATS to further develop its Westport to Essex ("hamlet-to-hamlet") community trails initiative.	\$30,000
Cragsmoor Conservancy	Cragsmoor, Ulster County	Zeger/Moore Property - conservation easement (9 acres) - Grant will help cover costs association with permanent protection of a forested property in the hamlet of Cragsmoor, near Sam's Point Preserve at the southern end of Minnewaska State Park.	\$2,750
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Otisco Shoreline Protection Project - fee acquisition (38 acres) - Grant will support the acquisition of a parcel featuring 1,300 ft. of rare, undeveloped shoreline on Otisco Lake, home to nesting habitat for bald eagles, mature hardwood forest and scenic ravines. Finger Lakes Land Trust intends to open the new preserve to the public, allowing low-impact recreation such as hiking, canoeing, fishing, and bird watching.	\$30,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Cornwall on Lake Ontario - fee acquisition (74 acres) - Grant will support GLT's acquisition of a priority property along the Lake Ontario shoreline in the historic Hamlet of Pultneyville. Genesee Land Trust plans to engage the community to develop management plan and public access plan that will make the new conservation property an extension of the walkable community as well as a destination for visitors and school field trips.	\$20,500
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	O'Connell Boulder Preserve Partnership Project - fee acquisition and conservation easement (31 acres) - Grant will support a collaborative project involving Hudson Highlands Land Trust (easement holder) and Westchester Land Trust (fee holder) that will result in permanent protection of two priority parcels in the Putnam Valley area. The preserve will be open to the public for wildlife viewing and low impact recreation.	\$20,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Watergrass Sanctuary Project - fee acquisition and conservation easement (20 acres) - Grant will support a collaboration between Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Scenic Hudson, and Putnam Highlands Audubon Society to acquire a priority parcel that will be added to the Audubon Society's Watergrass Sanctuary.	\$24,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Indian River Headwaters Access Initiative - fee acquisition (354 acres) - Grant will facilitate one of the Conservancy's most significant conservation projects to date, the acquisition of key parcel in the headwaters of the Indian River that is adjacent to the Frank E. Jadwin Memorial State Forest in Lewis County. Deliverables will include a comprehensive management plan and development of public access facilities, including parking, trails, and dock to support water quality research, environmental education, and public recreation.	\$35,000
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Pinnacle Project - fee acquisition (73 acres) - Grant will help cover costs associated with LGLC's purchase of a 73-acre top priority parcel known locally as The Pinnacle. The Pinnacle is the 2nd highest peak in the town of Bolton Landing; LGLC purchased the property to help protect water quality on Lake George, preserve the viewshed of Bolton Landing and create new public access to low-impact recreational trails.	\$19,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Fox Property Acquisition - fee acquisition (70 acres) - Grant will assist the Conservancy's acquisition of a priority property in the Town of Colonie, resulting in the establishment of MHLC's 16th nature preserve and its first conservation property on the Mohawk River. The Fox Preserve will create a new neighborhood access point to the 86-mile Mohawk Hudson Bikeway, which has 250,000 annual users.	\$20,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Expansion of Wawapek Preserve - fee acquisition (3 acres) - Grant will support acquisition of a key parcel immediately adjacent to NSLA's recently established 32-acre Wawapek Preserve in Cold Spring Harbor. The property includes an existing residence and outbuildings that will be developed into a nature and education center supporting public access, community programming and stewardship activities.	\$25,000
Northeast Wilderness Trust	Split Rock Wildway, Essex County (project area)	Split Rock Wildway Conservation - fee acquisition (27 acres) - Grant will enable Northeast Wilderness Trust to acquire a priority parcel containing undeveloped forestland, expanding on its efforts to protect the Brookfield Headwaters and enhance public access in the heart of the Split Rock Wildway.	\$13,600

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Potter Easement Project - conservation easement (40.4 acres) - Grant will be used to complete a baseline documentation report, an environmental hazards assessment, and a stewardship plan for a recently donated conservation easement on private lands near the Perch River Wildlife Management Area and Fort Drum.	\$6,000
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Stoney Cove Easement - conservation easement (52.6 acres) - Grant will enable the land trust to complete a baseline documentation report, an environmental hazards assessment, and a stewardship plan for a high-priority easement on private lands along Lake Ontario. The project will help leverage federal funding for St. Lawrence River/Thousand Islands area land trusts through the North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA).	\$6,750
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Monroe Buffer Land Project - fee acquisition (11 acres) - Grant will support a collaborative project involving Orange County Land Trust and the New York New Jersey Trail Conference to acquire a priority parcel of undeveloped land in the Town of Monroe that will serve as a buffer for the popular Appalachian Trail and strengthen land protection in the Sterling Forest area.	\$14,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Stock Farm - conservation easement (283 acres) - Grant will help cover costs associated with a significant conservation project to permanently preserve the historic Stock Farm, formerly part of the Owen D. Young Home Farm. The easement will protect quality agricultural land and Otsquago Creek, a Class C Trout Stream adjacent to another 147- acre conservation easement.	\$9,200
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Kinderhook Creek Nature Preserve Expansion - fee acquisition (26.5 acres) - Grant will support efforts to expand the land trust's popular Kinderhook Creek Nature Preserve, which includes four miles of trails and provides opportunities for hiking, fishing, nature viewing, snowshoeing and skiing, and is a favorite destination for local geocachers.	\$7,500
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Chestnut Hill – fee acquisition (34 acres). Grant will support RPA's recent acquisition of a key parcel that is contiguous to a pending 12,348-acre conservation easement project with funding from the Rensselaer Plateau Working Forests/USDA Forest Legacy Program. Grant funds will support public access improvements on a forested site that boasts mature nut-producing and likely blight-resistant American Chestnut Trees.	\$6,900

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
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St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	Hart's Falls Preserve - fee acquisition (40 acres) - Grant will support acquisition of St. Lawrence Land Trust's first fee-owned conservation property, and will help cover costs associated with the development of public access and a management plan for stewardship of the preserve, which contains high quality riparian habitat and culturally-significant waterfalls on the Grasse River in northern St. Lawrence County.	\$12,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	The World-Class Stella Niagara Preserve - fee acquisition (29 acres) - Grant will support public access improvements at one of the most significant conservation projects in the Conservancy's 25 year history. The Conservancy secured \$1.4 million for the acquisition of the ecologically and historically unique Stella Niagara Preserve, a signature conservation property that will feature walking trails, kayak access and a quarter-mile of undeveloped shoreline on the Niagara River.	\$40,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Bluestone Wild Forest - fee acquisition (123 acres - Grant will help cover costs associated with the Conservancy's largest fee land acquisition to date, a key parcel within the bounds of the Bluestone State Forest. The property features undeveloped forest and wildlife habitat; grant funding will help the Conservancy develop public access including a parking area, signage, kiosk and trails.	\$15,000
TOTAL			\$367,200

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Summary of 2016 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards		
<i>Grant Category</i>	<i>Grant Funding</i>	<i># of Grants</i>
Capacity Grants	\$696,800	32
Standards and Practices Assessment Grants	\$15,000	3
Capacity & Excellence Grants	\$711,800	35
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$323,000	10
Professional Development Grants	\$398,000	6
Transaction Grants (1,470 acres)	\$367,200	21
TOTAL	\$1,800,000	72

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Detailed Roster of 2017 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards			
Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Adirondack Land Trust	Keene Valley, Essex County	Transitioning Adirondack Land Trust - Grant will support the Adirondack Land Trust as it transitions into an independent organization, develops community programming and prepares for national accreditation in 2018.	\$30,000
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Communicating for Greater Conservation Impact - Grant will enable the accredited Agricultural Stewardship Association to update and improve its messaging and communication tools by creating a new website and external communications materials, building on regional themes and marketing strategies developed with past support from the Conservation Partnership Program.	\$25,000
Bedford Audubon Society	Katonah, Westchester County	Protect & Conserve - Grant will enable Bedford Audubon to complete updated surveys for two key nature preserves in compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices, protecting the conservation land against encroachment and preparing the organization for national accreditation in the next three years.	\$25,000
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Growing BQLT's Reach and Capacity - Grant will enable Brooklyn Queens Land Trust to take the next step in developing a long-range professional staffing and fundraising plan that will help it grow sustainably, support the 31 community gardens it owns, and further prepare for national accreditation.	\$40,000
Catskill Center	Arkville, Delaware County	Accreditation Assistance - Grant will enable the Catskill Center, which operates in the Catskill Park and the New York City watershed, to prepare for national accreditation in 2018.	\$25,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Building Capacity Through a New Era of Fundraising - Grant will enable the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to strengthen its capacity for local fundraising, giving the organizations additional financial resources and expertise to grow into the future. Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is applying for national accreditation in 2017.	\$7,500
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Trail Creation, Enhancement and Outdoor Education - Grant will enable the accredited Champlain Area Trails to prepare 40+ miles of trails for summer use in partnership with the American Hiking Society's "Volunteer Vacationers", to create a new Wildway Passage Connector Trail that links to the Split Rock Wild Forest, and to develop community outreach and education offerings that will highlight unique natural communities throughout New York's Champlain Valley.	\$15,000
Cragsmoor Conservancy	Cragsmoor, Ulster County	Cragsmoor Community Conservation Education - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Cragsmoor Conservancy to work with regional experts to develop a program of environmental analysis, community outreach and community conservation with the goal of stimulating landowner and community interest in conservation and growing financial support for the organization.	\$12,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Land Conservation Collaboration - Grant will support a formal collaboration between the accredited Dutchess Land Conservancy and the accredited, all-volunteer Oblong Land Conservancy to develop a joint strategic conservation plan for the Great Swamp region in eastern Dutchess County, identifying strategies to accelerate and coordinate protection of high conservation value private lands in their overlapping service areas.	\$30,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Esopus Creek Conservancy	Saugerties, Ulster County	Getting Every Kid Out in Nature: Building on Our Success - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Esopus Creek Conservancy to build on past efforts to utilize its preserve as an outdoor classroom for local school groups, help the organization to broaden its outreach and programming and to engage a broader segment of the community.	\$11,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Welcome to Genesee Land Trust Preserves - Grant will enable the accredited Genesee Land Trust to grow its regional presence and visibility by improving ease of use and accessibility to four of its nature preserves, with a goal of increasing the number and diversity of visitors and offering users a more welcoming and educational experience.	\$18,000
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Farmland Community Outreach and Enhanced Prioritization - Grant will enable the accredited Genesee Valley Conservancy to capitalize on its success as a leader in state farmland protection by developing signage and videos to recognize protected farms in Livingston County and strengthening regional farmland preservation efforts in Wyoming County.	\$20,000
Green Guerillas	New York, New York	Strengthening the Bronx Land Trust and Manhattan Land Trust - Grant will enable Green Guerillas, a city-wide community garden support organization, to continue a strategic collaboration in support of the all-volunteer Bronx and Manhattan Land Trusts, helping the organizations to manage 30+ community gardens properties in under-served neighborhoods.	\$30,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Building a Strategic Plan for IRLC's Third Decade - Grant will enable the recently accredited Indian River Lakes Conservancy to evaluate strategies and programming to position the organization for a sustainable future, including board training and recruitment, creation of a new Strategic Vision Statement and a 3-year strategic plan.	\$18,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Community Outreach & Communications for Conservation & Sustainability - Grant will enable the accredited Indian River Lakes Conservancy to develop a series of outreach events and programs with the goal of strengthening relationships with local communities and providing opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with and develop a deeper understanding of the Indian River Lakes region.	\$20,000
Lake Placid Land Conservancy	Lake Placid, Essex County	Citizen Science Monitoring Program - Grant will enable Lake Placid Land Conservancy to take next step in the development of its community outreach program by identifying and enrolling landowners into its wildlife monitoring program and through implementation of a new citizen science initiative focused on pollinators, invasive species, wildlife monitoring and phenology.	\$20,000
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Fields Conservation and Stewardship - Grant will enable the accredited Mohonk Preserve to develop a monitoring, conservation and stewardship plan for 440 acres of grasslands and old agricultural fields with the goal of identifying priority areas for management and restoration of resilient habitat that will support imperiled species of birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.	\$25,000
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Elbridge, Onondaga County	Growing Capacity Within the Community - Grant will support New York Agricultural Land Trust and its efforts to strengthen its fundraising and community engagement through strategic outreach designed to promote its mission of regional agricultural protection and to strengthen organizational and fiscal sustainability.	\$9,250

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Accreditation Renewal Preparation - Grant will support the accredited Orange County Land Trust to update conservation easement project documentation and management plans in preparation for accreditation renewal in 2018.	\$10,000
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	National Accreditation Preparation - Grant will support Peconic Land Trust and its two supporting organizations, Nassau Land Trust and South Fork Land Foundation, to review and update project documentation for a portfolio of conservation easements and fee-owned properties in preparation for national accreditation in 2018.	\$28,000
Pound Ridge Land Conservancy	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	Reforestation of Carolin's Grove and Halle Ravine Preserves - Grant will enable the Pound Ridge Land Conservancy to develop and implement reforestation efforts at two preserves in order to support long-term resilience against erosion, forest pests and invasive species (including hemlock woolly adelgid) and to enhance long-term forest regeneration.	\$15,000
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Twin Hill Public Access Improvements - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Putnam County Land Trust to increase its visibility and attract community support through completion of public access and trail improvements at its Ice Pond Conservation Area, a 177-acre nature preserve protected in collaboration with Westchester Land Trust and Friends of the Great Swamp.	\$23,000
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	2017 Strategic Organizational Plan - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Putnam County Land Trust to develop and implement a multi-year strategic organizational plan that will guide the organization's programs going forward. PCLT is applying for national accreditation in 2017.	\$7,100
Rondout-Esopus Land Conservancy	Accord, Ulster County	Community Engagement - Grant will enable the accredited, all-volunteer Rondout-Esopus Land Conservancy to build its profile by launching a community engagement and outreach initiative that will include development of a new website, social media initiatives, and community outreach efforts.	\$23,000
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Canton, St. Lawrence County	Capacity Building for Sustainability - Grant will enable the all-volunteer St. Lawrence Land Trust to develop an innovative program for student interns and volunteers in partnership with St. Lawrence University, increasing its capacity to focus on priority projects including community outreach, stewardship activities, public access improvements, and ongoing accreditation preparation.	\$13,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	The Advancement of Zenda Farms Preserve: Phase Two - Grant will enable the accredited Thousand Islands Land Trust to implement programming outlined in the recently completed business plan for the 405-acre Zenda Preserve (developed with past support from the Conservation Partnership Program), including education programs, community engagement, and demonstration projects in collaboration with Clarkson University.	\$30,000

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Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants (continued)			
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Building Stewardship Capacity - Grant will enable the accredited Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to establish a new protected lands database system (95 conservation easements covering 18,700+ acres) and to enhance capacity for a seasonal stewardship pilot-program to support its rapidly growing conservation portfolio and stewardship activities.	\$25,000
Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park	Wilton, Saratoga County	Using Interns to Diversify Audience, Enrich Programs, and Achieve our Mission - Grant will enable Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park to expand its popular internship program with the goal of bringing environmental education and related programming to a underserved members of the community in collaboration with the Franklin Community Center's Project Lift After-School Program.	\$18,000
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Strategic Plan and Conservation Plan Update - Grant will enable the accredited Winnakee Land Trust to complete and adopt a new five-year organizational strategic plan that will guide the organization through 2021, to develop a new financial development plan, and to revise and update its strategic land conservation plan.	\$12,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Developing Community-Based Strategies and Actions to Combat Climate Change - Grant will enable Woodstock Land Conservancy to explore strategies for addressing local and regional impacts of climate change, including prioritization of land conservation opportunities that integrates climate resilience and engagement with local communities renewable energy, sustainable technologies and related issues. The Conservancy applied for national accreditation in 2016 (in process).	\$18,000
TOTAL			\$602,850

Stewardship Grants			
Organization * Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Upgrades for Stewardship - Grant will enable the accredited Agricultural Stewardship Association to update baseline documentation and project documentation for 28 conservation easements in preparation for accreditation renewal.	\$7,900
Central New York Land Trust	Syracuse, Onondaga County	Polishing "Gems": Improving Documentation for Central New York Land Trust's Fee-Owned Nature Preserves - Grant will enable CNYLT to update and improve project documentation and management plans for 48 fee-owned nature preserves in Onondaga and Oswego Counties in preparation for accreditation within the next three years..	\$9,800
The Trust for Public Land	New York, New York	New York Conservation Easement Baselines - Grant will support the Trust for Public Lands in updating project documentation, in compliance with Land Trust Standards and Practices. TPL recently applied for national accreditation.	\$7,300
TOTAL			\$25,000

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Building Land Trust Capacity to Tell Farm Stories - Grant will enable the American Farmland Trust to train and support New York land trusts in effectively conveying the importance of protecting farmland and bringing a new generation of farmers on to the land. With an emphasis on audio, compelling photos and video, this initiative will provide storytelling workshops and coaching, a new Farm Story website, and creation of a short film highlighting the impact of AFT and other partner organizations involved in the Hudson Valley Farmlink Network (developed with past support from the Conservation Partnership Program).	\$20,000
Open Space Institute	New York, New York	Palmertown Range Community Conservation Plan - Grant will enable the accredited Open Space Institute to partner with Saratoga PLAN and community stakeholders in order to undertake a comprehensive planning effort to guide conservation, recreation, sustainable forestry and development in the Palmertown Range area of north-central Saratoga County. The goals of this grant are to accelerate conservation of private land conservation between Moreau Lake and Saratoga Spa state parks and to create a 13-mile recreational link between the parks and local communities including Saratoga Springs, Glens Falls and Queensbury.	\$40,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Fostering Conservation Ethics in the Next Generation Through Collaborative Watershed Studies - Grant will enable the accredited Otsego Land Trust to develop a pilot project to provide a deeper level of community conservation programming. In partnership with the Schoharie River Center and Otsego County Conservation Association, the new initiative will give youth (ages 12-18) at three schools in rural, low-income areas of Otsego County new opportunities to learn about water ecology, water quality monitoring, and the importance of local resource conservation.	\$26,000
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Rensselaer Plateau Children's Forest - Grant will enable RPA to partner with the Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, Grafton Lakes State Park, and local public schools of Rensselaer County, to create the first U.S. Forest Service-recognized children's forest in the Northeast region. The Children's Forest will enable local school children to learn about local forests and their local environment through hands-on educational programming in an outdoor classroom setting. RPA is applying for national accreditation in 2017.	\$45,000
Scenic Hudson	New Paltz, Ulster County	Creating a Scenic Hudson Climate Change Mitigation Strategy - Grant will enable the accredited Scenic Hudson to engage experts to develop new replicable models for renewable energy siting and for climate-resilient agriculture in an effort to help plan for and mitigate the climate change impacts in the Hudson Valley. In recognition of New York state's ambitious clean energy goals, project outcomes and insights will be shared with Hudson Valley land trusts and later through a state-wide symposium.	\$40,000
The Nature Conservancy	Rochester, Monroe County	Flood Smart Communities: Cohocton River and Steuben County - Grant will support The Nature Conservancy's Central & Western NY Chapter in a new initiative to work with communities along the Cohocton River, identifying strategies that can reduce flooding vulnerability and increase resiliency to climate change. Flood Smart Communities is an innovative, science-based approach to floodplain management that engages municipal governments in a collaborative process to develop action-oriented recommendations that can be customized to local conditions and help local communities be more resilient to extreme weather.	\$25,000
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Hudson-to-Housatonic Regional Conservation Partnership - Grant will enable the accredited Westchester Land Trust to develop a Regional Conservation Partnership (H2HRCP) in the lower Hudson Valley, enabling collaboration amongst 30+ different organizations and leading to greater regional land conservation impact. The initiative will involve organizations working in Westchester, Dutchess, and Putnam counties in NY and in Fairfield County, CT, resulting in a more coordinated, landscape-scale conservation effort that addresses regional issues such as forest fragmentation, water quality, habitat loss, and critical species.	\$40,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Building Climate Resiliency by Saving Land in the Buffalo Creek Watershed - Grant will enable the accredited WNYLC to develop a long-term, landscape-scale initiative to build climate resiliency through land conservation in the Buffalo Creek watershed. With this funding, the Conservancy will embark on the first phase of a major campaign to protect this important Niagara River watershed which spans 11 municipalities. Project outcomes will include completion of new conservation projects, expanded outreach and community engagement, and training for municipal and county government staff and elected officials.	\$30,000
TOTAL			\$266,000

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Professional Development Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Conservation Easement Steward - Grant will enable the accredited Finger Lakes Land Trust, founded in 1989 (now with 6,046 acres in fee ownership and 10,250 acres under conservation easement), to hire a full-time Conservation Easement Steward. This new position will take on the land trust's substantial and growing regional portfolio of conserved lands, allowing the Director of Stewardship to focus on strategic direction, invasive species management, preserve enhancement, expanded volunteer programs, and new partnerships to advance stewardship and landowner services in the Finger Lakes region.	\$65,000
Friends of the Washington County Grasslands Important Bird Area	Fort Edward, Washington County	Executive Director and Office Manager - Grant will enable the Friends of the Washington County IBA (FIBA), founded in 2010 (now with 14 acres in fee ownership) to hire its first professional staff. A full-time Executive Director and a part-time Office Manager will enable FIBA to grow its community profile and conservation portfolio, expand its volunteer programs and education events, and further implement Land Trust Standards and Practices in preparation for accreditation in the next three years.	\$75,000
Grassroots Gardens WNY	Buffalo, Erie County	Garden Resources Specialist - Grant will enable Grassroots Gardens of Western New York, founded in 1991, to hire a full-time Garden Resource Specialist to help coordinate community garden services, support its 2,000 volunteers, and manage a portfolio of 100+ leased community gardens covering 300,000 square feet in Buffalo and the City of Niagara Falls. GGWNY provides education and training around every aspect of community gardens with workshop topics ranging from gardening skills and nutrition classes to successful community organizing.	\$75,000
Great Swamp Conservancy	Canastota, Madison County	Executive Director - Grant will enable the Great Swamp Conservancy, founded in 1987 (now with 290 acres in fee ownership and 238 acres under conservation easement), to hire a full-time Executive Director. As the Conservancy looks to professionalize and sustain their operations, this new position will provide expertise to manage the organization, expand educational programming, develop funding opportunities and new partnerships, and further implement Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$73,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Stewardship Associate - Grant will enable the accredited Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, founded in 1992 (now with 2,445 acres in fee ownership and 1,968 acres under conservation easement) to hire a full-time Stewardship Associate to help manage a growing conservation portfolio in Albany, Schenectady and Montgomery counties. The new stewardship position will provide needed capacity for managing MHL's 19 public preserves, monitoring its conservation easements, and coordinating volunteers at a time of rapid growth for the organization.	\$66,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Conservation Director - Grant will enable the accredited Saratoga PLAN [Protecting Land and Nature], founded in 2003 (now with 2,182 acres in fee ownership and 1,925 acres under conservation easement) to hire its first full-time Conservation Director. As demand for conservation services continues to grow throughout Saratoga County, the new position will provide needed support for landowner recruitment, farmland protection efforts, including planning and implementation of state-funded purchase of development rights (PDR) projects, completion of other priority land and conservation easement acquisitions, and oversight of PLAN's stewardship program.	\$75,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Director of Land Stewardship - Grant will enable the accredited Wallkill Valley Land Trust, founded in 1987 (now with 256 acres in fee ownership and 1,999 acres under conservation easement), to hire its first full-time Director of Land Stewardship. This position will oversee and manage WVLT's expanding portfolio of conservation easement properties to build landowner relations, ensure proper monitoring, and help implement management priorities and public access improvements on the seven nature preserves owned by the organization.	\$75,000
		TOTAL	\$504,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Adirondack Land Trust	Keene Valley, Essex County	Glenview Preserve - fee acquisition (238 acres) - Grant will support completion of a management plan for a recently acquired parcel with iconic views in the Adirondack Park. The plan will take into account the property's outstanding scenic, agricultural, forest and freshwater conservation values in determining management priorities and potential for public access in the future. ALT is applying for national accreditation in 2018.	\$10,000
Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	Rexleigh Marble Mill - fee acquisition (3 acres) - Grant will support the development of a management plan for a recently conserved riverfront parcel with significant environmental, cultural, and historical value and enable Battenkill Conservancy to explore a partnership with Salem Art Works, a community arts and education non-profit, to bring new and innovative learning opportunities to the property.	\$22,000
Capital Roots	Troy, Rensselaer County	Creating a New Community Garden for Lansingburgh - fee acquisition (< 1 acre) - Grant will help cover costs associated with the development of a new community garden in the city of Troy's Lansingburgh neighborhood, an underserved urban neighborhood with high demand for community gardens and green space.	\$13,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Burlington Gateway - fee acquisition (23 acres) - Grant will help cover costs associated with the acquisition of a new property that will enable Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to create a new ADA-compliant public access point to an existing public trail system that connects to 400 acres of the Foundation's fee-owned and conservation easement properties. CPF is applying for national accreditation in 2017.	\$20,000
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	DeNeale Trail - conservation easement (128 acres) - Grant will support creation of a public hiking trail on a recently donated conservation easement located near the city of Plattsburgh a few miles east of the Adirondack Park. The new trail will give residents and visitors access to an easy hike and the ability to view the property's unique ecological features. CATS is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$9,950
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Goose Creek Tributary Forest - fee acquisition (74 acres) - Grant will support new public access improvements including signs, parking, erosion control /storm water management, and trails for hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and wildlife observation on a recently acquired, forested property on the banks of a tributary to Goose Creek.	\$23,000
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Walt's Dairy - conservation easement (355 acres) - Grant will help cover the costs of transaction to purchase development rights on an active, fourth-generation family dairy farm located adjacent to the Taconic State Park. A collaboration between Columbia Land Conservancy, Scenic Hudson, Equity Trust, the US Department of Agricultural and the 1772 Foundation, the easement also features a preemptive purchase right, ensuring that the property will permanently remain in agricultural use. CLC is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$30,000
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Gorr Road Farm - conservation easement (315 acres) - Grant will help cover costs associated with the recent protection of an active dairy farm in Sullivan County. The easement allows for the current farmhouse and structures as well as plans for farm expansion. Delaware Highlands Conservancy hopes that by protecting this property, other landowners in Sullivan County will become more interested in conserving their agricultural lands. DHC is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$14,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	West Hill Land Protection Project - conservation easement (470 acres) - Grant will support the recent donation of an easement on an expansive property located a mile from downtown Ithaca. The project also marks the start of the West Hill Wildway, an effort to create a walkable greenbelt on Ithaca's west side. FLLT is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$10,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Keystone Conservation Project - conservation easement (130 acres) - Grant will help cover transaction costs including a baseline report and survey on two donated agricultural easements that will preserve the rural and agricultural character of the Hamlet of Ionia in Ontario County. The land is currently being leased by Wild Hill Farm, an organic CSA operated by a young farmer which distributes produce to 150 families in the city of Rochester. GLT is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$16,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Granite Mountain Preserve - fee acquisition (358 acres) - Grant will help cover transaction costs associated with a recent acquisition of three adjoining properties of high conservation value and priority. In their first major fee land acquisition, grant funds will support engagement of community partners in the development of a management plan and identification of infrastructure and public access improvement needs for this special property in the Putnam Valley. HHLT is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$40,000
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Putnam Beaver Pond Wetlands - fee acquisition (72 acres) - Grant will help cover costs associated with the acquisition of a priority property which contains wetlands crucial for protecting the water quality of Lake George as well as high quality habitat for wildlife and migratory avian species. Lake George Land Conservancy will utilize this property to offer year round recreational and educational opportunities for the public. LGLC is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$40,000
Mianus River Gorge	Bedford, Westchester County	Kotur/Becker Acquisition - fee acquisition (4 acres) - Grant will support the conservation of a critical parcel that protects wetlands associated with a tributary to Mianus River, which contributes to the drinking supply of more than 100,000 people. The parcel also creates a connection between outlying protected lands and the main Mianus River Gorge preserve. MRG is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$17,100
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Japanese Stroll Garden - fee acquisition (7 acres) - Grant will support completion of a management plan and public access improvements in order to re-open the recently acquired Japanese Stroll Garden in the Village of Mill Neck. Improvements will allow the garden to accommodate more visitors and to be more accessible to the community. NSLA is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$40,000
Northeastern Cave Conservancy	Schoharie, Schoharie County	Spider Cave - fee acquisition (4 acres) - Grant will help this all-volunteer organization cover costs associated with protecting the Spider Cave and will allow them to complete a management plan and biological assessment and to build a kiosk and hiking trails. Spider Cave will be open to the public for the enjoyment of nature, geology, the sport of spelunking, and scientific study.	\$4,700
Oblong Land Conservancy	Pawling, Dutchess County	Kinney Preserve - fee acquisition (70 acres) - Grant will support the creation of a new preserve which will feature public access and opportunities for passive recreation and environmental education. Grant funds will help cover transaction costs, including a management plan and an expanded trail system. OLC is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$7,500

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Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Mud Pond Preserve Expansion - fee acquisition (12 acres) - Grant will support acquisition of a priority parcel that will expand Rensselaer Land Trust's Mud Pond Preserve, which features a rare kettle bog surrounded by wetlands and swamp. Due to the ecologically sensitive nature of the bog, the Preserve is currently only accessible by guided tour. This acquisition will enable the organization to develop a system for enhanced public access while safeguarding this special natural resource. RLT is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$7,000
Southern Madison Heritage Trust	Hamilton, Madison County	Schapiro Reserve - fee acquisition (39 acres) - Grant will enable Southern Madison Heritage Trust to make public access improvements to a recently acquired parcel which includes the historic Chenango Canal's West Branch Feeder and the abandoned Ontario and Western Railroad. The new preserve will also allow SMGT to expand their educational programming with the Hamilton Central School's environmental studies classes.	\$8,900
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Picton Island Conservation Initiative - conservation easement (100 acre) - Grant will help cover costs associated with a significant conservation project that has protected nearly two miles of undeveloped shoreline and conserves 100 acres on one of the largest intact islands in the Thousand Islands region. The island provides forest and shoreline habitats that support a variety of avian species. The shallow warm-water bays around the island offer popular summer destinations for boating, swimming, bird watching, kayaking and fishing. TILT is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$20,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Weiman Property - conservation easement (297 acres) - Grant will help cover costs associated with a baseline documentation report for the recently conserved Weiman property in Lewis County. The protection of this high-priority property will create a 1,153 acre assemblage of contiguous protected lands that adjoin the 13,793 acre Lesser Wilderness State Forest. THTLT is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$9,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Owens Falls Sanctuary - fee acquisition (57 acres) - Grant funds will be used to help cover costs associated with the acquisition of the Owens Falls Sanctuary, a spectacular and publicly accessible nature preserve in the Town of Aurora that features scenic waterfalls and habitat for rare plants and animals. The preserve will help maintain water quality in the Great Lakes and is linked to the historic Roycroft arts and crafts community. WNYLC is a nationally accredited land trust.	\$40,000
TOTAL			\$402,150

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Summary of 2016 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards		
<i>Grant Category</i>	<i>Grant Funding</i>	<i># of Grants</i>
Capacity Grants	\$602,850	30
Stewardship Grants	\$25,000	3
Capacity & Excellence Grants	\$627,850	33
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$266,000	8
Professional Development Grants	\$504,000	7
Transaction Grants (2,757 acres)	\$402,150	21
TOTAL	\$1,800,000	69

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Detailed Roster of 2018 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards			
Capacity & Excellence Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Strategic and Succession Planning for Greater Sustainability - Grant will enable the accredited ASA to undertake a comprehensive planning process that will include development of a new five-year strategic plan, a multi-year revenue plan, a succession plan and coaching to support implementation.	\$27,000
Catskill Center	Arkville, Delaware County	A Financial Foundation for the Catskill Center's Next 50 Years - Grant will enable the Catskill Center to increase unrestricted revenues by engaging fundraising consultants, improving its donor database, expanding development activities, and preparing for a new member campaign. Catskill Center is currently registered for accreditation.	\$14,700
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Update Strategic Plan with Attention to Constituent Engagement and Development - Grant will enable CPF to complete a five-year Strategic Plan update using a constituency and community engagement process and with benchmarks aligned with fundraising tasks to support successful implementation. Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is a current applicant for accreditation.	\$18,000
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	CATS Outreach and Growth Project - Grant will enable the accredited Champlain Area Trails to explore strategies for expansion into Clinton County, build a targeted marketing campaign, and upgrade internal systems to sustain the organization as it grows.	\$28,000
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy Fundraising Plan and Training Program - Grant will enable the Conservancy to engage consultants to develop a fundraising plan and to provide training for staff & directors with the goal of increasing funding to meet the growing needs of its conservation and land stewardship programs.	\$13,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Building DLC Stewardship Capacity - Grant will enable the accredited Dutchess Land Conservancy to upgrade its extensive stewardship database and implement new systems to document complex easement and land management information, such as subdivided properties with multiple owners. The Conservancy holds over 400 conservation easements protecting 39,000 acres.	\$32,000
Esopus Creek Conservancy	Saugerties, Ulster County	Reaffirming our boundaries - Grant will enable the Esopus Creek Conservancy to implement best practices by completing a property survey for its signature 164-acre Esopus Bend Nature Preserve. Esopus Creek Conservancy is an all-volunteer land trust.	\$7,500
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Assessing Campaign Readiness: Building a Case for a Regional Capital Campaign - Grant will enable FLLT to complete a feasibility study that will help determine achievable goals, craft campaign messaging, and involve key stakeholders in advance of launching a capital campaign.	\$40,000
Friends of the Washington County Grasslands Important Bird Area	Fort Edward, Washington County	Building FIBA's Capacity: Rebranding & Marketing - Grant will enable FIBA to develop and implement new marketing strategies and increase annual operating support for the organization, growing its capacity to raise funds for critical land acquisitions, habitat stewardship and expanded community outreach.	\$40,000

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Capacity & Excellence Grants (continued)			
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Grassroots Gardens WNY	Buffalo, Erie County	Pursuing Organizational Excellence: Preparation for Land Trust Accreditation - Grant will enable Grassroots Gardens WNY to position for national accreditation by 2020 by supporting an organizational assessment and preparations in accordance with Land Trust Standards and Practices.	\$8,500
Great Swamp Conservancy	Canastota, Madison County	Five Property Survey to Prepare for Accreditation - Grant will enable Great Swamp Conservancy to complete boundary surveys on five fee-owned properties in order to prepare the organization for accreditation in 2020-2021.	\$8,100
Green Guerillas	New York, New York	Supporting and Strengthening the Manhattan and Bronx Land Trusts - Grant will enable Green Guerillas, a citywide community garden support organization, to continue its partnership with the Manhattan Land Trust and Bronx Land Trust, providing support services, assisting in garden property management, and helping to chart a sustainable course for the future.	\$19,500
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Professionalizing Greene Land Trust - Grant will enable the accredited Greene Land Trust to increase capacity by positioning from an all-volunteer organization to a professionally staffed land trust while supporting volunteers and board members in carrying out their responsibilities and project assignments.	\$30,000
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Bolton Landing Community Recreation Hub Project - Grant will enable the accredited Lake George Land Conservancy and community partners to develop strategies and plans to establish a new outdoor recreation hub in the Town of Bolton Landing.	\$40,000
Ontario Bays Initiative	New Paltz, Ulster County	Fields Conservation and Stewardship - Grant will enable Ontario Bays Initiative to build on its multifaceted efforts to educate and connect with community members through outreach, field trips, presentations and events. OBI is an all-volunteer land trust.	\$15,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Creating the Vision: Growing Land Conservation & Sustainability for the Next 30 Years & Beyond - Grant will enable the accredited Otsego Land Trust to update its Strategic Conservation Blueprint and to strengthen its financial future through development of two new funding initiatives, a Legacy Society & a Forever Landscapes Fund, using drone videography to tell its story.	\$40,000
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Exploring Enhanced Collaboration for Land Conservation in the Rensselaer County Region - Grant will enable the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance and Rensselaer Land Trust, both accredited, to explore options and strategies for increased collaboration for greater conservation impact in Rensselaer County.	\$40,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Communications and Marketing to New Demographics - Grant will enable the accredited Saratoga PLAN (Protecting Land and Nature) to deploy videos, social media, advertising, and other outreach strategies to target new and specific audiences for increased awareness and support.	\$34,000
		TOTAL	\$455,300

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Growing Greener: Expanding Smart Solar Siting While Protecting Farmland in New York - Grant will enable AFT to launch a new initiative to help New York land trusts and communities expand solar energy while protecting key farmland using ground-breaking maps of the most productive, versatile, resilient farmland and provide trainings on smart solar siting.	\$35,000
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Berkshire-Taconic RCP Forest Landowner Outreach Project - Grant will enable the accredited Columbia Land Conservancy to take the next step in a regional conservation partnership collaboration with regional land trust partners and Cornell Cooperative Extension to expand and coordinate outreach to landowners in forested, climate-resilient landscapes in eastern NY.	\$25,500
Grassroots Gardens WNY	Buffalo, Erie County	Skill-Building and Social Integration through Community Gardens - Grant will enable Grassroots Gardens WNY to develop a new community conservation partnership by collaborating with ARC of Erie County and engaging developmentally disabled populations in weekly programming through regular access to community gardens in the Buffalo area.	\$50,000
HL Ferguson Museum	Fishers Island, Suffolk County	Building Institutional and Scientific Capacity to Comanage Fishers Island's Seagrass - Grant will catalyze local partners including The Nature Conservancy to develop management strategies and science based monitoring in support of community efforts to steward important seagrass habitat surrounding Fishers Island.	\$40,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Land Use Planning for Clean Water - Grant will enable the accredited Hudson Highlands Land Trust to develop a land use strategy and management framework to protect local water resources, with a focus on the Town of Philipstown and Village of Cold Spring where source water protection is a top community priority.	\$38,000
Huyck Preserve and Biological Resource Station	Rensselaerville, Albany County	A Partnership in Invasive Species Management: Scaling from Local to Regional Levels - Grant will enable the accredited Huyck Preserve to partner with the Vassar Ecological Preserve on invasive species management and monitoring plans, engaging key stakeholders to establish a stewardship model for other preserves and conservation lands in New York.	\$32,000
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Spans 10 Counties in NY (Project Location)	Long Path Acquisition Plan - Grant will enable the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference to develop and implement a Long Path Acquisition Plan, including a portfolio of maps and targeted properties in 10 counties to be acquired in order to permanently protect the 430-mile corridor of the Long Path Trail.	\$30,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Roosevelt Community Garden - Grant will enable the accredited North Shore Land Alliance to support and increase its presence in underserved areas of Nassau County by developing a new Community Garden center where residents can gather, recreate outdoors and grow healthy food together in safe and supportive community environment.	\$40,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Delaware River Watershed Initiative - Grant will enable the accredited Orange County Land Trust to collaborate with the Open Space Institute, Delaware Highlands Conservancy and other partners on a landscape-scale conservation initiative in the upper Delaware River watershed, expanding its leadership in regional land protection and building its expertise in agricultural restoration projects.	\$62,000

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Conservation Catalyst Grants (continued)			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	Town of Riverhead Priority Preservation and Stewardship - Phase II - Grant will enable Peconic Land Trust to build on past funding to develop a comprehensive inventory of protected and unprotected farmland in support of the Town of Riverhead's Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program and to advance a Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Priority Project Plan. Peconic Land Trust is currently registered for accreditation.	\$45,000
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Partnership to Advance Understanding of Climate Change and Forest Ecosystems - Grant will enable Teatown Lake Reservation to partner with the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University to install devices called dendrometers, which measure tree growth in real time, throughout their preserve. The data collected will be used to develop curricula for Teatown educators and public school teachers that will enhance student learning about the impacts of climate change on forest health.	\$42,000
The Nature Conservancy	Albany, Albany County	Hudson River Watershed Community Based Resilience Planning - TNC Eastern NY - Grant will enable The Nature Conservancy (accredited) to partner with the Hudson River Watershed Alliance with the goal of engaging up to 25 communities in the Hudson River watershed in an initiative to assess local risk to climate change and to create preliminary prioritization plans.	\$48,000
The Trust for Public Land	New York, New York	Long Island Empire Trail Extension - Grant will enable the accredited Trust for Public Land to form a partnership with the New York Bicycling Coalition and develop a feasibility study and vision plan for a new east-west multi-use recreational path across Nassau and Suffolk Counties.	\$46,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Creating Buffalo's 'High Line': A Linear Park with Multi-Use Trails - Grant will enable the accredited Western New York Land Conservancy to lead a community-driven stakeholder engagement and design process to transform an abandoned rail corridor in downtown Buffalo into an accessible linear park with multi-use trails and ecologically diverse wildlife habitat.	\$50,000
		TOTAL	\$583,500

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Professional Development Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Adirondack Land Trust	Keene, Essex County	Grant will enable the Adirondack Land Trust to hire a new full time Stewardship Specialist in order to meet industry standards, address stewardship needs related to a growing easement and fee land portfolio, and enhance ALT's effectiveness as a leading regional conservation organization. Adirondack Land Trust is currently registered for accreditation.	\$80,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Grant will enable the accredited Genesee Land Trust to hire a full time Community Program Manager, a new position with responsibilities for hands-on programming and community engagement across the organization's focus areas in the greater Rochester region, resulting in greater integration of community programming in its broad conservation mission.	\$72,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Grant will enable the accredited Indian River Lakes Conservancy to hire its first full time Executive Director to manage day to day operations while building and sustaining collaborative relationships in the Indian River watershed with community members, volunteers, government officials, agencies, local landowners and other partners as IRLC prepares for its 20th anniversary in 2019.	\$100,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Grant will enable the accredited Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT) to hire a full time Director of Development & Communications, a new position with oversight of TILT's donor development and communications platforms as well as integration of annual, capital and communications campaigns and support of the Executive Director and Development Committee to achieve fundraising goals.	\$80,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Grant will enable the accredited Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to create a new full-time Conservation Coordinator position, growing organizational capacity that is necessary to sustain an accelerated pace of farmland protection and working forest conservation in the Tug Hill / Ft. Drum region, and to meet their stewardship obligations.	\$100,000
		TOTAL	\$432,000

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Stewardship & Resource Management Grants			
Organization *Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	It's Our Battenkill, Let's Show it Off - Grant will enable the Battenkill Conservancy to make physical improvements on five sites in the Battenkill River corridor including new signage for access, kiosks and seating along with trails, walkways and ramps to encourage residents and visitors to explore & experience the river.	\$30,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Restore Drainage Systems on Historic Gorge Trail - Grant will enable Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to complete repairs and improve drainage along a historic rail trail in order to restore safe, accessible recreational use for a broad range of users. The Gorge Trail is host to a section of the North Country National Scenic Trail. Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is a current applicant for accreditation.	\$40,000
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Capital Improvements & Connection to Nature at Siegel-Kline Kill Conservation Area - Grant will enable the accredited Columbia Land Conservancy to implement priority strategies identified in a conservation plan and further engage stewardship volunteers to improve resource management, public access and visitor experience at this popular 55-acre Public Conservation Area.	\$20,142
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Connecting Tompkins County's Gorge Parks: Enhancing Public Access at Lick Brook - Grant will enable the accredited Finger Lakes Land Trust to invest in public access improvements at its popular Lick Brook Gorge Preserve, which connects to Treman and Buttermilk State Parks, with the goal of better protecting the gorge, increasing trail safety, and improving visitor experience.	\$22,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Granite Mountain Preserve Public Access - Grant will enable the accredited Hudson Highlands Land Trust to make public access improvements and to restore a network of trails on a recently acquired 358-acre forest property, ensuring visitor safety and further protecting the watershed for Peekskill Hollow Brook, a source of drinking water to the City of Peekskill.	\$40,000
Mianus River Gorge	Bedford, Westchester County	Save the Hemlocks - Grant will enable the accredited Mianus River Gorge to take urgent actions to protect stands of old-growth hemlock that are a signature feature of the Mianus Gorge (designated as the country's first Natural History Landmark), including immediate treatments to protect against the invasive hemlock wooly adelgid as well as restoration of native understory to support regeneration and forest habitat.	\$50,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Improving MHLC Preserves - Grant will enable the accredited Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to design and install roadside signage for 18 nature preserves, improving public access and enhancing visibility of these properties, as well as to modernize trailhead registration systems to better track and manage usage on these conservation lands.	\$17,000
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Lower Duck Pond Access - Grant will enable the accredited Mohonk Preserve to improve and manage public access by constructing a new visitor contact station for the Lower Duck Pond area, located between the Mohonk Preserve Foothills and the Shawangunk Ridge, in anticipation of increased recreational use and visitation from new trailheads in the lower Foothills.	\$38,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Enhancing Public Access to Two Long Island Nature Preserves - Grant will enable the accredited North Shore Land Alliance to redesign and make safety improvements to entrances and parking areas at two popular nature preserves (Hope Goddard Iselin Preserve & Louis C. Clark Sanctuary), enhancing their visibility and ensuring safe public access for local residents and visitors.	\$26,000

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Stewardship & Resource Management Grants (continued)			
Northeastern Cave Conservancy	Schoharie, Schoharie County	NECC Caves Project - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Northeastern Cave Conservancy to install state of the art monitoring technology to collect data in eight caves in order to monitor public use and trespass, microclimate conditions, and seasonal activity of four species of native bats including the federally listed Northern Long-Eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>).	\$26,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Expanding Public Vistas & Public Access to Brookwood Point - Grant will enable the accredited Otsego Land Trust to complete priority streambank repairs and improve public access to its signature preserve on Otsego Lake (drinking water source for Village of Cooperstown and headwaters of the Susquehanna River), including replacement of two pedestrian bridges and resurfacing of the Northern Carriage Trail in anticipation of ADA-compliant access for use by the general public.	\$40,000
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Brandon Farm Visitor Access - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Putnam County Land Trust to create public access by developing an off road parking area for its 94-acre Brandon Farm preserve, which is in the Great Swamp/Ice Pond priority conservation area and adjacent to a 700-acre network of protected lands. Putnam County Land Trust is a current applicant for accreditation.	\$20,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Bog Meadow 25th Anniversary Capital Improvements - Grant will enable the accredited Saratoga PLAN (Protecting Land and Nature) to complete priority repairs and public access improvements to its popular two-mile Bog Meadow Brook Nature Trail, improving access and safety, enhancing protection of adjacent wetland habitat, and furthering the Saratoga Greenbelt Trail.	\$30,000
Somers Land Trust	Somers, Westchester County	Rhinoceros Creek Reservation - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Somers Land Trust to create public access to a new 115-acre nature preserve, acquired in collaboration with the Westchester Land Trust, including installation of signage, informational kiosks and a pavilion for educational programs and activities.	\$20,000
The Nature Conservancy	Pine Plains, Dutchess County (Project location)	Thompson Pond Preserve Accessibility Upgrades - Grant will enable The Nature Conservancy (accredited) to make trail upgrades at its Thompson Pond Preserve, a designated National Natural Landmark, enhancing access to visitors of all levels of mobility and creating opportunities to enjoy the exceptional biodiversity and world class birding at the preserve.	\$22,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Joppenbergh Mountain Habitat Restoration and Improvement Project (Phase I) - Grant will enable the accredited Wallkill Valley Land Trust to remove invasive plants on its signature Joppenbergh Mountain preserve (acquired in partnership with Open Space Institute), restoring native habitat and supporting volunteer-led activities to enhance access on the 118-acre property.	\$18,500
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Enhancing Public Access and Visitor Experience at WLT's Ambassador Preserves - Grant will enable the accredited Westchester Land Trust to make priority public access improvements on six nature preserves including new parking areas, enhanced trails, kiosks and signage, enabling greater visitation and expanded programming opportunities on these conservation properties.	\$25,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Public Access Improvements to Snake Rocks Preserve - Grant will enable the accredited Woodstock Land Conservancy to complete trail repairs and improve public access to its 35-acre Snake Rocks Preserve, donated to the Conservancy in 2004.	\$10,000
TOTAL			\$494,642

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Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Lewis Waite Farm - Grant will assist the accredited Agricultural Stewardship Association in acquiring a conservation easement on the 444-acre Lewis Waite Farm, which is adjacent to two previously conserved farm properties.	\$28,000
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Serenity Garden Acquisition and Enhancement - Grant will enable the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust to acquire a new community garden site in Flatlands, Brooklyn and make enhancements to ensure the property is a safe and appealing place for community members to gather and garden.	\$40,000
Capital Roots	Troy, Rensselaer County	Creating a New Community Garden for Cohoes, NY - Grant will assist Capital Roots in acquiring property for a new community garden on Cayuga Street in downtown Cohoes, creating and protecting a recreational, healthful, and productive urban green space for future generations.	\$17,500
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Viall's Crossing Conservation and Trail Project - Grant will enable the accredited Champlain Area Trails to protect an historic 133-acre farm property that serves as a key link in the Split Rock Wildway wildlife corridor and ensuring safe public access to CATS trails from the Westport Amtrak Train Station.	\$25,000
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Agriculture Conservation Easement for Flegel Farm - Grant will assist the accredited Greene Land Trust in acquiring a conservation easement on a 103-acre agricultural property in New Baltimore.	\$3,300
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Conservation Easement for Octaparagon Wildlife Refuge - Grant will assist the accredited Greene Land Trust in acquiring a conservation easement on a 63-acre forest and wildlife habitat property the Town of Coxsackie.	\$2,900
Lake Champlain Land Trust	Whitehall, Washington County (project Location)	Whitehall Cliffs Conservation Project - Grant will assist the accredited Lake Champlain Land Trust in acquiring a 65-acre property in the Whitehall Cliffs Natural Area, with the intention of ultimately transferring the property to the State of New York for public access and resource protection.	\$26,000
Lake Placid Land Conservancy	Lake Placid, Essex County	Three Sisters Preserve Transaction Grant - Grant will enable the Lake Placid Land Conservancy to complete a management plan and public access improvements on its recently acquired 98-acre Three Sisters Preserve in the Town of Wilmington.	\$26,000

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Conservation Transaction Grants (continued)			
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Triumpho Farm Conservation Easement - Grant will assist the accredited Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy in acquiring a conservation easement on a 540-acre farm and forest property in Montgomery County, with the goal of catalyzing additional private land conservation and protecting a climate-resilient corridor between the southern Adirondacks and Catskills region.	\$22,000
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Albany & Schoharie Counties (project Location)	Long Path Corridor / Pruden Parcel - Grant will assist the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference in acquiring a 165-acre property as part of an initiative to protect a 2-mile trail corridor connecting Cotton Hill State Forest and the 4,500-acre Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area, ensuring permanent conservation and public access to this portion of the Long Path.	\$17,300
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Johnson Acquisition / Blue Heron Rookery Preserve - Grant will enable the accredited Rensselaer Land Trust to complete a management plan and public access improvements following acquisition of a 44-acre property overlooking the Hoosic River in the Town of Cambridge (Washington County).	\$14,600
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Albert Family Community Forest - Grant will enable the accredited Rensselaer Plateau Alliance to complete public access improvements on a recently acquired 353-acre property that will be home to RPA's second community forest project, supported through funding from the USDA Forest Service Community Forest Program and other local partners.	\$45,000
The Trust for Public Land	Nyack, Rockland County (Project location)	Marydell-on-Hudson - Grant will assist the accredited Trust for Public Land in its recent project to acquire and transfer a 30 acre property in Upper Nyack on the Hudson River, resulting in an addition that connects Hook Mountain State Park to Rockland Lake State Park and Nyack Beach State Park.	\$6,600
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Yorktown Partnership / Turkey Mountain Acquisition - Grant will assist the accredited Westchester Land Trust in a project to partner with Town of Yorktown and local supporters to acquire a 23-acre parcel adjacent to the Turkey Mountain Preserve and create new trails, adding to a 525-acre assemblage of protected lands in the Croton-to-Highlands Biodiversity Area.	\$20,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Margery Gallogly Nature Sanctuary on Grand Island - Grant will enable the accredited Western New York Land Conservancy to acquire a 140-acre property on Grand Island in the heart of the Niagara River, establishing a community engagement process to plan for and develop public access at the future Margery Gallogly Nature Sanctuary.	\$35,000
TOTAL			\$329,200

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<i>Grant Category</i>	<i>Grant Funding</i>	<i># of Grants</i>
Capacity & Excellence Grants	\$455,300	18
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$583,500	14
Professional Development Grants	\$432,000	5
Stewardship & Resource Management Grants	\$494,642	18
Transaction Grants (2,203 acres)	\$329,200	15
TOTAL	\$2,294,642	70

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Detailed Roster of 2019 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards			
Capacity & Excellence Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Adirondack Land Trust	Keene, Essex County	Technology Tools for Land Protection and Stewardship - Grant will enable Adirondack Land Trust to increase capacity for land protection and stewardship by investing in technological upgrades for the field and office.	\$30,000
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Building Organizational and Community Resilience by Embracing Climate Smart Solutions - Grant will enable Agricultural Stewardship Association to explore climate smart solutions to ensure the sustainability of the agricultural lands they conserve and to apply a climate change lens to daily operations and outreach, with increased communication and targeted education around climate adaptation and renewable energy.	\$30,000
Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	Building Organizational Excellence by Preparing, Planning and Persevering - Grant will support preparation for national accreditation and the development of a 5-year strategic plan that reflects Battenkill Conservancy's mission to conserve land, protect and improve water quality, and provide public access for recreational opportunities within the Battenkill Watershed.	\$25,000
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Preparing for Upcoming Transition by Strengthening Systems - Grant will enable Brooklyn Queens Land Trust to prepare for an upcoming leadership transition and to continue making progress towards national accreditation by developing a board manual, improving personnel policies, and implementing a more user-friendly and transparent financial management system.	\$25,000
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Delaware & Sullivan Counties (project location)	Expanding Community Programming in Sullivan and Delaware Counties - Grant will enable Delaware Highlands Conservancy to expand their programming on land protection, land management, recreation, and natural resource conservation and to identify potential community partners that would help them to reach a wider audience.	\$37,500
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Strategic Planning - Grant will enable Genesee Land Trust, which celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2019, to engage the community and key stakeholders in the development of a new strategic plan that reflects the growth in capacity and changes in strategic priority that have taken place over the last 10 years.	\$32,000
Grassland Bird Trust	Fort Edward, Washington County	Growing Conservation Capacity - Grant will enable the Grassland Bird Trust to increase their capacity for communications, outreach and development in order to attract new members, volunteers, and financial supporters that will help provide long-term sustainability for the organizations conservation work.	\$35,000
Grassroots Gardens WNY	Buffalo, Erie County	Preparing for Accreditation by Building Tools for Organizational Excellence and Sustainability - Grant will enable Grassroots Gardens WNY to continue working towards national accreditation by build capacity around board governance, fundraising, land aquisition and stewardship through the implementation of <i>Land Trust Standards and Practice</i> .	\$30,000
Grassroots Gardens WNY	Buffalo, Erie County	Gardening for All - Grant will enable Grassroots Gardens WNY to partner with local organizations that serve the blind and visually impaired, deaf and hard of hearing, and individuals with developmental and/or physical disabilities to identify ways to improve the accessibility or their garden network so that all community members have the opportunity to reap the benefits.	\$30,000

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Green Guerrillas	New York, New York	Strengthening the Bronx & Manhattan Land Trusts - Grant will enable Green Guerrillas to continue providing support and expertise to two community garden land trusts in the Bronx and Manhattan, focusing specifically on member engagement, fundraising and outreach, and long-term stewardship and sustainability of each organization's gardens.	\$25,000
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Fundraising and Marketing Analysis and Implementation Plan - Grant will enable Greene Land Trust to assess current fundraising and marketing efforts, develop a donor development program for existing and new donors, and provide board and staff fundraising training to help identify ways to engage with donors.	\$10,000
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Building and Sustaining Organizational Capacity - Grant will enable Greene Land Trust to continue to build and sustain their capacity for land protection, stewardship, and public outreach and engagement in Greene County.	\$21,000
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Updating Mohonk Preserve's Trail Map - Grant will enable Mohonk Preserve to update its wayfinding trail map to include the 836-acre Foothills area, the site of a new trailhead to be installed in 2019. The new map will be designed using GIS and made available to visitors free via signs, print, and online.	\$23,000
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Upgrading Constituent Data and Commerce Systems - Grant will enable Mohonk Preserve to retain the services of a technology consulting firm to evaluate software solutions for customer relationship management and point of sale, positioning the organization to improve experiences for visitors, members and donors.	\$17,000
North Salem Open Land Foundation	North Salem, Westchester County	Weil Preserve Community Needs and Feasibility Assessment - Grant will enable North Salem Open Land Foundation to conduct an assessment to determine the best use for a recent bequest of 88-acres of high conservation value land which includes a residence and to consider how this acquisition fits with the organizations long-term strategic goals.	\$9,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Improving Stewardship of Our Preserves by Maximizing Volunteer Involvement - Grant will help North Shore Land Alliance improve their volunteer stewardship program by building the capacity needed to more effectively recruit, coordinate and reward the volunteers that are working to manage and maintain the land trust's growing number of properties.	\$37,000
Orange County Land Trust	Mountainville, Orange County	Accreditation Renewal - Grant will enable Orange County Land Trust to add additional capacity to support their efforts to prepare for accreditation renewal in 2019.	\$8,000
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Moving Land Trust Initiatives Forward with Improved Technology and Branding - Grant will enable Otsego Land Trust to re-brand and re-design their website to be more mobile friendly, responsive, and provide increased opportunities for online giving. The new branding design will also be applied to the land trust's tabletop presentation materials.	\$20,000
Peconic Land Trust	Riverhead, Nassau County (project location)	Nassau County 4-H - Grant will enable the Peconic Land Trust to partner with Nassau County and Cornell Cooperative Extension to evaluate the status of the landholdings that make up the 145-acre Nassau County 4-H and to create a plan to preserve the land that will allow for the continued existence and rejuvenation of the 4-H camp.	\$25,000

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Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Increasing Stewardship Capacity for Fee and Easement Properties - Grant will enable this all-volunteer land trust to hire a conservation consultant to help address ongoing stewardship needs by working closely with the volunteers that oversee conservation easement monitoring and the management and upkeep of the land trusts preserves.	\$25,150
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Developing a 3-Year Fundraising and Outreach Plan - Grant will enable the Rensselaer Land Trust to prepare and implement a 3-year fundraising and outreach plan that will help the land trust become more financially sustainable and better poised to achieve the goals described in their strategic plan.	\$20,000
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Stewardship of Public Preserves and Trails - Grant will enable the Rensselaer Land Trust to train and outfit the joint Rensselaer Land Trust/Rensselaer Plateau Alliance Trail Crew to better perform county-wide trail construction and maintenance on public preserves and trails.	\$9,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Taking a Stand, Defending Eastern Hemlocks from an Invasive Forest Pest - Grant will enable Saratoga PLAN to hire a graduate level intern to identify priority hemlock stands on their conserved lands and develop a management and treatment plan for safeguarding these stands from the impacts of the invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.	\$3,550
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	New Technology for Expanding Horizons - Grant will help Saratoga PLAN complete a comprehensive information technology upgrade including improvements to their constituent database, office systems, and stewardship systems, which will enable the land trust to increase capacity, productivity and security, and ultimately improve the stewardship of their conserved properties.	\$27,800
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Accreditation Preparation - Grant will enable Teatown Lake Reservation to work with legal interns at the Haub Environmental Law School (Pace University) on revising and preparing legal documents needed for the land trusts to apply for and achieve accreditation in 2020.	\$19,500
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Regional Farmland Protection Plan - Grant will enable the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to create a comprehensive regional farmland protection plan and to develop materials to educate municipalities in their service area about the importance of farmland protection and how they can become more engaged.	\$36,800
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Strategic Outreach and Communications Initiative - Grant will enable the Wallkill Valley Land Trust to develop a strategic outreach and communications initiative aimed to increase visitation, visitor experience, and visitor safety on land trust lands and to expand conservation efforts and public engagement in southern Ulster County.	\$35,000
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Increasing Pace of Boundary Delineation on Legacy Land Holdings - Grant will enable Westchester Land Trust accelerate the pace of professional surveying and field staking on legacy preserves where this has not been completed, reducing the risk of encroachment and the threat of adverse possession claims.	\$39,700
		TOTAL	\$686,000

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Community Science as a Catalyst for Conservation - Grant will enable Columbia Land Conservancy to build on relationships with partners in the Hudson City School District to engage youth in community science at the land trust's Greenport Conservation Area.	\$40,000
Ducks Unlimited - GLARO	Montezuma Wetlands Complex, Seneca County (project location)	Montezuma Wetlands Complex Land Protection Partnership - Grant will enable Ducks Unlimited and their partners to develop and advance a new strategic plan for habitat protection which will engage new partners and catalyze landscape level and community supported protection of critical habitat.	\$35,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Finger Lakes Water Quality Initiative - Grant will enable Finger Lakes Land Trust to respond to a compelling community need by launching a water quality initiative to combat toxic algae in the Finger Lakes. The initiative will focus on developing strategic programs, creating educational resources, and engaging partners on demonstration projects that reduce runoff.	\$20,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Launching the Genesee River Alliance - Grant will enable Genesee Land Trust to hire a Coordinator to oversee the developing Genesee River Alliance, a partnership made up of neighborhood residents, river based organizations and businesses in the City of Rochester that will focus on informing and mobilizing conservation and development – natural or built -- in the Genesee River corridor.	\$60,000
Lake Placid Land Conservancy	Lake Placid, Essex County	Community Conservation Project - Grant will enable Lake Placid Land Conservancy to engage the community and land trust partners to identify land in their service area with high conservation value and to develop strategies to work and build relationships with landowners that will catalyze new conservation projects and recreational opportunities on priority lands.	\$60,000
Open Space Institute	Palmertown Conservation Area, Saratoga County (project location)	Southern Palmertown Conservation and Recreation Plan Implementation - Grant will enable Open Space Institute and Saratoga PLAN to begin implementation of the recently completed Southern Palmertown Conservation and Recreation Plan, maintain community-wide engagement and ensure regional adoption of the plans recommendations.	\$50,000
The Nature Conservancy - New York State	New York, New York (project location)	Development of an Urban Forest Advisory Council - Grant will enable The Nature Conservancy's New York City program to identify potential partners to form an Urban Forest Advisory Council that will collaboratively develop goals to advocate for and steward NYC's forest into the future.	\$40,000
The Trust for Public Land	Nassau and Suffolk Counties (project location)	Long Island Extension to the Empire State Trail - Grant will enable the Trust for Public Land and the New York Bicycling Coalition to begin implementing the plan developed for extending the Empire State Trail to Long Island by way of an east-west, multi-use trail, by completing two pilot projects, one in Nassau and one in Suffolk county.	\$40,000
TOTAL			\$345,000

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Professional Development Grants			
Organization <small>* Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Grant will enable the Cazenovia Preservation foundation to hire it's first, part-time Executive Director, providing the organization with additional capacity to implement the goals and strategies identified in their strategic plan and fundraising plan. A new Executive Director will also allow the part-time Conservation Manager to focus on managing stewardship of the land trusts fee and easement lands.	\$71,100
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Grant will enable Champlain Area Trails to hire a full-time Development Coordinator to oversee and manage the land trusts fundraising program, including a capital campaign that will enter a public phase this fall. CATS is also expanding its service area into Clinton County and the addition of this position will help them to reach out to new Champlain Valley communities, including Plattsburgh, the Valley's largest city.	\$100,000
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Grant will enable Rensselaer Plateau Alliance to hire a full-time Volunteer, Program and Outreach Coordinator to coordinate volunteers and manage programs and outreach to RPA partners including other conservation organizations and local municipalities. In addition, grant funds will also allow RPA to promote their part-time Communications and Development Associate to full-time, increasing capacity for fundraising and community outreach.	\$100,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Grant will enable the Western New York Land Conservancy to hire a full-time Farmland Protection Specialist to help the Conservancy increase the pace of farmland protection in Western New York by developing and overseeing new projects and assisting with monitoring, landowner relationships, and implementing best management practices on already protected agricultural lands.	\$100,000
TOTAL			\$371,100

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Stewardship & Resource Management Grants			
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Adirondack Land Trust	Keene, Essex County	Coon Mountain Preserve Trail Reconstruction, Kiosk and Guide Update - Grant will enable the Adirondack Land Trust to provide a more positive user experience for the thousands that visit the popular Coon Mountain Preserve annually by reconstructing the properties 23-year-old trails and preparing them for heavier use and by updating and creating new interpretive materials.	\$23,500
Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust	Buffalo, Erie County	1660 Niagara Access Improvement Grant - Grant will enable the Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust to begin landscaping of a waterfront property in the city of Buffalo they have been remediating for the last 3 years. Improvements which include trails, habitat restoration and a boat launch, will restore access to the Niagara River and realize the communities vision for the property.	\$30,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Improving Public Access at Steege Hill Nature Preserve - Grant will enable Finger Lakes Land Trust to improve safety, accessibility, and the educational experience for visitors of the 794-acre Steege Hill Preserve in Chemung County by installing a new parking lot, interpretive kiosk, and connecting trail.	\$28,500
Greenburgh Nature Center	Greenburgh, Westchester County	Signage and Trail Rehabilitation - Grant will enable the Greenburgh Nature Center to improve visitor experience by upgrading their entrance signage, making it more visible, adding signage that provides information on the Center's conservation and sustainability mission and goals, and by completing necessary trail improvements.	\$20,000
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Bolton Recreation Hub Facility Upgrades - Grant will enable Lake George Land Conservancy to update and replace trail signage and kiosks, build a new parking area and complete trail improvements to improve public access, increase recreational and educational opportunities, and promote community health and eco-tourism.	\$40,000
Mianus River Gorge	Bedford, Westchester County	Trail Enhancement - Grant will enable Mianus River Gorge to improve visitors' outdoor experience by building a new trail that brings hikers closer to the Mianus River in a deeper part of the Gorge and offers stunning views of the majestic trees of this rare old-growth forest.	\$49,900
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Welcoming the Public Into a Historic Preserve - Grant will enable the North Shore Land Alliance to design and install a parking area, exhibition center, and garden for the historic Humes Estate. The property is adjacent to other conserved lands including the popular Humes Japanese Stroll Garden the land trust purchased, restored and re-opened to the public.	\$40,500
Ontario Bays Initiative	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Discover Downybrook - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Ontario Bays Initiative to design and implement needed infrastructure upgrades in order to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors to their signature property, the 184-acre Downeybrook Preserve.	\$37,700
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Wetlands Restoration on Wildflower Woods - Grant will enable Teatown Lake Reservation to restore a wetland located within the Wildflower Woods section of Teatown Lake Reservation which is being impacted by runoff from a nearby parking lot eroding the soil and promoting invasive plant species to take hold.	\$40,000

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The Nature Conservancy - New York State	Willsboro, Essex County (project location)	Connecting People and Nature at the Boquet River Nature Preserve - Grant will enable the Adirondack Chapter of The Nature Conservancy to construct a new entrance to their flagship Boquet River Nature Preserve, improvements will include a new connecting trail, updated interpretative signage and kiosk, boot brush stations, and educational materials.	\$20,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Trail Revitalization Project - Grant will enable the Thousand Islands Land Trust to make improvements to four of the organizations signature preserves, enhancing the visitor experience by creating a common theme across the preserves while including specific infrastructure improvements that will highlight each preserve's unique natural features and diverse landscapes.	\$49,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Sloan Gorge Preserve Trail Improvements - Grant will enable Woodstock Land Conservancy to make improvements to a popular 1.5-acre trail on their 88-acre Sloan Gorge Preserve with the goal of improving user safety and comfort and accomodating increased useage.	\$28,000
		TOTAL	\$407,100

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
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Capital Roots	Albany, Albany County (project location)	Creating a New Community Garden in Albany - Grant will enable Capital Roots to establish a new community garden in the City of Albany which will offer opportunities for community members to grow fresh, healthy food and serve as a place for gathering and recreation for current and future generations.	\$14,800.00
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Thompson-Finch Farm - Grant will enable Columbia Land Conservancy to partner with Dutchess Land Conservancy to permanently protect a 210-acre local farm that has been owned and operated by the same family for five generations. Currently operated as a certified organic you-pick strawberry operation, the farm draws in more than 1,000 customers annually.	\$45,000.00
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Callicoon, Sullivan County (project location)	Apple Pond Farm - Grant will enable Delaware Highlands Conservancy to place an agricultural easement on the 81-acre Apple Pond Farm, a working farm that offers a farming apprentice program, public education programs, farm tours, and a renewable education center.	\$25,000.00
Friends of the Great Swamp	Pawling, Dutchess County	Swamp River Preserve - Grant will enable this all-volunteer land trust to cover costs associated with the recent acquisition of a 194-acre wetland parcel that includes almost 1/3 of a mile of frontage along the Swamp River and is home to a number of important species such as Wood Turtles, Spotted Turtles, New England Cottontail and many migratory birds.	\$7,270.00
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Geneseo, Livingston County	Mill Creek Acquisition - Grant will enable the Genesee Valley Conservancy to establish a new nature preserve on a recently acquired 49-acre property along two branches of Mill Creek which boasts a trout stream with spawning brook and brown trout.	\$29,000.00
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Protecting the Viewshed of the Appalachian Trail - Grant will enable Hudson Highlands Land Trust to cover costs associated with the recent acquisition of a 72-acre property that features woodlands, wetlands, and interior northern hardwood forest and is a priority for the land trust because it conserves environmentally significant land and safeguards a scenic resource buffering the Appalachian Trail.	\$40,000.00
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	Granite Mountain Preserve Connector - Grant will enable Hudson Highlands Land Trust to cover costs associated with the recent acquisition of two properties totaling 189-acres that achieve the land trusts vision for creating a link between the Granite Mountain Preserve and the popular Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park.	\$50,000.00
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	McPhillips Preserve - Grant will enable the Lake George Land Conservancy to partner with the towns of Lake George and Queensbury to draft a management agreement and complete surveying, monitoring and trail marking on the recently acquired 317-acre McPhillips Preserve which was transferred to the towns, subject to a conservation easement.	\$38,220.00
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Heldeberg Workshop - Grant will enable Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to conserve an approximately 218-acre property located at the base of the Helderberg Escarpment, with a conservation easement. The protection of the Heldeberg Workshop property represents the last critical piece needed to create a conservation corridor of more than 3,400 acres.	\$24,600.00
Northeast Wilderness Trust	Eagle Mountain, Essex County (project location)	Eagle Mountain Wilderness Preserve - Grant will enable the Northeast Wilderness Trust to acquire the proposed 2,434-acre Eagle Mountain Wilderness Preserve, located in the eastern Adirondacks. Acquisition of this important property represents a strategic opportunity to protect a resilient wildlife corridor, habitat for a state-listed endangered species, and enhance recreation for residents and visitors.	\$40,000.00

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Orange County Land Trust	Mountainville, Orange County	Boritz Conservation Easement Acquisition - Grant will enable Orange County Land Trust to cover costs associated with the acquisition of a conservation easement on 99-acres of forested land in the Neversink River watershed identified by NY state as a "significant biodiversity area".	\$7,400.00
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Permanent Protection of the Susquehanna River and Cherry Valley Creek Confluence - Grant will enable Otsego Land Trust to cover costs associated with the recent purchase of a 64-acre property with 1 1/4 miles of frontage on the Susquehanna River & Cherry Valley Creek.	\$12,700.00
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Assuming Stewardship and Land Management Responsibilities - Grant will enable Otsego Land Trust to acquire four properties totalling 123-acres that are being transferred to the land trust through a partnership and agreement with The Nature Conservancy. All four properties are part of the Susquehanna River Valley Corridor and are home to rare and threatened plant species.	\$7,750.00
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Frontenac Arch Forests and Wetlands Conservation Initiative - Grant will enable the Thousand Islands Land Trust to complete surveys, boundary marking and management plans on two recently acquired properties adjacent to the Pulpit Rock State Forest which protect and open up over 500-acres of wetlands and mature forest lands for public enjoyment.	\$43,300.00
Trust for Public Land	Pawling, Dutchess County	Corbin Hill - Grant will enable the Trust for Public Land to complete due diligence related to the closing and transfer of a recently acquired 219-acre property along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail to the National Park Service.	\$15,000.00
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Cataldo Conservation Easement - Grant will enable the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to cover costs associated with the recent acquisition of a conservation easement on 251-acres of predominately forested land that is a certified tree farm and features over 12,900 feet of frontage on the Independence River in the Town of Greig, Lewis County.	\$15,800.00
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Preserving Habitat in the Rockefeller State Park Preserve Corridor - Grant will help Westchester Land Trust cover costs associated with the recent acquisition of a conservation easement on 61-acres of Rockefeller Land, adding to more than 2,000 contiguous protected acres comprised of Rockefeller State Park, National Trust for Historic Preservation lands and other Westchester Land Trust conservation easements.	\$13,680.00
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Preserving a Religious Order's Lands in an Underserved Hudson River Community - Grant will help Westchester Land Trust cover costs associated with the recent acquisition of a conservation easement on 34-acres of Hudson River waterfront owned by the Dominican Sisters of Hope. The sisters intend to open portions of the property to the public and partner with the land trust to provide programming for the diverse and underserved community of Ossining.	\$11,280.00
TOTAL			\$440,800

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Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$345,000	8
Professional Development Grants	\$371,100	4
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Transaction Grants (5,339 acres)	\$440,800	18
TOTAL	\$2,250,000	70

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Capacity & Excellence Grants			
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Adirondack Land Trust	Keene, Essex County	Conservation Priority Mapping - Grant will enable Adirondack Land Trust to gather, analyze and map conservation criteria to help set conservation priorities and guide land-protection decisions.	\$29,254
Adirondack Land Trust	Keene, Essex County	Effective Online Engagement - Grant will enable Adirondack Land Trust to engage new audiences and provide useful resources for landowners by developing and implementing digital communications strategies that help, include and inspire new generations of conservationists.	\$22,500
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Planning for Conservation Success - Grant will enable the Agricultural Stewardship Association to develop a new strategic conservation plan and case for support that will place greater emphasis on climate change, community conservation and forestry protection.	\$28,900
Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	A Community Campaign for Conservation, Connection & Construction - Grant will focus on Battenkill Conservancy's three public preserves and enable the land trust to update records, develop management plans, conduct inventories and initiate a capital campaign for the construction of the Rexleigh Marble Mill River Pavilion.	\$30,000
Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust	Buffalo, Erie County	Building Capacity to Implement Land Trust Standards & Practices - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust to add administrative capacity to assist the board with marketing, volunteer recruitment and implementation of <i>Land Trust Standards & Practices</i> .	\$18,750
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Constituent Database and Marketing Materials Upgrades - Grant will enable Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to upgrade constituent data management systems and professionalized marketing materials to achieve strategic objectives.	\$17,650
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Survey and Boundary Delineation of Fee-Owned Properties - Grant will enable Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to conduct survey and boundary delineation of owned parcels to improve stewardship, comply with <i>Land Trust Standards & Practices</i> and maintain relationships with abutting property owners.	\$24,800
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Website Development and Digital Media Enhancement - Grant will support Champlain Area Trails efforts to broaden their base through a redesigned website with a more modern appearance, compelling imagery, short films and an interactive map for users to more easily locate trails and protected lands.	\$28,500
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Strategic Marketing to Launch the Next Generation - Grant will enable Genesee Land Trust to develop outreach and communication strategies for different segments of the land trust's current donors and supporters and lay the foundation for engaging new individuals, especially members of younger generations.	\$35,000

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Capacity & Excellence Grants (continued)			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Grassland Bird Trust	Fort Edward, Washington County	Growing Conservation Capacity Phase 2 - Grant will enable Grassland Bird Trust to expand and refine development and communications strategies including major gifts, planned giving, events and annual fundraiser in preparation for a capital campaign to fund land conservation and operating endowments.	\$30,000
Grassroots Gardens WNY	Buffalo, Erie County	Gardening for All: Building Accessible Design and Inclusive Community - Grassroots Gardens of WNY will update at least 10 of the land trust's urban community gardens with universal design elements to increase accessibility for people who live with disabilities and create a new garden that models best practices in universal design.	\$34,363
Grassroots Gardens WNY	Buffalo, Erie County	Achieving Permanency for Buffalo-Niagara's Community Gardens - Grant will enable Grassroots Gardens of WNY to develop and implement strategies to build long-term sustainability including, but not limited to, the submission of an application for national accreditation and creation of annual development plans.	\$21,700
Green Guerillas	New York, New York	Building Capacity to Manage Gardens - Grant will enable Green Guerillas to provide capacity building support to the Bronx and Manhattan Land Trusts, focusing on board recruitment and training, website development, fundraising and communications and more.	\$24,418
Greene Land Trust	Coxsackie, Greene County	Strategic Plan, Fundraising and Marketing Plan Implementation - Grant will enable Greene Land Trust to begin the implementation phase for two recently adopted organizational plans that emphasize increased outreach and marketing, more effective fundraising and land protection.	\$29,300
Huyck Preserve and Biological Resource Station	Coxsackie, Greene County	Designing a Master Plan for Critical Recreational Improvements - Grant will enable the Huyck Preserve to create a professional design for recreational improvements, including plans for restoration of an existing 12-mile trail system and boat launch, enhanced signage, an improved paper trail map and new digital map.	\$32,975
Indian River Lakes Conservancy	Redwood, Jefferson County	Indian River Lakes Watershed Coordination for Water Quality and Habitat Improvement - Grant will enable the Indian River Lakes Conservancy to build internal capacity to focus on watershed and habitat protection and expand external partnerships with lake associations and local school districts.	\$37,500
Lake Placid Land Conservancy	Lake Placid, Essex County	Lake Placid Land Conservancy Strategic Plan - Grant will enable Lake Placid Land Conservancy to update the land trust's strategic plan, seek input from stakeholders and community members, and review goals, strategies, objectives, mission and vision.	\$15,000
Lake Placid Land Conservancy	Lake Placid, Essex County	Technology Improvements for Conservation and Communication - Grant will enable Lake Placid Land Conservancy to redesign the land trust's website and upgrade stewardship and donor management software to improve stewardship and better engage stakeholders and the community with compelling conservation messaging.	\$10,000

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Capacity & Excellence Grants (continued)			
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Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Modernizing Legacy Conservation Easements - Grant will enable Mohonk Preserve to modernize and strengthen two strategically important legacy conservation easements and deepen relationships with all conservation easement landowners through tailored outreach.	\$14,000
The Nature Sanctuary Society of Western New York Inc.	West Seneca, Erie County	Growing Capacity to Save Rare Species and Habitats - Grant will enable The Nature Sanctuary Society to build capacity to preserve rare species and habitats in Western New York through the implementation of <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> .	\$25,000
Pound Ridge Land Conservancy	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	Strategic Planning and Increasing Fundraising Capacity - Grant will enable Pound Ridge Land Conservancy to conduct consultant-assisted strategic, marketing, and fundraising planning to accelerate the pace of land preservation, stewardship, and progress towards national accreditation.	\$30,000
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Community Connections - Grant will enable Saratoga PLAN to magnify conservation results by connecting communities through expanded volunteer opportunities including events, trail building, maintenance and stewardship.	\$36,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Planning and Fundraising - Grant will enable Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to create a new 5-year strategic plan and launch a 3-year fundraising campaign called Tug Hill for Tomorrow by developing a campaign case statement and designing campaign materials.	\$23,830
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Strengthening Wallkill Valley Land Trust's Sustainability for the Future - Grant will enable the Wallkill Valley Land Trust to enhance organizational capacity and operations by updating its strategic plan, developing a multi-year fundraising strategy, and providing opportunities for staff and board training.	\$12,000
Winnakee Land Trust	Rhinebeck, Dutchess County	Building Communications & Resource Development Capacity for Strategic Plan Revisioning - Grant will enable the Winnakee Land Trust to design and implement a communications and marketing plan centered around the land trust's new strategic vision - a restructured working forest business model that will build capacity for land protection and resource development.	\$30,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Vision 2025: Strategic Plan for the Eastern Catskills - Grant will enable the Woodstock Land Conservancy to update the land trust's previous strategic plan looking ahead to the next 5 years.	\$9,350
		TOTAL	\$650,790

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Traffic Light Approach to Smart Solar Siting - Grant will enable American Farmland Trust to partner with land trusts and other key stakeholders to develop a mapping framework to guide state and local decisions on smart solar siting on farmland across New York State.	\$40,000
Columbia Land Conservancy	Chatham, Columbia County	Catalyzing Conservation with Local Libraries - Grant will enable Columbia Land Conservancy to partner with Columbia County libraries to implement a backpack borrowing program and Nature Quest that will engage new audiences in outdoor exploration.	\$74,600
HL Ferguson Museum	Fishers Island, Suffolk County	Developing an Island-wide Management Plan for Fishers Island Seagrass - Grant will enable the HL Ferguson Museum and the Fishers Island Seagrass Management (FISM) coalition partners to develop and implement an island-wide management plan to protect this critical and threatened resource.	\$32,000
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	New Technology to Drive Regional Conservation - Grant will enable Hudson Highlands Land Trust, as coordinator of the New York Highlands Network, to develop technology to accelerate regional conservation across New York including a collaborative "Land Parcel Tracker" and a satellite monitoring tool.	\$50,000
The Nature Conservancy	Albany, Albany County	Supporting and Optimizing Land Trust Participation in Buy-out Programs - Grant will support The Nature Conservancy's efforts to develop a set of best practices with New York land trusts for engaging in pre and post disaster buy-out programs, including subsequent "undevelopment" and restoration of land parcels following a successful buy-out transaction.	\$60,000
Northeast Wilderness Trust	Jefferson County (project location)	Wildlands Partnership Initiative - Grant will enable Northeast Wilderness Trust to partner with Thousand Islands Land Trust to pilot a strategy for accelerating the protection of forever-wild landscape-scale conservation in the Adirondack to Algonquin Corridor (A2A), an area identified as critical for wildlife migration.	\$40,000
Orange County Land Trust	Mountainville, Orange County	Highlands West Plan Implementation - Grant will enable Orange County Land Trust to lead a diverse coalition of partners in rolling out and implementing recommendations from the Highlands West Plan, a collaborative approach designed to further protect and connect parks and protected lands of the NY Highlands.	\$35,000
Scenic Hudson	Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County	Bringing a Regional Vision to Life - Grant will enable Scenic Hudson and the Quassaick Creek Greenway Coalition to conduct a feasibility study to identify a route and access points for the Quassaick Creek Greenway, a long-envisioned recreational trail that will connect the City of Newburgh to the Hudson River and conserved lands outside the City.	\$60,000
		TOTAL	\$391,600

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Professional Development Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Central New York Land Trust	Syracuse, Onondaga County	"Bridge to the Future:" Creating Full-Time Leadership for Success - Grant will enable Central New York Land Trust to expand a part-time Executive Director position to full-time, increasing the land trust's capacity to pursue national accreditation and implement an ambitious capital campaign to ensure the organizations long-term sustainability.	\$80,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Expanding Capacity for Community Outreach and Engagement - Grant will enable the Dutchess Land Conservancy to hire a full-time Community Outreach and Engagement Manager to support the community outreach goals and strategies identified in the land trust's strategic plan.	\$100,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Increasing Stewardship Capacity - Grant will enable Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to hire a part-time, seasonal Stewardship Assistant to help manage the land trust's increasing stewardship needs (protected acreage more than doubled in the last year, reaching over 12,000 acres of conserved lands).	\$33,710
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Strengthening Land Management & Capacity - Grant will enable Otsego Land Trust to create a part-time Public Lands Steward position to help manage the land trust's growing portfolio of fee lands which have doubled in the last 2 years.	\$48,000
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Rensselaer Land Trust Professional Development Support - Grant will enable Rensselaer Land Trust to build capacity for fundraising, communications, conservation and stewardship by expanding the hours of the land trust's two current employees and by hiring a new, part-time seasonal Stewardship Coordinator.	\$60,000
		TOTAL	\$321,710

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Stewardship & Resource Management Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Agricultural Stewardship Association	Greenwich, Washington County	Cambridge Community Forest Project - Grant will enable Agricultural Stewardship Association to make public access improvements to the land trust's first fee-owned property, 140-acres of woodland known as the Cambridge Community Forest.	\$50,000
Friends of the Great Swamp	Pawling, Dutchess County	Controlling Phragmites to Support Bog Turtles - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Friends of the Great Swamp to work with a contractor to restore one acre of endangered bog turtle nesting habitat by removing phragmites, a species of invasive plant, and treating the area to prevent further spread.	\$22,500
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Trail and Public Access Improvements to East Brook Preserve - Grant will enable Lake George Land Conservancy to make trail and access improvements to East Brook Preserve that will create new opportunities for students to learn about the environment and expand adjacent hiking and biking trails.	\$23,300
Mianus River Gorge	Bedford, Westchester County	Riparian Corridor Restoration - Grant will enable Mianus River Gorge to repair and improve the functional ability of the riparian buffer to filter and prevent water contamination by removing detrimental invasive species and replacing them with native herbaceous plants, shrubs, and trees.	\$38,500
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Restoring Upper Duck Pond Carriage Road - Grant will enable Mohonk Preserve to restore a portion of the Preserve's Upper Duck Pond Carriage Road to provide safe bicycle and pedestrian access around historic Duck Pond, a popular recreational destination and educational site.	\$40,000
Northeast Wilderness Trust	Eagle Mountain, Essex County (project location)	Eagle Mountain Wilderness Preserve Public Access Initiative - Grant will enable the Northeast Wilderness Trust to partner with Champlain Area Trails to create public access on the recently conserved 2,434-acre Eagle Mountain Wilderness Preserve in Chesterfield, New York.	\$12,000
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Enriching Public Experience of a Critical Corridor - Grant will enable North Shore Land Alliance to build and improve trails that will complete a 4.1 mile circuit through protected woodlands and meadow, giving Long Islanders the opportunity to experience the beauty of the Beaver Brook Corridor.	\$40,000
Open Space Institute	Putnam County (project location)	Glenclyffe Access & Management Project - Grant will enable Open Space Institute to improve several adjacent properties in the eastern Hudson Highlands, collectively known as Glenclyffe, that will enhance public access, restore habitat, and water quality, forming the foundation of a new cooperative land management plan.	\$40,000
Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	Wolf Preserve Accessible Trail - Grant will enable Peconic Land Trust to expand recreational opportunities for people of all abilities by bringing the 20-acre Wolf Preserve's existing trail system into compliance with current accessibility guidelines.	\$34,500

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Stewardship & Resource Management Grants (continued)			
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Historic Rivergate Trail Trestle Bridge Revitalization Project - Grant will enable Thousand Islands Land Trust to renovate a 150 year-old railroad trestle bridge that bisects the land trust's 140-acre Ingerson Preserve, making it safe for pedestrian and bicycle use.	\$50,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Joppenbergh Mountain Restoration and User Improvement Phase 2 - Grant will support Wallkill Valley Land Trust's continued work to restore native habitats to Joppenbergh Mountain, expand volunteer programing and add a number of new user enhancements and educational opportunities.	\$19,500
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Climate Resiliency: Planning and Action at Hunter Brook Preserve - Grant will enable Westchester Land Trust to execute a stewardship program at the 46-acre Hunter Brook Preserve that seeks to improve the preserve's riparian habitat, climate resiliency and public safety.	\$38,000
		TOTAL	\$408,300

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Capital Roots	Albany, Albany County (project location)	Creating Capital Roots' 56th Community Garden in Albany - Grant will assist with transaction and development costs for a new community garden in the City of Albany which will offer a recreational, healthful, and productive protected green space for future generations.	\$18,000
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Essex Quarry Nature Park - Grant will enable Champlain Area Trails to protect the 35-acre Essex Quarry property in the Town of Essex and create interpretive hiking trails to educate people about the property's geology, fossils, history, and globally rare forest community.	\$34,725
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park Access Improvement Project - Grant will enable Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy to protect 77 acres of forest and wetlands on the shores of Cassadaga Lake and develop public access improvements.	\$40,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Expanding Habitat Protection at Kennedy State Forest - Grant will enable the Finger Lakes Land Trust to permanently protect 254 acres of land bordering the Kennedy State Forest by partnering with three families to conserve their adjoining properties with conservation easements.	\$19,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Expansion of the Cornwall Preserve - Grant will enable Genesee Land Trust to protect a 3-acre parcel that will expand the Cornwall Preserve with a new entrance, provide the opportunity for the installation of more accessible trails and scenic overlooks, and increase the protection of natural shoreline to a total of 3/4 mile.	\$24,580
Huyck Preserve and Biological Resource Station	Rensselaerville, Albany County	Adding a Missing Link - Grant will enable the Huyck Preserve to accept the donation of a 21.5-acre property that will enhance the protection of the Lake Myosotis watershed which serves as the public drinking water supply for the Hamlet of Rensselaerville, and expand opportunities for ecological research and education.	\$11,100
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	People's Poplar Sanctuary - Grant will support the protection of a forested property along the Kingston Greenline in an environmental justice zone and enable the land trust to implement an intensive community designed management plan required to clean it up and open it to the public.	\$27,234
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	Pine Street African Burial Ground - Grant will enable Kingston Land Trust to recover costs associated with the recent protection of an 18th century African Burial Ground in the City of Kingston and to engage community partners in turning the space into a publically accessible site that highlights and memorializes the properties important history.	\$27,760
Northeastern Cave Conservancy	Coeymans, Albany County (project location)	Alan Traino Preserve Acquisition - Grant will enable the Northeastern Cave Conservancy to conserve a 2-acre property in the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, which contains a sinking stream system with two interrelated caves that form the upstream portions of a much larger cave system.	\$3,161

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Conservation Transaction Grants Con't			
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Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	Harold A. Reese Preserve - Grant will support preservation of 29.8 acres of environmentally significant woodland adjacent to Peconic Land Trust's Wolf Preserve. In addition to protecting wildlife habitat and underground water quality, connecting the two properties will open up more opportunities for trails and public recreation.	\$44,000
Pound Ridge Land Conservancy	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	Olesen Preserve Acquisition - Grant will enable Pound Ridge Land Conservancy to recover costs associated with the recent acquisition of the Olesen Preserve, an ecologically sensitive 6-acre property in a key riparian corridor that is the lynchpin in creating a 645-acre contiguous greenbelt in Pound Ridge.	\$18,800
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Poesten Kill Bends Transaction - Grant will enable Rensselaer Land Trust to create public access improvements to a recently acquired 76-acre property in Troy and Brunswick which was purchased after a successful capital campaign in partnership with the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance.	\$23,000
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Revitalizing an Iconic Plateau Destination - Grant will enable Rensselaer Plateau Alliance to make public access and safety improvements to the recently acquired 134-acre Barberville Falls Preserve which includes the iconic 90-foot high Barberville Falls.	\$47,700
Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Burke Forest Conservation Easement - Grant will enable Saratoga PLAN to recover costs associated with the recent donation of a conservation easement property that protects just over 80 acres of healthy forest ecosystem, abundant with plants and wildlife and ranking highly in climate resilience.	\$16,200
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	South Hammond Frontenac Arch Forests and Wetlands Conservation Initiative - Grant will enable Thousand Islands Land Trust to expand land protection in the Frontenac Arch through the acquisition of three adjoining properties that will conserve 494 acres of wetlands and forest land adjacent to South Hammond State Forest.	\$36,980
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Kibiuk Easement - A Key Piece for Connectivity - Grant will support Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust in protecting a 21-acre property with a conservation easement that is a key piece in their Wildlife Connectivity linkage between Tug Hill and the Adirondacks.	\$11,360
Westchester Land Trust	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Preserving Additional Lands at Otter Creek Preserve - Grant will reimburse Westchester Land Trust for transaction and stewardship costs associated with the recent purchase of a 4.3 acre parcel which will be added to and managed as a part of the land trust's 35-acre Otter Creek Preserve in Mamaroneck.	\$24,000
Western New York Land Conservancy	East Aurora, Erie County	Creating the Mossy Point Preserve - Grant will enable Western New York Land Conservancy to acquire 216 acres in the Town of Wales at the headwaters of the Niagara River and turn it into a spectacular new publically accessible nature preserve called Mossy Point.	\$50,000
TOTAL			\$477,600

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Summary of 2020 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards		
<i>Grant Category</i>	<i>Grant Funding</i>	<i># of Grants</i>
Capacity & Excellence Grants	\$650,790	26
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$391,600	8
Professional Development Grants	\$321,710	5
Stewardship & Resource Management Grants	\$408,300	12
Transaction Grants (1,455 acres)	\$477,600	18
TOTAL	\$2,250,000	69



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Capacity & Excellence Grants			
Organization <small>*Denotes Accredited Land Trusts</small>	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Adirondack Land Trust*	Keene, Essex County	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Professional Development - Grant will enable the Adirondack Land Trust's staff and board to engage in an assessment of DEI competencies, identify knowledge gaps and receive training as recommended.	\$9,000
Adirondack Land Trust*	Keene, Essex County	Merger of Lake Placid Land Conservancy with Adirondack Land Trust - Grant will support the transfer of assets and obligations which will more effectively advance the organizations mutual goal of protecting open space in the Ausable and Saranac watersheds.	\$20,000
Agricultural Stewardship Association*	Greenwich, Washington County	Advancing Conservation Through Inclusive Community Engagement - Grant will enable Agricultural Stewardship Association to engage diverse audiences to identify and prioritize community needs while also advancing greater inclusion in, and support of, land conservation.	\$50,000
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Strengthening Systems for Accreditation and Organizational Growth - Grant will enable Brooklyn Queens Land Trust to increase their organizational efficiency and efforts towards accreditation by providing clear policy guidance and support for new board members.	\$34,450
Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust	Buffalo, Erie County	Enhancing Organizational Sustainability Through Standards and Practices - Grant will enable the Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust to build and sustain organizational capacity while advancing efforts towards accreditation.	\$33,366
Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust	Buffalo, Erie County	Engaging the Community in Education, Restoration and Preservation - Grant will be used by Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust to engage the community in development of a phased master plan for restoration and preservation of the Houghton Park Conservation Area.	\$30,000
Capital Roots	Troy, Rensselaer County	Building Capacity and Leadership Succession - Grant will support the work of a new deputy director position which will enable Capital Roots to build capacity across all of its programs and operations and create an opportunity for succession planning for the first time in the organization's 46-year history.	\$50,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation*	Cazenovia, Madison County	Preparation for Accreditation Renewal - Grant will enable Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to update stewardship files, review and update policies and practices and organize digital and physical files in preparation for accreditation renewal.	\$22,158



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Capacity & Excellence Grants (continued)			
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Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Accreditation Preparation and Application Support - Grant will enable Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy to add needed capacity to prepare and apply for accreditation in 2023.	\$15,024
Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy	Jamestown, Chautauqua County	Development of a Collaborative Regional Conservation Implementation Strategy for Chautauqua County - Grant will support the development of a regional strategy which Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy and partners will use to guide land conservation, land use and climate resilience planning efforts.	\$36,000
Genesee Land Trust*	Rochester, Monroe County	Community Accessibility Phase 1 - Grant will support Genesee Land Trust's efforts to engage with several new partners in the community on accessibility issues at nature preserves and create plans to address them.	\$9,200
Hudson Highlands Land Trust*	Garrison, Putnam County	Development and Implementation of New Communications Strategies - Grant will enable Hudson Highlands Land Trust to engage an experienced land trust consultant to develop and implement a communications strategy.	\$18,000
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy*	Slingerlands, Albany County	Anniversary Outreach and Engagement Project - Grant will support the rollout of expanded programming and messaging to a diverse constituency with strategic promotional initiatives to increase visibility and engagement across Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's tri-county service area.	\$45,860
Mohonk Preserve*	New Paltz, Ulster County	Strategic Planning Process 2021 - Grant will enable Mohonk Preserve to retain the services of two consultants to guide the organization through a staff-led and stakeholder-centric strategic planning process to position the Preserve to navigate the next three to five years.	\$50,000
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Elbridge, Onondaga County	Expanding Online Capacity and Engagement - Grant will allow the New York Agricultural Land Trust to expand their digital footprint through social media, online storytelling and electronic recordkeeping.	\$9,465
North Salem Open Land Foundation*	North Salem, Westchester County	Map Enhancement Project 2022 - Grant will support North Salem Open Land Foundation's efforts to update and standardize the organization's maps to be educational and user-friendly resources available both online and in print.	\$10,620



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Capacity & Excellence Grants (continued)			
Organization *Denotes Accredited Land Trusts	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Otsego Land Trust*	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Improving Conservation Easement Stewardship and Reducing Risk - Grant will enable Otsego Land Trust to conduct an audit of older easement files, update boundary surveys, digitize boundary and use zones and revise the organization's standard conservation easement template.	\$39,920
Putnam County Land Trust*	Brewster, Putnam County	Boundary Identification - Grant will enable Putnam County Land Trust to identify and mark boundaries for preserves as needed in preparation for accreditation renewal.	\$12,000
Putnam County Land Trust*	Brewster, Putnam County	Accreditation Renewal Support & Technical Assistance - Grant will enable Putnam County Land Trust to engage a consultant to assist with preparation for accreditation renewal and provide technical support for uploading documents to a new website.	\$9,375
Rensselaer Land Trust*	Troy, Rensselaer County	Communicating Our Future Success Through Distinctive Branding and a New Website - Grant will enable Rensselaer Land Trust to update its branding and create a new website to reflect recent work and organizational goals in preparation for a future capital campaign.	\$50,000
Southern Tier Land Conservancy	Vestal, Broome County	Strategic Planning - Grant will enable the newly formed Southern Tier Land Conservancy to develop a strategic plan to guide its establishment as an effective organization conserving land in the Southern Tier of New York.	\$11,500
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Software Enhancement to Modernize and Improve Land Management - Grant will enable Teatown Lake Reservation to make improvements to the tracking and management of their properties and increase the efficiency of their operations as they work towards accreditation.	\$27,302
Thousand Islands Land Trust*	Clayton, Jefferson County	Discovery Center: The Gateway to the Outdoors - Grant will provide funding for the installation of interactive exhibits and engaging media at the Thousand Islands Land Trust Discovery Center, a new community asset designed to empower visitors to advance and support conservation.	\$50,000
		TOTAL	\$643,240



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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
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American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Advancing Farmland Protection by Engaging Non-Operating Landowners (NOLs) - Grant will enable American Farmland Trust to engage NOLs with a Regional Navigator training approach and educate land trusts and others on farmland conservation, transfer and access.	\$57,870
Ducks Unlimited*	Savannah, Wayne County	Advancing the Montezuma Wetlands Complex Land Protection Partnership - Grant will enable Ducks Unlimited to lead the implementation of a protection plan to advance community-supported conservation in the Montezuma Wetlands Complex.	\$50,000
Dutchess Land Conservancy*	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Volunteer, Citizen Science, and Outdoor Education Collaborative - Grant funds will enable Dutchess Land Conservancy to reach new audiences by launching a volunteer coordination program in partnership with landholding organizations, individuals, and municipalities in and around Dutchess County.	\$13,500
Henry L. Ferguson Museum	Fishers Island, Suffolk County	Implementation of Seagrass Management Recommendations - Grant will enable the Henry L. Ferguson Museum and partners to engage the community through outreach, education and monitoring with the goal of achieving voluntary compliance with recommendations designed to protect seagrass habitat around Fishers Island.	\$35,000
Open Space Institute*	New York, New York County	Improving Peer Learning and Building Partnerships - Grant will enable the Open Space Institute to formalize and expand the New York Land Trust Indigenous Land Working Group and partner with the Center for Native People and the Environment to develop a tailored, geographically-focused curriculum and series of peer learning events.	\$75,000
Western New York Land Conservancy*	East Aurora, Erie County	Advancing Partnerships for Equitable Farmland Access - Grant will enable Western New York Land Conservancy to strengthen their partnership with the Providence Farm Collective to protect more farmland and increase access to protected farmland for immigrant, refugee and low-income farmers in Western New York.	\$100,000
Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park	Wilton, Saratoga County	Catalyzing Community Engagement and Conservation - Grant will enable Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park to partner with Saratoga PLAN to develop and present public programs on PLAN's parcels in Saratoga County.	\$80,000
Woodstock Land Conservancy*	Woodstock, Ulster County	Building the Case for Connectivity - Grant will enable the Woodstock Land Conservancy to partner with Ulster County to develop a vision and plan for connecting the Ashokan Rail Trail to the City of Kingston, other area rail trails and the Empire State Trail.	\$29,930
TOTAL			\$441,300



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Professional Development Grants			
Organization *Denotes Accredited Land Trusts	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Genesee Land Trust*	Rochester, Monroe County	Fundraising Officer - Grant will enable Genesee Land Trust to hire a full-time development officer to oversee and implement the land trust's fundraising program, including a campaign to strengthen relationships with current and new donors to increase levels of giving.	\$100,000
Grassroots Gardens WNY*	Buffalo, Erie County	Growing Our Accredited Land Trust - Grant will enable Grassroots Gardens WNY to hire a full-time land stewardship coordinator to coordinate legal and environmental processes, create land management plans and increase community stewardship as the land trust prepares to receive up to 15 properties from the City of Buffalo.	\$100,000
Mianus River Gorge*	Bedford, Westchester County	Mianus River Gorge Preserve Steward - Grant will enable Mianus River Gorge to upgrade its part-time preserve manager position to a full-time position, giving the organization more capacity to monitor and control invasive species, conduct trail maintenance, monitor forest pests and implement various strategies.	\$80,000
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance*	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Sustaining a Story of Success - Grant will enable Rensselaer Plateau Alliance to bring their part-time executive director to a full-time position. The executive director will have more time to build relationships with donors and landowners and to manage the land trust's growing staff and increasing number of conservation projects.	\$100,000
Saratoga PLAN*	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Conservation Project Manager - Grant will enable Saratoga PLAN to hire a full-time conservation project manager to enhance the land trust's team of conservation professionals, meet the county's conservation needs and expand the organization's land portfolio.	\$100,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust*	Watertown, Jefferson County	Focusing on the Southern Tug Hill Region - Grant will enable Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to hire a full-time land protection and education manager to work on land acquisition, stewardship and developing relationships with partners, landowners and donors in the southern part of the land trust's service area.	\$100,000
Wallkill Valley Land Trust*	New Paltz, Ulster County	Stewardship Assistant Position - Grant will enable the Wallkill Valley Land Trust to hire a full-time stewardship assistant to help the land trust address increased conservation easement monitoring needs and fee land stewardship requirements.	\$67,500
		TOTAL	\$647,500



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Stewardship & Resource Management Grants			
Organization *Denotes Accredited Land Trusts	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Champlain Area Trails*	Westport, Essex County	Trail Junction Sign Project - Grant will enable Champlain Area Trails to install directional signs at over 85 trail junctions on 45 trails to provide hikers with a more relaxed and enjoyable experience by knowing where they are on the trails.	\$23,500
Columbia Land Conservancy*	Chatham, Columbia County	Replacing the Ooms Conservation Area Boardwalk - Grant will allow Columbia Land Conservancy to replace a dangerously deteriorated boardwalk at one of their most popular Public Conservation Areas with a safer, more accessible and more durable structure.	\$100,000
Esopus Creek Conservancy	Saugerties, Ulster County	Phase 1 Infrastructure Replacement Project at Esopus Bend Nature Preserve - Grant will enable Esopus Creek Conservancy to replace two deteriorated bridges and a boardwalk to improve visitor safety at the Esopus Bend Nature Preserve.	\$3,750
Finger Lakes Land Trust*	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Expanding and Enhancing Public Access to the Outdoors in Tompkins County - Grant will allow Finger Lakes Land Trust to work with partners in Tompkins County to create public access and increase accessibility at four land trust preserves.	\$98,000
Green Guerillas	New York, Bronx County	Improving Public Access & Key Infrastructure at the Bronx Land Trust - Grant will enable Green Guerillas and Bronx Land Trust to improve garden accessibility with the installation of elevated raised beds, level walkways, updated signage and addition of solar panels to provide power for lights that will improve visibility in and around the gardens at night.	\$28,950
Green Guerillas	New York, New York County	Creating Safe Spaces at Manhattan Land Trust Gardens - Grant will enable Green Guerillas and the Manhattan Land Trust to encourage greater positive use, membership and garden visitation by increasing security and safety in and around the gardens by adding solar-powered lights and cameras.	\$16,852
Huyck Preserve and Biological Resource Station*	Rensselaerville, Albany County	Prevention and Management of Invasive Species - Grant will enable the Huyck Preserve to safeguard forest health through early detection of emerging invasive plants and through a pilot study testing integrated pest management as a potential long-term solution for the invasive hemlock woolly adelgid.	\$50,000
Lake George Land Conservancy*	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Improvements to the New Pinnacle Preserve in Bolton Landing - Grant will enable Lake George Land Conservancy to add kiosks and signage on two popular trails at the Pinnacle Preserve.	\$20,130



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Stewardship & Resource Management Grants (continued)			
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Mianus River Gorge*	Bedford, Westchester County	Advanced Strategies in Deer Management - Grant will support a partnership between Mianus River Gorge and the United States Department of Agriculture to explore advanced deer management strategies that will improve upon and be incorporated into the Gorge's current deer management program.	\$22,000
Mohonk Preserve*	New Paltz, Ulster County	Improving Storm Drainage at Spring Farm Trailhead - Grant will enable Mohonk Preserve to repair and improve storm water drainage near a location heavily used by visitors attending special events and accessing popular areas of the Preserve.	\$40,000
North Shore Land Alliance*	Mill Neck, Nassau County	Connecting Preserved Lands - Grant will enable the North Shore Land Alliance to convert a structure at the Humes Preserve into its permanent headquarters and to make public access improvements to connect the headquarters to abutting preserved lands.	\$50,000
North Shore Land Alliance*	Cold Spring Harbor, Suffolk County	Enhancing Biodiversity at Wawapek - Grant will enable North Shore Land Alliance to remove invasive species and replace them with native trees and shrubs to create an inviting entrance to the Preserve, improve habitat and enhance biodiversity.	\$40,000
OBI Land Trust	Chaumont, Jefferson County	Discover Downybrook Phase Two - Grant will enable OBI Land Trust to continue to improve the visitor experience of Downybrook Nature Reserve by adding a parking area on the east side and an accessible nature viewing deck to the west side of the property.	\$35,782
Otsego Land Trust*	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Improving Safety on Public Access Properties - Grant will improve safety and visitor experience at Otsego Land Trust's public access properties by upgrading signage and trail markers, managing hazardous trees and developing parking areas at Lordsland Preserve.	\$32,452
Peconic Land Trust*	Amagansett, Suffolk County	Beech Leaf Disease – Treatment and Monitoring - Grant will support Peconic Land Trust's work to treat beech leaf disease on conserved land by running trials of treatment at preserves that have the disease present or nearby.	\$75,000
Peconic Land Trust*	Southold, Suffolk County	Grant will allow Peconic Land Trust to extend the trail system of Wolf Preserve through the adjacent Reese Preserve (acquired in 2020), nearly doubling the length of the trail system and providing more access to open space to people of all abilities.	\$25,000



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The Nature Conservancy*	Naples, Ontario County	Building Shared-use Trails at West Hill Preserve - Grant will enable The Nature Conservancy to partner with the International Mountain Biking Association, professional trail builders and local partners and volunteers to implement a shared-use trail improvement project.	\$80,000
The Nature Sanctuary Society of Western New York	West Seneca, Erie County	Essential Stewardship Actions on The Nature Sanctuary Society's Preserves - Grant will enable The Nature Sanctuary Society to conduct comprehensive stewardship actions addressing resource concerns on five sanctuaries, with a particular focus on invasive species detection and management.	\$59,275
Thousand Islands Land Trust*	Clayton, Jefferson County	Sissy Danforth Rivergate Trail Facility Amenities and Improvements Project - Grant will support a series of trail amenities and improvements to the popular Sissy Danforth Rivergate Trail including a wetland observation tower, two viewing platforms, trail resurfacing, benches, brochures and more.	\$98,050
Woodstock Land Conservancy*	Saugerties, Ulster County	Israel Wittman Sanctuary: Trail Building in 32-Acre Addition - Grant will support the construction of an additional two miles of trail to enable public access to a newly acquired area of quarries, streams, wetlands and forest.	\$18,800
		TOTAL	\$917,541



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Adirondack Land Trust*	Keene, Essex County	Conservation Property Transfer from Lake Placid Land Conservancy - Grant will enable the Adirondack Land Trust to accept the transfer of conservation easements and fee properties totaling 430 acres as the two organizations merge operations.	\$75,000
Agricultural Stewardship Association*	North Greenbush, Rensselaer County	Hidley Farm and Forest - Grant will reimburse the Agricultural Stewardship Association for a portion of the transaction costs associated with a donated conservation easement on the 155-acre Hidley Farm and Forest property.	\$9,191
Agricultural Stewardship Association*	Town of Brunswick, Rensselaer County	Meadowpond Farm - Grant will reimburse the Agricultural Stewardship Association for a portion of the transaction costs associated with a donated conservation easement on the 176-acre Meadowpond Farm property.	\$9,155
Capital Roots	Albany, Albany County	Protecting and Expanding an Albany Community Garden - Grant will support the permanent protection and expansion of an active and productive over thirty-year-old community garden in the City of Albany by Capital Roots.	\$24,262
Catskill Center for Conservation and Development*	Hurley, Ulster County	Macaluso Conservation Easement Project - Grant will help cover a portion of due diligence costs including a survey and appraisal needed to establish a conservation easement on a 32-acre property owned by the Catskill Center. Rondout-Esopus Land Conservancy will hold the easement.	\$9,715
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation*	Cazenovia, Madison County	Burlingame Trails Northwest Gateway Acquisition and Access Improvements - Grant will help cover site access and trail improvements on a newly acquired 27.5-acre parcel adjacent to existing Cazenovia Preservation Foundation owned trails and properties.	\$38,600
Champlain Area Trails*	Willsboro, Essex County	Long Pond West Shore Conservation & Trail Project - Grant will support the conservation of 48 acres on the western shore of Long Pond in the town of Willsboro as well as the creation of a three mile hiking trail for people to enjoy the area's natural and scenic features.	\$33,240
Finger Lakes Land Trust*	Scott and Spafford, Cortland and Onondaga Counties	Skaneateles Highlands Protection Project – Grant will enable Finger Lakes Land Trust to recover costs associated with the acquisition of 103 acres which connect two existing preserves and extends an existing conservation corridor to over 2.25 miles.	\$32,000
Genesee Valley Conservancy*	Wayland, Steuben County	Gully Preserve Acquisition - Grant will reimburse Genesee Valley Conservancy for transaction costs associated with the acquisition of a new 20 acre preserve featuring a hemlock forest and waterfalls.	\$11,680



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Organization *Denotes Accredited Land Trusts	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Hudson Highlands Land Trust*	Putnam Valley, Putnam County	Canopus Creek Preserve - Grant will reimburse Hudson Highlands Land Trust for transaction costs incurred during the acquisition of 308 acres of woodlands and wetlands which will become the Canopus Creek Preserve.	\$50,000
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	Protecting and Creating Access to the Wilbur Uplands - Grant funds will enable Kingston Land Trust to acquire two contiguous properties in the City of Kingston that are threatened by development and to support improvements to make the land accessible to the public.	\$50,250
Lake George Land Conservancy*	Bolton, Warren County	Saddlebrook Conservation Easement - Grant will help Lake George Land Conservancy cover costs related to the acquisition of a 147-acre conservation easement that dissolved a 21-lot subdivision and protected nearly a mile of stream corridor.	\$27,540
Mianus River Gorge*	Bedford, Westchester County	Todd and Levene Family Property Acquisitions - Grant will reimburse Mianus River Gorge for costs associated with the acquisition of two parcels that add an additional 28 acres to the Preserve.	\$48,000
Mohonk Preserve*	New Paltz, Ulster County	Silbert Parcel Acquisition Transaction Costs - Grant will reimburse Mohonk Preserve for transaction costs associated with a high priority acquisition that protects 23.8 acres of sensitive cliff and talus habitat adjacent to the Preserve.	\$22,500
Northeastern Cave Conservancy	New Scotland, Albany County	Clarksville Cave Preserve Addition - Grant will help Northeastern Cave Conservancy cover costs associated with the donation of a four-acre property which is adjacent to their Clarksville Cave Preserve and contains a cave entrance and significant passage.	\$8,229
Northeastern Cave Conservancy	Kingston, Ulster County	Salamander Cave Preserve Acquisition - Grant will help Northeastern Cave Conservancy cover costs associated with the donation of an eight acre property above the historic Rondout Creek waterway which contains the historically and biologically significant Salamander Cave.	\$11,600
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance*	Grafton, Rensselaer County	Valentino Family Community Forest - Grant will allow Rensselaer Plateau Alliance to conserve and open to the public the 398-acre Valentino Family Community Forest.	\$50,000
The Trust for Public Land*	Callicoon, Sullivan County	Creating Callicoon Riverside Park - Grant will support the acquisition of 47.5 acres along the Delaware River and enable the Trust for Public Land to transform the property into a public park.	\$48,750



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Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust*	Floyd, Oneida County	Hughes Brothers Farms - Grant funds will reimburse Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust for transaction costs associated with the purchase of conservation easements on two adjacent farms totaling 383 acres in Oneida County.	\$15,707
Westchester Land Trust*	Cortlandt, Westchester County	Landscape Scale Conservation in the Hudson Highlands Region - Grant will reimburse Westchester Land Trust for costs associated with the acquisition of 137 acres in a 2,700-acre, climate resilient conservation corridor prioritized by federal, state and local conservation plans.	\$75,000
Westchester Land Trust*	New Rochelle, Westchester County	Preserving Environmentally Sensitive Land in a Densely Populated Urban Community - Grant will cover costs associated with the acquisition of 0.35 acres in one of the last remaining undeveloped parcels around Glenwood Lake Park.	\$25,000
Western New York Land Conservancy*	Brocton, Chautauqua County	Saving the College Lodge Forest - Grant funds will enable the Western New York Land Conservancy to save the College Lodge Forest, a historic and beloved 173 acre, publicly accessible nature preserve in Chautauqua County.	\$50,000
		TOTAL	\$725,419

Summary of 2022 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards		
Grant Category	Grant Funding	# of Grants
Capacity & Excellence Grants	\$643,240	23
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$441,300	8
Professional Development Grants	\$647,500	7
Stewardship & Resource Management Grants	\$917,541	20
Transaction Grants (2,660 acres)	\$725,419	22
TOTAL	\$3,375,000	80



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Capacity & Excellence Grants			
Organization *Denotes Accredited Land Trusts	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Grow Young Leaders - Save the Land - Grant will enable Brooklyn Queens Land Trust to grow an internship initiative that will strengthen its outreach, environmental education, and stewardship program.	\$33,000
Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust	Buffalo, Erie County	Fostering Sustainability Through Operational Excellence - Grant will allow the Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust to continue expanding organizational capacity while advancing efforts towards accreditation.	\$24,000
Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust	Buffalo, Erie County	Ship Canal Conservation Area: Engaging the Community in Education, Restoration and Preservation - Grant will be used by the Buffalo Niagara River Land Trust to provide the public access to the water and an existing trail system via the Ship Canal Conservation Area, as a part of a phased greenspace Master Plan designed to engage the community.	\$50,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation*	Cazenovia, Madison County	Increasing the Pace of Conservation by Aligning Acquisition & Land Management Practices - Grant will enable Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to update its policies and practices in order to increase the rate of land conservation.	\$15,000
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation*	Cazenovia, Madison County	Strategic Planning for Sustainable Growth and Long-term Financial Stability - Grant will enable Cazenovia Preservation Foundation to revise its Strategic Organizational Plan to increase the pace of land conservation and work towards long-term financial stability.	\$22,400
Dutchess Land Conservancy*	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Jesse and Gayle Bontecou Wildlife Conservation Preserve Biodiversity Assessment - Grant will support the Dutchess Land Conservancy in conducting a biodiversity assessment for their first-ever public preserve in order to guide management of the property moving forward.	\$45,000
Genesee Land Trust*	Rochester, Monroe County	Building Conservation Easement Stewardship Capacity and Diversity - Grant will be used to support Genesee Land Trust as they add 29 conservation easements to their portfolio of 36 over the next 2 years, and help expand their capacity by hiring conservation professionals via The Bridge Program.	\$49,400
Genesee Valley Conservancy*	Geneseo, Livingston County	Development of Integrated Pest Management Strategy for Genesee Valley Conservancy - Grant will support the Genesee Valley Conservancy in developing a new, comprehensive strategy for managing invasive species and meeting the goals of their fee land stewardship.	\$14,300



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Capacity & Excellence Grants (continued)			
Organization *Denotes Accredited Land Trusts	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Hudson Highlands Land Trust*	Philipstown, Putnam County	From Golf Course to Healthy Habitat: Creating a Plan and Path Forward for HHLT's Newest Preserve - Grant will be used by Hudson Highlands Land Trust to create a conceptual master plan for restoring a former golf course into a healthy habitat.	\$50,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy*	Redwood, Jefferson County	Increasing Community Engagement and Support for Land Conservation via an Interactive Website - Grant will enable Indian River Lakes Conservancy to create a new website providing interactive content that will increase community engagement and support.	\$45,800
Lake George Land Conservancy*	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Strengthening Organizational Capacity and Scope through Technology - Grant will be used by Lake George Land Conservancy to invest in technology that strengthens growing organizational needs and improves stewardship capabilities.	\$23,800
Mohonk Preserve*	Gardiner, Ulster County	Visitor Experience Plan - Grant will enable Mohonk Preserve to engage an experienced consultant to create a cohesive Visitor Experience Plan designed to improve visitor accessibility, inclusivity, and navigation.	\$27,500
OBI Land Trust	Lyme, Jefferson County	30 Years of OBI Land Trust: Looking to the Future and Celebrating our Past - Grant will support OBI Land Trust to plan for the future as they work towards accreditation, and will allow them to digitize files and records, acquire an office space, and fund events celebrating their 30-year anniversary as an all-volunteer land trust.	\$18,850
Outdoor Promise	Newburgh, Orange County	Rep Nature - Grant will enable Outdoor Promise to partner with Scenic Hudson to develop youth leaders who will help provide education & access to diverse audiences, advancing greater inclusion in and support of land conservation.	\$24,700
The Nature Conservancy*	Colonie, Albany County	Equitable Preserve Communication Initiative - Grant will enable The Nature Conservancy to develop and update information on preserve websites and at trailhead/preserve kiosks, to meet accessible and equitable communication guidelines for preserves across the state.	\$50,000
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Elbridge, Onondaga County	Increasing NYALT's Organizational Sustainability and Community Engagement - Grant will be used by The New York Agricultural Land Trust to focus on its long term sustainability by expanding funding and increasing community engagement.	\$37,900



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Capacity & Excellence Grants (continued)			
Organization *Denotes Accredited Land Trusts	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Pitney Meadows Community Farm	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Pitney Meadows Community Farm's Development of a Stewardship Plan that Prioritizes Conservation - Grant will enable Pitney Meadows Community Farm to work with a consultant to develop a community-centered Stewardship Plan that identifies and prioritizes conservation values, natural resources, and biodiversity within a publicly accessible working farm.	\$23,600
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance*	Averill Park, Rensselaer County	A Plan to Scale our Success - Grant will enable Rensselaer Plateau Alliance to develop a new strategic plan with input from a wide range of stakeholders to scale their past success and engage a wider and more diverse community.	\$23,100
Saratoga P.L.A.N.*	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Setting up Saratoga PLAN for the Next 20 years - Grant will support Saratoga PLAN in providing staff development for new leadership within the organization, and updating their strategic plan to ensure the greatest impact in Saratoga County.	\$23,520
Western New York Land Conservancy*	Buffalo, Erie County	The Riverline: Advancing Equity and Community Engagement Activities - Grant will be used by Western Land Conservancy to expand community engagement to strengthen and build relationships with The Riverline communities, and to improve equitable access to nature.	\$50,000
		TOTAL	\$651,870



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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
Organization *Denotes Accredited Land Trusts	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Smart Solar for New York Land Trusts, Technical Advisors & Farmers - Grant will support American Farmland Trust in developing a guide for landowners that are considering solar with the use of findings from a needs assessment, listening sessions, and with assistance from five accredited land trusts.	\$85,000
Columbia Land Conservancy*	Chatham, Columbia County	Columbia County Outdoors: For All - Grant will enable the Columbia Land Conservancy to partner with a diverse coalition of local organizations to create a multi-format, more accessible Columbia County Outdoors Guide.	\$27,100
Columbia Land Conservancy*	Chatham, Columbia County	Hudson Valley Conservation & Affordable Housing Implementation Action Plan - Grant will enable Columbia Land Conservancy to create a collaborative plan alongside other lands trusts and affordable housing groups to respond to the Hudson Valley's affordable housing crisis and conserve the region's open spaces with a cross-sector approach.	\$88,100
Finger Lakes Land Trust*	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Finger Lakes Forest Conservation Initiative - Grant will enable Finger Lakes Land Trust to assess and prioritize forest conservation opportunities, increase landowner and municipal outreach, provide conservation and forest management education, and protect lands in identified priority areas.	\$60,700
Scenic Hudson Land Trust*	Newburgh, Orange County	The Quassaick Creek Greenway Master Plan - Resilience Through the Advancement of a Community Vision - Grant will enable Scenic Hudson Land Trust to advance the findings of a 2023 feasibility study for the Quassaick Creek Greenway Master Plan through participatory planning, schematic trail design and an approach that focuses on ecology, history, and community connections.	\$100,000
Western New York Land Conservancy*	East Aurora, Erie County	Catalyzing the Western New York Wildway - Grant will enable Western New York Land Conservancy to catalyze the Western New York Wildway, an ambitious plan to protect and connect the region's largest forests, through partnerships, community engagement, and habitat restoration that builds upon previous investments.	\$100,000
		TOTAL	\$460,900



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Professional Development Grants			
Organization *Denotes Accredited Land Trusts	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Agricultural Stewardship Association*	Town of Greenwich, Washington County	More Stewardship Capacity = More Conservation for ASA - Grant will enable the Agricultural Stewardship Association to hire a full-time Stewardship Manager to meet the current and future stewardship demands as their conservation easement portfolio grows and their engagement with community conservation projects increases.	\$100,000
Champlain Area Trails*	Westport, Essex County	Community Engagement and Outreach Manager Position - Grant will enable Champlain Area Trails to hire a full-time Community Engagement and Outreach Manager, who will focus on creating partnerships, oversee volunteers, and lead programming to help community members better understand the issues related to natural resources protection, land conservation, and stewardship.	\$100,000
Greene Land Trust*	Catskill, Greene County	Stewardship and Acquisitions Manager - Grant will enable Greene Land Trust to hire a part-time Stewardship and Acquisitions Manager to support officers and board in carrying out current stewardship activities and taking on responsibility for acquiring and protecting additional land.	\$78,000
Thousand Islands Land Trust*	Clayton, Jefferson County	Establishing a Land Protection Specialist Position at TILT - Grant will enable Thousand Islands Land Trust to hire a full-time Land Protection Specialist to provide much needed acquisition support and increase capacity to further the land trust's conservation mission.	\$80,000
The Trust for Public Land*	Manhattan, New York County	Growing TPL NY Capacity with New York Community Trails Program Manager - Grant will enable The Trust for Public Land to hire a New York Community Trails Program Manager, who will lead work on the Long Island Greenway, QueensWay, and explore other trail opportunities. greatly increasing the land trust's capacity.	\$100,000
Westchester Land Trust*	Bedford Hills, Westchester County	Director of Urban Engagement - Grant will enable Westchester Land Trust to hire a full-time Director of Urban Engagement to support the land trust's renewed commitment to increasing the pace of land conservation in urban areas.	\$100,000
		TOTAL	\$558,000



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Adirondack Land Trust*	North Elba, Essex County	Improving Hiking Access at Cobble Hill Trail, Lake Placid - Grant will be used by Adirondack Land Trust to improve accessibility at Cobble Hill Trail, by creating a new pedestrian-friendly entrance near downtown Lake Placid, and making improvements to a .8-mile trail so that people with a wide range of abilities will be able to use and enjoy it.	\$93,300
Genesee Land Trust*	Rochester, Monroe County	Improving Accessibility on Key Genesee Land Trust Preserves - Grant will enable Genesee Land Trust develop a relationship with Rochester Accessible Adventures, hire a seasonal Land steward to expand capacity, and install four parking lots to provide visitors with increased accessibility to nature preserves.	\$74,400
Grassroots Gardens WNY*	Buffalo, Erie County	Improving Stewardship of and Public Access to GGWNY's Land Trust Gardens - Grant will be used by Grassroots Gardens WNY to improve stewardship of the community gardens by installing water spigots at two gardens, and providing informational signage at all three gardens for enhanced public access.	\$36,600
Green Guerillas	Bronx, Bronx County	Improving Public Access & Key Infrastructure at the Bronx Land Trust - Grant will enable Green Guerillas to support the efforts of the Bronx Land Trust to make their gardens more accessible for children and adults with physical disabilities or difficulties.	\$29,650
Green Guerillas	Manhattan, New York County	Mitigating Risk at Manhattan Land Trust Gardens - Grant will enable Green Guerillas to support Manhattan Land Trust in mitigating risk against injuries and lawsuits by undertaking vital sidewalk repairs and replacements at four of their community gardens.	\$14,970
Hudson Highlands Land Trust*	Philipstown, Putnam County	Critical Health and Safety Improvements at HHLT's Two Newest Properties - Grant will enable Hudson Highlands Land Trust to implement health and safety improvements at two newly acquired fee properties, in order to protect natural resources and human health.	\$100,000
Lake George Land Conservancy*	Hague, Warren County	Removing Barriers to Recreation Through Accessibility at Peggy's Point - Grant will enable Lake George Land Conservancy to improve accessibility to Peggy's Point as well as increase the ecological resilience of the property's riparian buffer with native plantings.	\$44,500
Mianus River Gorge*	Bedford, Westchester County	Restoring Native Biodiversity to a Newly Acquired Mesic Meadow and Adjacent Wet Meadow - Grant will enable Mianus River Gorge to restore the ecological function of two adjacent meadows, and re-establish a diverse native composition of plants and shrubs to create a meadow complex that supports birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.	\$39,700



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Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy*	Delmar, Albany County	Putting the Past Before Us: Kiosks to Incorporate Land Acknowledgement - Grant will allow Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to update and install kiosks at 21 public preserves to provide education to the public that reflects the rich historical presence of Indigenous peoples in the region.	\$20,900
Mohonk Preserve*	Gardiner, Ulster County	Increasing Forest Resilience against Negative Climate Change Impacts - Grant will enable Mohonk Preserve to carry out active interventions such as silvicultural thinning, invasive species control, and expanding firebreaks in vulnerable forest habitats to promote biodiversity and resilience against negative climate change impacts.	\$50,000
The Nature Conservancy*	Southampton, Suffolk County	Creating accessible access to nature at Wolf Swamp Preserve - Grant will allow The Nature Conservancy to improve accessibility at Wolf Swamp Preserve by installing a new parking area and upgrading the existing loop trail according to the FSTAG standards.	\$100,000
North Shore Land Alliance*	Locust Valley, Nassau County	Nature Education Annex at Humes Preserve - Grant will enable North Shore Land Alliance to create a Nature Education Annex at the Humes Preserve, which will be used to host environmental lectures, programs, and demonstrations that will promote a strong conservation education and ethic within the community.	\$50,000
North Shore Land Alliance*	Lattingtown, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County	Restoring the Williams Preserve for All - Grant will be used by North Shore Land Alliance to implement a habitat restoration plan at the Williams Preserve to establish and enhance natural communities, which will benefit wildlife and educate visitors about the importance of conserving open spaces.	\$42,700
Open Space Institute*	Newcomb, Essex County	Adirondac Upper Works Trail Improvement Project - Grant will enable the Open Space Institute to make needed safety and accessibility improvements to the scenic Upper Works Trail at Adirondac Upper Works, a 212-acre property that serves as the primary southern recreational access point to the Adirondack High Peaks Wilderness Area.	\$75,000
Peconic Land Trust*	Riverhead, Suffolk County	Grantham Preserve Trail - Grant will support Peconic Land Trust in resurfacing the new Grantham Preserve Trail, as well as installing a parking area, fencing and kiosk, which will improve public access to outdoor recreation.	\$61,200
Pound Ridge Land Conservancy*	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	Preserving the Hemlock Forest at Halle Ravine - Grant will be used by Pound Ridge Land Conservancy to preserve the endangered hemlock trees at Halle Ravine Preserve through insecticide treatment of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, which will allow enough time to secure long-term biocontrol treatments through the NYS Hemlock Initiative.	\$35,000



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Putnam County Land Trust*	Brewster, Putnam County	Access Improvements to 3 Preserves - Grant will enable Putnam County Land Trust to make access improvements to three preserves, including bridge reconstruction, installation of raised boards, and a new parking area, which will help promote outdoor recreation and accessibility.	\$26,000
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Croft Pond Wetland Restoration - Grant will support Teatown Lake Reservation in the restoration of Croft Pond, a wetland ecosystem, to improve wildlife habitat and climate resilience, while also improving educational experience and fostering community engagement in stewardship.	\$51,700
Wallkill Valley Land Trust*	Town of Rosendale, Ulster County	Phase 1 Improvement and Habitat Restoration on the Hutton Property - Grant will enable Wallkill Valley Land Trust to conduct a survey that confirms the boundaries of the climate resilient Hutton Property, located adjacent to the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, as the first phase of developing it into a pocket park with new trail systems and significant habitat restoration.	\$32,500
Woodstock Land Conservancy*	Saugerties, Ulster County	Israel Wittman Sanctuary: Parking Area Expansion, Signage, Maps - Grant will enable Woodstock Land Conservancy to expand parking capacity and install new signs and maps at the Israel Wittman Sanctuary, in order to meet the demands of increased visitors and enhance the user experience.	\$15,000
		TOTAL	\$993,120



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Agricultural Stewardship Association*	Town of Argyle, Washington County	Valley View Farm - Grant will be used by the Agricultural Stewardship Association to cover a portion of the transaction costs associated with the donation of the 121-acre Valley View Farm property in Washington County.	\$8,480
Delaware Highlands Conservancy*	Town of Highland, Sullivan County	Kohler Conservation Easement - Grant will enable Delaware Highlands Conservancy to conserve 46 acres of forest, wildlife habitat, and water resources directly abutting NYS DEC's 1,036-acre Hickok Brook Multiple Use Area in the Town of Highland.	\$27,700
Dutchess Land Conservancy*	Millbrook, Dutchess County	The Jesse and Gayle Bontecou Wildlife Conservation Preserve Acquisition (Bontecou Preserve) - Grant will help support the acquisition and conservation of 1,258 donated acres that will serve as the Dutchess Land Conservancy's first-ever public preserve.	\$75,000
Finger Lakes Land Trust*	Auburn, Cayuga County	Owasco Lake Watershed Protection and Restoration - Post Conservation Easement - Grant will support Finger Lakes Land Trust in conserving the 160-acre Post property, which will protect farmland, scenic views, and water quality within Owasco Lake, while also demonstrating the viability of stream buffer restoration on private lands.	\$13,000
Indian River Lakes Conservancy*	Redwood, Jefferson County	Redwood Hill Preserve Addition - Grant will enable Indian River Lakes Conservancy to cover the transaction costs of the 3 acres of land and one office building being added to the existing Redwood Hill Preserve management plan.	\$2,960
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy*	Delmar, Albany County	Wolf Hollow Conservation Corridor – Hagen Easements - Grant will support Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy in protecting the Hagen easement lands, two properties totaling 106 acres, growing their existing land protection along Wolf Hollow Road, which is a known historic and ecologic resource for people and the environment.	\$19,440
Northeast Wilderness Trust*	Webb, Herkimer County	Bear Pond Forest - Grant will support Northeast Wilderness Trust in protecting Bear Pond Forest, which is the largest inholding in the Five Ponds Wilderness and Pepperbox Wilderness complex of the Adirondack Park, and is critical to the integrity of this region's wilderness area.	\$31,000
Northeast Wilderness Trust*	Russell, St. Lawrence County	Grasse River Wilderness Preserve - Grant will enable Northeast Wilderness Trust to protect the 1,410-acre Grasse River Wilderness Preserve, which is a strategic opportunity to protect a highly resilient landscape of important habitats and waterways in the A2A corridor and will create new public recreation opportunities.	\$69,000
OBI Land Trust	Henderson Harbor, Jefferson County	Rocky Ridge Conservation Easement - Grant will be used by OBI Land Trust to cover the documentation, assessment, planning, surveying, and legal costs associated with the acquisition of the 243-acre Rocky Ridge conservation easement.	\$7,880



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Transaction Grants (continued)			
Organization <small>*Denotes Accredited Land Trusts</small>	Project Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Orange County Land Trust*	Chester, Orange County	Palmer-Sugar Loaf Mountain - Grant will be used by Orange County Land Trust to help purchase 323 acres of land as an extraordinary addition to Goosepond Mountain State Park, and will provide trail connections from the thriving "Sugar Loaf Arts & Crafts Village" into the Highlands Trail and the surrounding region.	\$49,750
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance*	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Dill Brook Community Forest - Grant will allow Rensselaer Plateau Alliance to conserve the 150-acre Dill Brook Community Forest and make the land open to the public.	\$18,900
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance*	Averill Park, Rensselaer County	Lanford Wood Community Forest - Grant will allow Rensselaer Plateau Alliance to conserve the 519-acre Lanford Wood Community Forest and make the land open to the public.	\$29,600
Thousand Islands Land Trust*	Clayton, Jefferson County	The Chaumont River Conservation Easement Project - Grant will support Thousand Island's Land Trust with the recent acquisition of the 470-acre Wiltse property on the Chaumont River, and will cover the property survey and easement appraisal costs.	\$21,000
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust*	Town of Norway, Herkimer County	Burt Farm Conservation Easement - Grant will enable Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to protect Burt Farm, totaling 431 acres, which has remained undeveloped since it was purchased back in the early 1800's.	\$20,000
Westchester Land Trust*	Yonkers, Westchester County	Preserving Historic Park Hill, Yonkers - Grant will enable Westchester Land Trust to protect five vacant parcels of open space in Park Hill, a historic neighborhood located in Yonkers.	\$17,400
		TOTAL	\$411,110

Summary of 2023 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards		
Grant Category	Grant Funding	# of Grants
Capacity & Excellence Grants	\$651,870	20
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$460,900	6
Professional Development Grants	\$558,000	6
Stewardship & Resource Management Grants	\$993,120	20
Transaction Grants [6,298 acres]	\$411,110	15
TOTAL	\$3,075,000	67