

Our work revolves around five core values:  
Relevance, Collaboration, Respect,  
Adaptability, and Equity.



As a bonus to the 40 milestones contained within the timeline, these are our first conservation projects in the five East End towns on Long Island:

- **1984: Phillips Pond Preserve**, 2.4 acres of fragile dunes in Southampton Village donated to the Trust by Burton Brous.
- **1985: Hook Pond Preserve**, a sensitive freshwater upland in East Hampton Village.
- **1986: The Southold Town Green**, an important gathering spot in the heart of Southold hamlet.
- **1995: Reel Point Preserve**, a fragile coastline property on Shelter Island's Coecles Harbor donated to the Trust by the Stern family.
- **1997: Andrew Sabin Nature Preserve**, an important sanctuary for fauna and flora within a highly developed corridor in Riverhead.

## Stewardship Centers



**Quail Hill Farm**, Amagansett, one of the oldest Community Supported Agriculture farms in the U.S. *Established in 1990.*

**Shellfisher Preserve**, Southold, a unique mariculture facility. *Established in 1996.*

**North Fork Stewardship Center**, Cutchogue, a facility to coordinate the Trust's stewardship operations. *Established in 1999.*

**Bridge Gardens**, Bridgehampton, a five-acre public garden open every day with free admission. *Established in 2008.*

**Agricultural Center at Charnews Farm**, Southold, the North Fork hub for our Farms for the Future Initiative, offering fertile soil for farmers and community gardeners. *Established in 2008.*

lands, and heritage for our communities now and in the future.

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## PECONIC LAND TRUST



The Peconic Land Trust acknowledges that the region – Paumanake (Long Island)/Sewanhacky (Long Island) – where we work and live is the ancestral territory of many communities of Indigenous people. We honor their stewardship of the land for over 10,000 years. We accept our responsibility to protect their cultural and traditional connections to the land.



Your support has made it possible for us to work with landowners, communities, partner organizations, and government at all levels to conserve over 13,400 acres, including over 7,000 acres of farmland, miles of hiking trails, and over 6,000 acres of natural lands, watersheds, shorelines, wildlife habitats, scenic vistas, and sacred lands.

THANK YOU!



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## PECONIC LAND TRUST

# 40

1983 - 2023



From 40...

To Forever

40 Conservation Milestones from the Past Four Decades

Join us for a look at some of the achievements in conservation we have made together here on Long Island.

Looking forward, we will continue to engage you as our partner in a vision for a Long Island where farms, nature, and communities thrive.

The milestones within these pages are just a sample of the over 500 projects the Peconic Land Trust has been engaged in since our founding in 1983. They represent a range of working farms, woodlands, wetlands, shorelines, meadows, and sacred lands that remind us of Long Island's rural and cultural heritage.



**But none of this would be possible without you: community members, landowners, donors, government at all levels, and partner organizations. You make our work possible.**

*With a view to the next 40 years and beyond, we remain committed to our mission and will focus our efforts on these four pillars:*

- **Sense of Place:** Conserving and Stewarding Long Island's Natural, Agricultural, and Cultural Resources
- **Food, Farms and Farmers:** Advancing Agricultural Viability and Access to Healthy Food
- **Land and People:** Connecting and Growing a Diverse Conservation Community
- **Built to Last:** Ensuring a Strong and Enduring Organization

*Visit our website to learn more and to join us!*



The Peconic Land Trust conserves Long Island's working farms, natural

**AUGUST 1, 1983**  
**PECONIC LAND TRUST**  
  
**ESTABLISHED**

**1983**



**2008**

**FARMS for the FUTURE**  
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**2008**



Harry Neyens and James Kilpatrick donate **BRIDGE GARDENS**, a 5-acre public garden located in Bridgehampton.

**1986**

**1st PECONINIC - annual Thank You party** for supporters was held at Foster Farm in Sagaponack. It's always the first Saturday in June. *Save the Date!*

**2008**



**2008**

Marillyn B. Wilson donates 23 acres in the Northwest Woods now known as the **WILSON'S GROVE PRESERVE** in East Hampton.

**2009**

Two significant preserves on the Long Island Sound were acquired, **ANDEREGG** and **MCQUADE**, protecting 82 acres of woodland and shoreline in Riverhead.



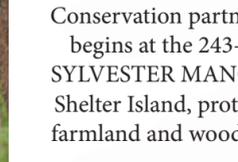
**1986**

**NATURE'S PRESERVE**  
 1.1-acres on Big Fresh Pond conserved, in large part, due to Kurt Billing. Only in his late twenties at the time, Kurt took out a personal loan to assist in the purchase of this property, an inspiration to other nature lovers.



**1989**

**LAND TRUST ALLIANCE** national standards and practices for land conservation are adopted.



**2009**

Conservation partnership begins at the 243-acre **SYLVESTER MANOR** on Shelter Island, protecting farmland and woodlands.



**2009**

Worked with ExxonMobil on the conservation of a former fuel terminal on Shelter Island Sound. The 2-acre site became **WIDOW'S HOLE PRESERVE** in Greenport.

**1990**



**QUAIL HILL FARM** established in Amagansett on land donated by Deborah Ann Light. Today, the farm's produce is available to over 250 CSA members and local food pantries.

**1990s**

Over 600 acres of woodlands protected in North Amagansett. The land is part of the Town of East Hampton's **WATER RECHARGE OVERLAY DISTRICT**, sitting above the sole source of drinking water in Amagansett.



**2010**

With community support, the Trust acquired the **HOPPING FARMLAND** in Sagaponack, and through the use of innovative conservation tools, resold the property to **PIKE FARMS** at an affordable farmland price for food production.



**2014**

**FORGE RIVER PRESERVE** 4.6 acres of pristine wetlands were purchased for storm surge protection in Mastic Beach.

**1993**



**TRAMARIDGE EASEMENT**, North Haven

**1995**

Over 100 acres conserved in Cutchogue including historic Fort Corchaug, Downs Farm Preserve, McCall Ranch and the Trust's **NORTH FORK STEWARDSHIP CENTER**.



**1996**

**SHELLFISHER PRESERVE** was created to conserve and restore this historic Southold mariculture facility on the Shelter Island Sound.



**1997 - 2000**

The Bacon Family donated our largest single conservation easement to date, covering 537 acres on **COW NECK** in Southampton.

**1997 - 2000**



**GRANTTHAM | REEVE NATURE PRESERVES** Riverhead

**2000**

38 acres between **SHINNECOCK BAY** and the Atlantic Ocean conserved in partnership with Quogue Village, Southampton Town, and Suffolk County, including the first three-way municipal purchase.



**2001**

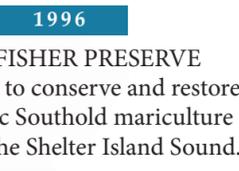
The Trust worked with KeySpan Energy Corporation, the Trust for Public Land, Long Island Farm Bureau, and New York State to protect the 529-acre woodland and farmland property in Jamesport adjacent to the **HALLOCKVILLE MUSEUM FARM**.



**2002 - 2003**

**LAUREL LAKE PRESERVE** was created protecting over 18 woodland parcels, assembled over the course of nearly 15 years!

**2005**



The Trust acquires **CHARNEWS FARM**, and through a community-led fundraising campaign, transformed the property into the heart of our **AGRICULTURAL CENTER**.

**2005**

**CONNECTIONS** launches! The Trust's educational programs designed to "connect" people with land and nature. Since then we've hosted over 950 programs!



**2007**

**NEW SUFFOLK WATERFRONT** acquired by the Trust and later sold to the New Suffolk Waterfront Fund is now an important community gathering place.



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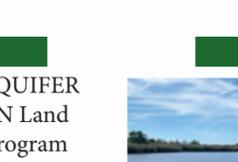
**2008**



Thanks to community support, the Trust protected a 15-acre waterfront farmstead in Mattituck known as **DEEP HOLE CREEK**.

**2008**

**SUGAR LOAF SUMMIT** Working with the Shinnecock Graves Protection Warrior Society and the Town of Southampton, the Trust protected this most sacred ground. The Trust and the Society are working together on restoration and additional acquisitions in the Shinnecock Hills area.



**2008**

**FARMS FOR THE FUTURE FARMSTAND** opened at the Agricultural Center in Southold, giving farmers leasing at the Ag Center a seasonal retail space.



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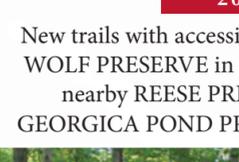
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