

PECONIC LAND TRUST

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF LAND CONSERVATION

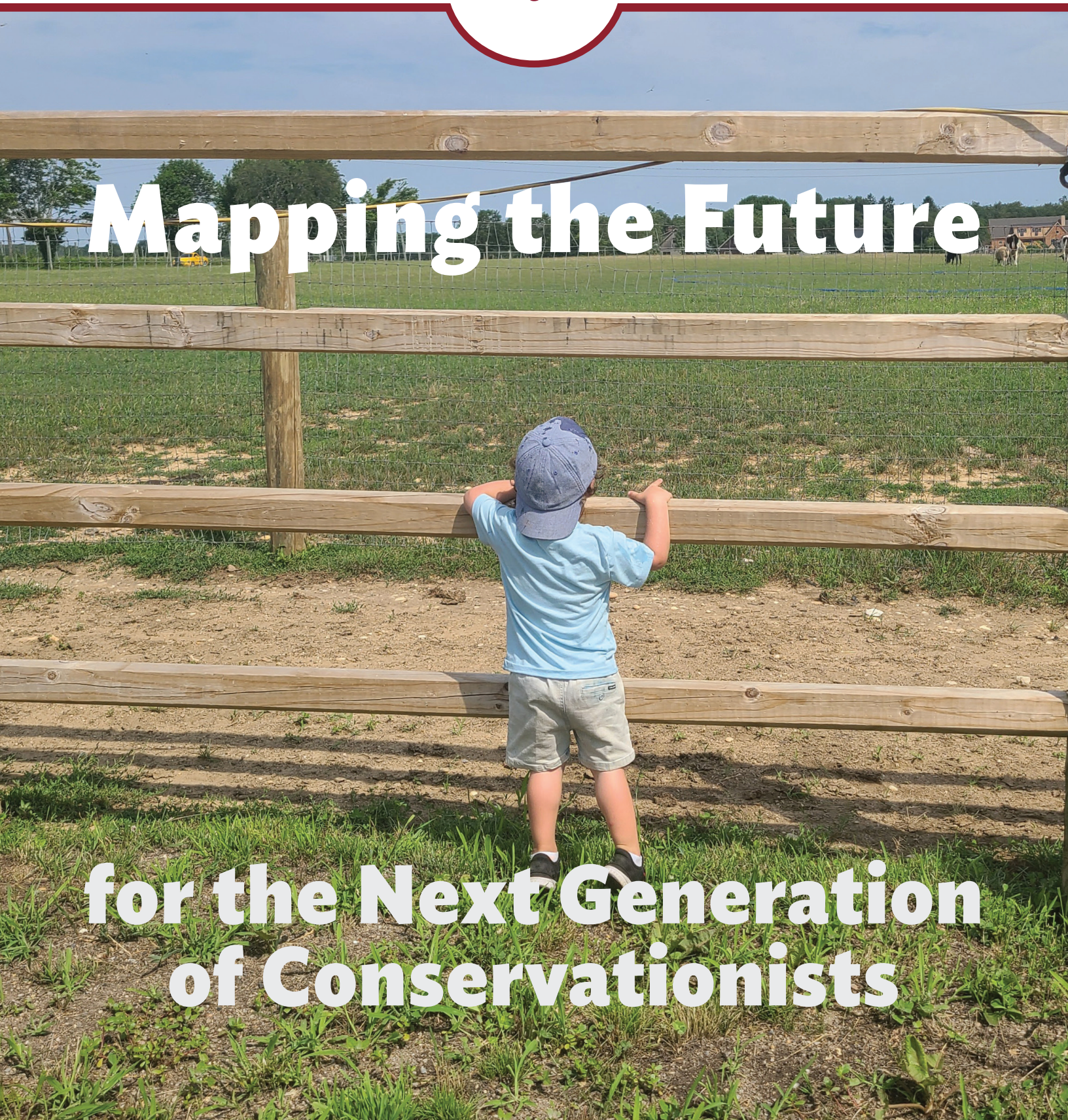


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Mapping the Future

for the Next Generation
of Conservationists



A Message from our President



*John with Through Farms and Fields
Honoree Howard Marks*

As 2023 comes to a close, I reflect, with tremendous gratitude, on all that you have enabled the Trust to accomplish during our

first 40 years of conservation. We have celebrated, we have reflected, and now we look forward.

I've always believed that this organization would accomplish great things in partnership with donors, landowners, communities, and all levels of government. It was apparent from the start that there was a void to be filled by a conservation organization that approached everyone with respect, pragmatism, and innovation. Of course, none of us who founded the Trust (myself, Terry Stubelek, Richie King, Roy Wines, and Ted Sharretts) could have envisioned the breadth and scope of this work in the early 1980s. But what you see in this newsletter illustrates the many things that we are doing because of you.

With your help, we have truly created an institution, a community asset, that conserves Long Island's working farms, natural lands, and heritage for our communities now and in the future, like no other. We listen to the needs, goals, and circumstances of landowners and communities alike. We understand the conservation values of the land around us and, from a problem-solving perspective, we craft win-

win conservation alternatives. Together with our many partners, we have conserved nearly 14,000 acres on Long Island.

It takes many hands to make conservation successful, and your fingerprints are all over this work:

- Rich and productive farmland in the hands of new and established farmers growing a wide diversity of vegetables, fruits, herbs, trees, flowers, and many other crops
- Wetlands, shorelines, ponds, estuaries and rivers that are being revitalized for shellfish and the marine ecosystem in response to overdevelopment and climate change
- Cultural and historic places that reflect our past and point a way to the future where all members of our communities are engaged and celebrated
- Woodlands and meadows that provide important wildlife and plant habitats while they filter rain en route to the aquifer, all providing places for our minds, bodies, and souls to restore and soar

As we set the stage for the next 40 years and beyond, we are embarking on a bold course, one that will ensure that the Trust is built to last for future generations. Because the past is prologue, we know for certain that current conservation challenges are opportunities for a better future. Together, we will continue to conserve and steward the places we know and love on Long Island and support a vision where farms, nature, and communities thrive.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Halsey".

JHalsey@PeconicLandTrust.org



Niamuck Land Trust Partnership Connects People to the Land

We were very pleased this summer to partner with members of the Niamuck Land Trust to offer you four opportunities to experience our local waters and landscapes through an Indigenous lens. These included two guided nature paddles launched from the shoreline of Shinnecock lands into Shinnecock Bay, a guided walk at the medicinal herb bed at Bridge Gardens, and a guided nature walk through woodland and fields on Shinnecock territory. Attendees were excited to hear more about the heritage, culture, and perspectives of members of Shinnecock who shared their knowledge and expertise, including Bianca Collins, Roddy Smith, and Shane Weeks.

More programs in partnership with the Niamuck Land Trust are being planned for the 2024 season.



The Niamuck Land Trust was founded in November 2021. Their mission is to protect, preserve, and purchase, sacred and culturally significant sites of the Shinnecock Community and Sister Tribes. The Peconic Land Trust is committed to working in partnership with Niamuck to help enable the success of their mission, not only to protect land sacred to the Shinnecock people, but also to help raise awareness of their culture and to respect their connection to the land.

To learn more about Niamuck Land Trust, visit their website at www.NiamuckLandTrust.org



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.

Learning the Land

Conserving the places we all know and love wouldn't be possible without the people to steward the land, work with farmers and landowners, share our message, and so much more. Each year the Trust hires interns and Quail Hill Farm (QHF) apprentices to gain hands-on experience and learn more about conservation and stewardship.

Thanks to your support, we're able to pay them for their time or work with their school to earn them college credit. Over the past 40 years, we've had over 175 interns and apprentices working with us. That's multiple generations of conservationists out there in the world!

While many are pursuing careers across the globe, some have stayed close to home. Here are a few former apprentices and interns that are currently working with the Peconic Land Trust.

Matt Swain

Intern: 2007 & 2008

Current Role: Vice President, Peconic Land Trust

Matt's work with our Stewardship Department during college inspired his senior thesis on conservation easements and land use planning. In 2009 he joined the Trust full-time as a Land Steward and has worked with us ever since. Appreciating all the Trust has done to help him succeed, he looks to mentor the younger staff and lay the groundwork for the Trust's next 40 years.



Amanda Merrow

Quail Hill Farm Apprentice: 2008

Current Role: Co-Founder, Amber Waves Farm; Board member, Peconic Land Trust

As a QHF apprentice, Amanda met her friend Katie Baldwin. Together they went on to found Amber Waves Farm on land conserved by the Trust in Amagansett. Today, Amanda sits on the Trust's board and works to educate other people about agriculture. Amber Waves has gone on to graduate 50 farm apprentices from their program.



Madison Aldrich

Quail Hill Farm Apprentice: 2020 & 2021

Current Role: Farm Manager, Quail Hill Farm

After two years as an apprentice at Quail Hill Farm, Madison was asked to lead the next round of apprentices

in 2022 as Farm Manager. "The purpose of the apprenticeship is to create a space where young farmers can develop farm management skills, and I feel honored to have been given the opportunity to see that through at the very place that planted the seed for me."

Do you know a high school or college student interested in a conservation-based internship? Please have them send a resume and brief cover letter to Human Resources at EPlitt@PeconicLandTrust.org.



Julia G. King

Intern: 2011

Current Role: Digital Communications Associate, Peconic Land Trust

Julia worked with our North Fork Stewardship team as an intern. Her days involved maintaining the Ag Center for community gardeners, organizing files, and visiting easements. Joining the Marketing and Communications Department full time in 2020, she now shares the work of the Trust with all of you.



Deep Hole Creek Has a New Farmer!



This past summer, the Trust sold the former Koehler property along New Suffolk Avenue at Deep Hole Creek to a new conservation owner: Will Peckham of West Robins Oyster Company, Inc.

This 15-acre property in Mattituck was acquired by the Trust in July

2022 from the Koehler family with the help of the local community and Southold Town. The farmland has been perpetually protected and is now in the hands of a grower assuring that it will be put back into agricultural production. **Over 120 community members contributed to the conservation of the land, donating \$670,000.** Southold Town purchased the development rights on the farmland. If not protected, the property could have been developed with seven residential lots. *Thank you to all who supported this effort!*

Will responded to the Request for Proposals (RFP) the Trust issued with a plan to put the 12.2 acres of farmland back into agricultural production. A mariculture farmer, Will is looking at opportunities to grow and support his oyster cultivation while improving the water quality of

the creek, as well as expanding into terrestrial farming in cooperation with a local organic farmer.

“West Robins began in 2016 with guiding values of raising the profile of New York’s shellfish aquaculture industry while improving our local marine environment. Over the past seven years, as our shellfish farm has grown, we sought a waterfront home where we could put down roots and continue to grow our business and positive environmental impact. Before the Trust’s involvement, we closely watched this property approach the market but knew it was out of reach for a farmer financially. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Trust, the Town of Southold, the local community and partner Dirt Capital for investing in conservation and aligning your dollars with our community values,” said Will.

He added: “We will prioritize thoughtful agricultural use of the property, focusing on building soil health and reducing runoff into Deep Hole Creek through low-till and no-till agriculture. When the time is right, we look forward to opening our doors to the local community to share our progress on how we are using our farm business as a force for good in Mattituck and Deep Hole Creek.”

We wish Will all the best in his ag business!

Interested in connecting with Will? Visit him online at www.westrobins.com or email him at will@westrobins.com.

Trust Welcomes Interns from the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust

In late August, Yvette Salsedo, Dan Heston, and Brendan Minogue joined summer interns from the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust (BQLT) for a day of touring the Ag Center at Charnews Farm, Shellfisher Preserve, and the Wolf and Reese Preserves.

The students from Brooklyn Tech High School were accompanied by their summer Youth Education and Engagement Fellow Megan Cooper and BQLT Board Member Emeritus Irene Van Slyke to experience a very different type of land trust. BQLT is an amazing organization protecting and conserving community gardens and open spaces for public use and enjoyment.

“Visiting the Peconic Land Trust gave our interns the opportunity to see sustainable agriculture and land management beyond the community garden space and



understand more how everyone, from a small gardener in Brooklyn to a farmer in Southold, can work to be a steward of this land,” said BQLT’s Megan Cooper.

Their questions were insightful, and the conversations were thought-provoking. Dan Heston added, “As the Director of Agricultural Programs at

the Peconic Land Trust, and a local farmer, I was pleased to see the enthusiasm and great questions of the participants of the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust.”

“Every future farmer starts by planting a seed in a garden.” - Dan

To learn more about the BQLT, visit them online at www.BQLT.org.

Setting the Stage for the Next Generation of Conservationists



Vision: A Long Island where farms, nature, and communities thrive.

Thanks to our 2022 strategic planning process that included our board, staff, and community members, the Peconic Land Trust is implementing its *Mapping the Future: Vision & Action Strategic Plan* that will take us *From 40 to Forever*.

This vision is built around four pillars:

- **Sense of Place:** Conserving and Stewarding 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.

For the past 40 years, you and your family, friends, and neighbors have made it possible for us to complete over 500 projects, conserving nearly 14,000 acres of working farms, forests, shorelines, and land sacred to our Indigenous communities.

You have also made it possible for us to protect our groundwater and restore the health of our coastal ponds and estuaries. And to provide new and established farmers alike with access to farmland, expertise, and opportunities.

This is just the beginning.

There is more **land to conserve** in the face of unrelenting development. The more land we conserve, the **more perpetual stewardship responsibilities** we have to restore, manage, and protect it. And, the more conserved land we have, the **more opportunities exist to connect everyone in our community** to land, programs, and activities that are relevant to their lives.

Ultimately, we must ensure that the Trust has the resources and competent, experienced staff to take on the challenges of the future. We have been in the midst of a leadership transition over the past 5 years as senior staff members have retired and both younger and newer staff have moved into key roles. Over the coming years, our founder John v.H. Halsey, will also relinquish his role as President. **Our Board and staff will accomplish all transitions with foresight, transparency, and care.**

With your help, we will ensure that the next generation of leadership has the tools and resources to fulfill our responsibilities to you, our community, and to the land and resources that we protect.

We look forward to engaging with you as we move forward!

From 40 . . . to Forever: The Four Pillars

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

SENSE OF PLACE	FOOD, FARMS, AND FARMERS	LAND AND PEOPLE	BUILT TO LAST
<p>Conserving and Stewarding Natural, Agricultural, and Cultural Resources</p>	<p>Advancing Agricultural Viability and Access to Healthy Food</p>	<p>Connecting and Growing a Diverse Conservation Community</p>	<p>Ensuring a Strong and Enduring Organization</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∞ Increase Land Protection through Collaboration ∞ Expand Public Access and Interpretation ∞ Practice Innovative Stewardship to Improve Resource Health ∞ Engage in Stewardship, Research, Water Quality, and Climate Adaptation Partnerships ∞ Provide Conservation Easement Education and Engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∞ Expand Quail Hill Farm Programs ∞ Provide Opportunities for Underrepresented Farmers ∞ Expand Regenerative Agriculture ∞ Expand Farmland Leasing Program ∞ Expand Farmer Support ∞ Build Awareness and Understanding of the Ag Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∞ Increase Awareness of the Trust ∞ Build Partnerships with Underserved Communities ∞ Expand Event Relevance and Participation ∞ Expand Bridge Gardens as a Community Resource ∞ Inspire a Conservation Ethic Among Youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∞ Define Organizational Structure, Leadership, and Staff to Support Succession of the President ∞ Build Organizational Diversity ∞ Improve Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency ∞ Support Affordable Housing ∞ Ensure Adequate Funding to Implement the Plan ∞ Track Plan Implementation 

Conservation can't happen without you!

Your gift today means:

Clean drinking water and waterways | Fresh, locally grown food
 Habitat for plants and animals | Farms and farmland
 Healthy wetlands and meadows | Protection of sacred land

Your immediate support is more critical than ever.

There are tens of thousands of acres that can still be lost.

Giving is easy! Simply return the enclosed gift envelope or connect with us at:

www.PeconicLandTrust.org/Give | 631-283-3195 | Info@PeconicLandTrust.org

Through Farms & Fields

AUGUST 6, 2023



Thank you to everyone who joined us at our annual celebration of our local bounty. We thank the Salm Family for generously hosting us at the historic Port of Missing Men in North Sea. This estate on Scallop Pond is adjacent to a thousand acres of protected land.

At this year's event we celebrated the Trust's 40th Anniversary and honored longtime Trust supporter Howard Marks. Howard is the Co-Chairman of Oaktree Capital Management and has been a donor and member of our Trustees Council for over a decade. He has had a significant impact on the Trust's ability to conserve land here on Long Island.

It was a glorious day! Thank you.

Save the Date - August 4, 2024 | www.PeconicLandTrust.org/TFF2024

Protecting Groundwater for Future Generations

Millions of Long Island residents rely on groundwater as their sole drinking water source. It's important to preserve areas where water is filtered back into the ground. The recent purchase of 15.7 acres in Manorville will help.



Working with the Town of Brookhaven, the Trust purchased a parcel from the Presbytery of Long Island on South Street in Manorville, within the Pine Barrens Compatible Growth Area. The property was identified by the Town as a conservation priority due to its location within the Special Groundwater Protection Area and its proximity to land owned by Suffolk County Water Authority.

It can cost up to 10 times more to produce clean drinking water from wells where surrounding land is heavily developed than from wells in the Pine Barrens where the land is protected.

Funding for the acquisition comes from a \$2.3 million New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) grant awarded to the Trust in December 2017 for implementation of a *Regional Aquifer Protection Land Acquisition Program (RAPLAP)*.

John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust, said, "The Trust is pleased to work with the NYSDEC and the Town of Brookhaven to protect our important groundwater resources. This is our fourth acquisition in the

Town of Brookhaven that will contribute to the health and well-being of Brookhaven residents."

In addition to protecting Long Island's drinking water source, the newly conserved land will be used for passive recreation, such as hiking and birdwatching, with potential improvements including a foot trail, trail markers, and a kiosk.

Want to learn more? Contact Josh Halsey, Environmental Programs Manager at JoshHalsey@PeconicLandTrust.org.

Discover Beachway Preserve

Great news for conservation in Springs! A conservation-minded individual wishing to remain anonymous recently donated two parcels to the Peconic Land Trust creating the Beachway Preserve, located on Beachway and Windward Way. The preserve will provide a relatively large open natural area with mature woodland in a densely populated neighborhood.

Prior to the donation, two residential structures were removed by the landowner. The cleared area was then planted with native grasses.

Thank you to our friends in Springs for this gift to the community!



Interested in learning more? Contact Julie Wesnofske, Senior Project Manager at JWesnofske@PeconicLandTrust.org.



Vito and Rosa Pietanza: *What the future could be...*

Most Thursdays, Vito and Rosa Pietanza pack up the car and head east. Almost 100 miles from their home in Red Hook, their first stop is the Ag Center at Charnews Farm to check on Vito's community garden plot.

Vito sees the Ag Center as a model of "what the future could be." When you see a head of Swiss chard in the refrigerated aisle of the grocery store, he explains, it's easy to think that it just came from a farm. But it didn't. It was picked 10 days ago in California, shipped 1,500 miles to sit in a distribution center, then trucked to your grocery store a few days later. In all those days and all those miles, it loses freshness, flavor, nutritional value, and something else that's harder to put into words.

At the Ag Center, Vito grows artichokes. Not just artichokes, of course. There are rows of tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers. There's basil and oregano, chard, celery, lettuce, and arugula. On tall bamboo trellises, fagiolini pinti (long green beans from Puglia) reach towards the summer sun. The bamboo came from a grove on the edge of the farm, where Vito and other volunteers helped cut it back on a community workday. A favorite story around the farm comes from that afternoon, when everyone turned around to see Vito driving up towards the gardens, 15 foot bamboo stalks poking out both sides of his Saturn sedan.

Surrounded by other community gardeners and farmers in the Trust's incubator program, Vito has grown much more than just a beautiful crop of Swiss



Vito Pietanza in the Community Gardens at the Ag Center

chard. From his 30'x20' plot, he's been able to discover and grow a world of connections – connections to a community of farmers and gardeners, to his own history and heritage, to the land itself, and to the next generation who will be responsible for stewarding it. He's brought his granddaughters to help plant and harvest in "nonno's garden," teaching them to love the land the way he does. Vito believes in the Trust's Farms for the Future Initiative because he knows how important it is to empower the next generation of farmers and stewards of this land.

Right now, Vito says, we have the opportunity to change the future. We have the chance to effect positive change for the environment, our communities, future generations, our health, and our food systems. He supports the Trust because he believes in our mission to educate our communities and help new and established farmers grow. If we want to have an alternative to that grocery store chard, we need to protect a future for farming on the East End.

We are thankful to Vito and Rosa for their continued and steadfast support as community gardeners at our Agricultural Center in Southold.

To learn more about the Ag Center community gardens, contact Brendan Minogue, Stewardship Manager, at BMinogue@PeconicLandTrust.org. The Ag Center is located at 3005 Youngs Avenue in Southold.

Make a Memory, Protect a Preserve

***Interested in honoring a loved one?
Looking to commemorate a milestone?***

**Give a gift to our
Memorials at Preserves program
and deepen your connection
to the East End.**

For more information, please contact Amanda Abraham at AAbraham@PeconicLandTrust.org.



Celebrating From 40... To Forever at Peconinic



Every year, the Trust gathers supporters, friends and colleagues for a day of fun at the Peconinic – our picnic! In June, we returned to the Ag Center at Charnews Farm and toured the fields, community gardens, and the newly renovated Case House. We met some of the farmers working the land and Tabbethia and her llamas from Long Island Yarn and Farm. Enjoyed lunch and music from East Bound Freight. A great day in celebration of conservation and the Trust’s 40th Anniversary. We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Dede Moan: *Through Farms and Fields* Personifies the East End's Beauty

For as long as she can remember, Dede has loved the East End. She loves beaches and tidepools, fresh air and farmland – but, most of all, she loves the people that call this beautiful place home. It’s fitting, then, that she first learned about the work of the Peconic Land Trust through her local community of friends and neighbors.



Not long after she purchased the Southampton Inn in downtown Southampton Village, Dede signed her children, Eddie and Shane, up for sailing lessons down the street on Shinnecock Bay. As a teenager, Eddie crewed for John, the Trust’s President, on his lightning sailboat, *Windy Too*. Dede would spend Wednesdays, weekends, and holidays out on the water watching the races. She cherishes the community she made there, the other moms and friends and sailors, as much as the many trophies that Eddie (and John) brought home.

So, when the opportunity to conserve almost 14 acres of woodland and wetlands along the Peconic River in Riverside came up a few years later, Dede immediately thought of the Trust. She wanted to help protect the

water quality of the Peconic Estuary and to preserve land where the community could connect with the waterfront. Thanks to her, those 14 acres in Riverside (*now called Catcove*) can be enjoyed in their natural state by kayakers and wildlife alike for generations to come.

Since partnering with the Trust to conserve Catcove, Dede has joined us every year in support of our annual country supper in celebration of our local bounty. “I don’t like some of the glitzy flashy parties,” she insists, “but I like this event that personifies the East End rather than the Hamptons. I love *Through Farms and Fields!*”

She relishes the opportunity to connect, celebrate, and help grow the Trust’s mission.

Dede supports the Trust because we don’t just conserve the beautiful natural landscape here on the East End, we also work to “develop a community of people who care about it.” She shares our commitment to preserving the sense of place and community that’s just as cherished – and just as fragile – as the natural ecosystems, wildlife habitats, and open spaces that our easements protect.

We are thankful to Dede Moan for sharing her story, her time, and her creativity with us. Dede, you are a dynamo, we are so grateful!

To learn more about Through Farms and Fields 2024 sponsorship opportunities, contact Amanda Abraham, Director of Development, at AAbraham@PeconicLandTrust.org.

A Season of Reflecting and Growing

There's much to enjoy year round at Bridge Gardens! In winter, enjoy the stately beauty of evergreens, the sculptural form of leafless branches, and the heavenly scent of blooming witch hazel. Spring is heralded by colorful blooms from thousands of daffodils, snowdrops, crocuses, and more. Spring also starts our garden workshops, which this year included composting for soil health, starting seeds for the vegetable garden, how to grow fruit bearing plants, and our summer outdoor art workshops.

Other programming of note included a visit to the herb garden's medicinal bed to learn traditional uses of herbs from an Indigenous perspective, and a talk with local experts about alternative landscape practices that protect our coastal ponds and wetlands.

On your next visit, be sure to explore our new Tales on the Trail children's story walk located in the new woodland trail near the driveway!

**2024 will offer more opportunities for you to enjoy Bridge Gardens!
Open Daily 10am - 4pm, with Free Admission.
36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton
*See you there!***



*Have questions about the past, present, and future of Bridge Gardens?
Email Garden Director Rick Bogusch at RBogusch@PeconicLandTrust.org.*

Cultivating Connections: The Campaign for Bridge Gardens



Rendering by Oza Sabbeth Architects showing a new building façade that incorporates sustainable wood siding and an extended roof design to maximize energy savings.



Rendering by Oza Sabbeth Architects includes the extension of the main floor as well as the installation of an elevator and ADA compliant bathrooms.



New amphitheater and pathways designed by Araiys Design will improve access to the building and the inner garden.

place Jim and Harry entrusted to us. The vision for the future includes:

- ADA-compliant entrances, pathways, and restrooms,
- expanded spaces for educational programs,
- a teaching kitchen for garden to table demonstrations,
- septic and water system upgrades,
- solar panels,
- housing for the Garden Director.

The future of Bridge Gardens is unfolding. Donated to the Trust in 2008 by Jim Kilpatrick and Harry Neyens, the garden under the direction of Rick Bogusch has expanded as a community resource: welcoming visitors daily and expanding the garden plantings to include more native plants and more fruits and vegetables, alongside its famous 4-quadrant herb garden, lush perennial beds, and unique hedgerows.

Now is the time to set the garden's future and welcome more of our community through an updated building and more accessible garden pathways.

We are working with Oza Sabbeth Architects, RLW4 Builders, Araiys Design, and Stony Brook's Center for Clean Water Technology to grow the amazing

In 2024, we are launching a special campaign to make this vision a reality.

Join us? Contact Amanda Abraham at AAbraham@PeconicLandTrust.org to learn more and to make a gift.

Research Continues at Georgica Pond



With your support, the Trust is continuing to work with *Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Suffolk County* to conduct research on Georgica Pond in East Hampton to document the health of the pond, identify causes of concern, and eventually provide solutions to improve it. This multi-phased study continued over the summer as CCE staff looked at groundwater entering the pond.

We know that nitrogen input via groundwater seepage is a critical factor influencing the nitrogen load of the pond. An over-abundance of nitrogen and other nutrients in the water leads to harmful algal blooms. We need to identify where nitrogen is entering Georgica Pond.

CCE staff started collecting samples close to the shore and moved further into the pond as the summer progressed. Porewater samples were collected and analyzed on-site for temperature, conductivity, total dissolved solids (TDS), pH, and oxidation reduction potential (ORP). The comprehensive groundwater and porewater survey will identify and rank zones in the pond according to site specific water quality conditions. Once we pinpoint the locations of nitrogen-rich groundwater seepage into the pond we can seek funding for remediation.



CCE Staff on Georgica Pond.

Want to learn more? Visit www.PeconicLandTrust.org/GeorgicaResearch.

Sagg Pond Restoration Update

In addition to our work at Georgica Pond, the Trust has been looking at the negative impacts of overdevelopment, nitrogen loading, and other factors at nearby Sagg Pond in Sagaponack since 2019.

Sagg Pond had some great news in October! The Trust was awarded a sizable grant from the Town of Southampton's Community Preservation Fund (CPF) to support water quality improvements at the pond. This grant was leveraged by private funds from the Sagg Pond community and will be used to:

- install permeable reactive barriers to reduce nutrients from entering the pond through groundwater,
- help install I/A septic systems affordably with public subsidies,
- support further research and development,
- educate pond residents on how they can help,



- leverage private dollars to unlock public funding,
- sustain the Trust's coordinating role in this crucial work, and
- inform future remediation work across the East End and beyond.

We are grateful to the Town and watershed donors who make this important work possible.

We were also happy to host Sagg Pond watershed residents in early November at the Bridgehampton Club. We learned from the scientists working on these research and remediation efforts and discussed ways the community can help. Thank you to all who attended and showed their support!

For more information on how you can help visit www.PeconicLandTrust.org/SaggPond.

Interested in learning more about our work with local ponds?

For information about the various studies, as well as to learn how you can help support this vital work, contact Matt Swain at MSwain@PeconicLandTrust.org or Amanda Abraham at AAbraham@PeconicLandTrust.org. Matt and Amanda can also connect you to experts in sustainable landscaping, resources available to offset the costs of septic system replacement, and options for shoreline homeowners to protect water quality.

Making a Difference with the Perfect Earth Project

The Peconic Land Trust has partnered with the *Perfect Earth Project* to shine a light on the restoration and remediation of our lands and waterways, initially with a focus on the land around Georgica and Sagg Ponds.



The *Living Lands Program*, a new initiative of the Trust and the Perfect Earth Project, is designed to educate homeowners on proper lawn care and maintenance. Our goal is to improve our groundwater and waterways by reducing the use of harmful fertilizers and pesticides. With the Perfect Earth Project, we will create land-specific plans to help facilitate the transition from toxic landscape methods to nature-based practices for homeowners.

Georgica Pond and Sagg Pond are two locations the Trust has been in the process of restoring for the last couple of years. The main issue these ponds are facing is the stress that harmful algal blooms are creating in our ponds due to the nitrogen and phosphorus runoffs

from nearby landscapes. Alongside our partners at the *Center for Clean Water Technology at Stony Brook University*, we are helping to upgrade antiquated septic systems around the ponds to more advanced I/A septic systems, which reduce nitrogen from

entering the groundwater and the pond. This will help for decades to come.

To learn more about the Living Lands Program, visit perfectearthproject.org/resources/living-lands

The Living Lands program is a companion piece to our on-going **Free Lawn Expert** program that has been offered at Bridge Gardens since 2014 with Paul Wagner of Greener Pastures Organics, also a partnership with Perfect Earth Project. This program is available weekly onsite from May through October. Or, you can email questions to LawnExpert@PeconicLandTrust.org.

2023 Update: Long Island River Otter Project

By Mike Bottini, Wildlife Biologist, Seatuck Environmental Association, MBottini@Seatuck.org

With funding from the Peconic Estuary Partnership and the assistance of Stony Brook University volunteer interns, Seatuck's Long Island River Otter Project updated its map of the distribution of otters in the Peconic Estuary's watersheds this year. The most efficient survey method for this largely nocturnal, elusive species with a very large home range is to search watersheds for their scent stations. These are placed within 15 feet of water at prominent upland features such as dams, points of land, and small islands. Otters will leave a "sign" at these scent stations including scrapes in the leaf litter and scats with the remains of their favorite prey: mainly fish. The function of these stations is thought to be a way for these gregarious, far-ranging creatures to communicate with one another.

New sites were documented at the Peconic Land Trusts' Broad Cove Preserve (at the outlet of Terry Creek), the Wolf Preserve on Hog Neck, at several Peconic Land Trust conservation easements bordering Hallock Bay in Orient, and at a number of other protected sites that the Trust was instrumental in working with the landowners to preserve, such as the Downs Farm Preserve and the Ruth Oliva Preserve at Dam Pond.



The river otter (*Lontra canadensis*), once not only inhabited rivers but was found in lakes, marshes, swamps, and tidal estuaries – large and small – wherever it could find its preferred aquatic prey that includes crayfish and bullfrog tadpoles in surprisingly small, shallow freshwater marshes and swamps. Water pollution, habitat loss and particularly unregulated trapping during the "Fur Trade Era" caused a dramatic decline in otter populations.

Conservation laws that regulate water pollution, trapping, and protect wetlands have been key to protecting their habitat. The work of the Peconic Land Trust to conserve wetlands and the upland forest adjacent to our waterways is key to protecting water quality, otter prey resources, and otter den sites in which they have their young each Spring.

The Goings On at Quail Hill Farm - A Note from Layton

By every measure, Quail Hill Farm's 2023 CSA season was extraordinary: more than 500 varieties of flowers, herbs, and vegetables nourished over 200 families through our CSA program; we marked our fourth season of our **Farm to Food Pantry** program with our partners at **The Center** (formerly known as the Bridgehampton Child Care and Recreational Center); we gathered for the return of **At the Common Table**, as well as other events like the legendary **Great Tomato Taste-Off**; and we were honored with **Slow Food East End's Snail of Approval Award**.

But perhaps most notably, our farm staff developed and launched a highly successful gleaning program, which (with the help of many volunteers) provided



Quail Hill Farm 2023 apprentices and staff with the Snail of Approval Award.

more than 10,000 pounds of excess produce to over a dozen local food pantries on the South Fork.

As one of the oldest CSA farms in the country, we know that the crux of Community Supported Agriculture is reciprocity. Born from the mutual investment between the growers and eaters on the farm, CSA underscores the

importance of interdependence in how we envision a more robust, accessible and just local food system. And at its core, CSA represents the hope that local food systems can weather increasingly unpredictable conditions brought about by any number of reasons: be it a global pandemic, drought or deluge, pest and disease pressures, or the slow creep of climate change on the farm.

Thanks to all our CSA members for investing in the Quail Hill Farm community and trusting us to feed you and your family and friends. It's been an honor.



Raise the Roof

Fifteen years in the making, the barn at Quail Hill Farm is approaching completion. Designed by Michael Lomont of Stelle Lomont Rouhani Architects and built by King Construction, we anticipate the barn being ready for public access by the spring.

The barn will be a multi-purpose space, with room for a new farm office, equipment storage, workshop for repairing and maintaining tractors, as well as educational programs for our community. Our thanks go out to the many, many people who supported the project as donors and thought partners over the past 15 years.

The barn is the first phase in our plans to upgrade the facilities at Quail Hill Farm to increase our ability to



support the CSA, the Farm to Food Pantry Program, apprentice and community education, and housing for staff and apprentices. We look forward to welcoming you to the barn in the spring!

Interested in learning more? Contact Farm Director Layton Guenther at LGuenther@PeconicLandTrust.org.

At the Common Table



At the Common Table, our legendary long table feast in the orchard at Quail Hill Farm returned this August. Thank you for your support of the farm on this magical evening!

A wonderful al-fresco multi-course farm-inspired meal was prepared by the South Fork's most celebrated chefs: **Colin Ambrose**, Estia's Little Kitchen; **Peter Ambrose**, Events by Peter Ambrose; **Justin Finney**, Highway Restaurant; **Jack Formica**, Private Chef; **Arjun Achuthan**, Hayground School; **Evan Tessler**, Private Chef; **Carissa Waechter**, Carissa's Bread; **Joe Realmuto**, Nick & Toni's; **Cheryl Stair**, Art of Eating; **Carolyn Stec**, Sen; and **Jason Weiner & Andrew Mahoney**, Almond. Thank you!

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From 40... to Forever

Celebrating the Trust's 40th anniversary with you!

This year's Connections activities included many tours of local farms, woodlands, shorelines, and cultural places. We hope you enjoyed these opportunities to meet with farmers, environmental educators and neighbors as we explored over 50 different conservation sites as part of our "40 for 40" Connections series (www.PeconicLandTrust.org/40for40). We look forward to providing you with more fun and educational programs in 2024. Below are just a few of our farm-related visits from 2023:



July 13th

Olde Road Farm, Southold

Met the Murnane family and learned about the return to their farming roots with their purchase of the former Krupski Farm through the Trust's "Farms for the Future Initiative." Today they're raising Wagyu cattle, sheep, chickens, geese, and crops.



September 18th

Wölffer Estate Vineyard, Sagaponack

Enjoyed a guided walk and wine tasting with winemaker/ Partner Roman Roth at Wölffer Estate Vineyard in Sagaponack to understand the important connection between soil health, ocean breezes, and the beautiful East End climate to the award-winning wines they produce.

August 30th

Winds Way Farm, Jamesport

Enjoyed a guided stroll through Winds Way Farm in Jamesport with Nancy Gilbert and Richard Wines to learn more about the history of their family farm, the management of their small orchard, and the expansive garden using sustainable, low-impact practices that attract a myriad of pollinators.



August 31st

Quail Hill Farm, Amagansett

Met beekeeper Mary Woltz of Bees' Needs who led a conversation about the challenges honeybees and all pollinators face and the value they offer to agriculture around the world.



Exploring at Wolf and Reese Preserves

A more beautiful day in May could not have been planned for a walk at the Wolf and Reese Preserves in Southold. Under the expert guidance of naturalist John Turner, we saw and learned about a wide variety of wildlife and plants, and the ongoing environmental impacts affecting birds, plants, animals, reptiles, and amphibians that call the preserves home. We talked about how we all can play a role to promote and support healthy habitats.



The woods of Wolf and Reese provide a wide array of habitat for birds, fox, and many other animals. The cavities of trees (dead, dying, or still alive) are important nesting areas for birds and bats. The bark, leaves, and understory offer food resources. We learned about partition feeding – where some birds prefer the nutrients from the leaves and others from the bark. Additional partitioning by birds for deciduous vs. coniferous trees enables the forest to provide food sources to a wider variety of birds.



During this stroll, we stopped to see and listen for a wide range of migrating songbirds, raptors, and water birds that floated above, and flitted between, the beautiful canopy of

red oak, red cedars, sassafras, and many others.

As we meandered, our group was treated to a special surprise, and were curiously watched by, two young red fox with their distinctive white tipped tails. The kits played just outside their den while their parents were off hunting for “lunch.” The two siblings looked healthy and happy, a positive ray of light!



Our thanks go to John, who brings nature alive and helps us connect in ways we couldn't imagine. We can't wait to explore again!

Interested in hiking with us? Check out our online calendar for upcoming programs at www.PeconicLandTrust.org/Calendar.

Bird is the Word with North Fork Audubon

In honor of the Trust's 40th Anniversary and our “40 for 40” themed Connections programs this year we teamed up with North Fork Audubon members **Tom Damiani** and **Peggy Lauber** for a visit to the Ruth Oliva Preserve at Dam Pond in East Marion. Tom and Peggy led our group of birding enthusiasts along the trails to look and listen for late migrating birds as well as the many water birds that call Dam Pond their home.



Before heading out on the trails, Tom coached attendees on techniques to focus binoculars before searching for our first bird, and how to locate birds through the lens.



Attendees looking for birds at Dam Pond.

**Thanks Tom and Peggy for leading our birders!
We appreciate you!**

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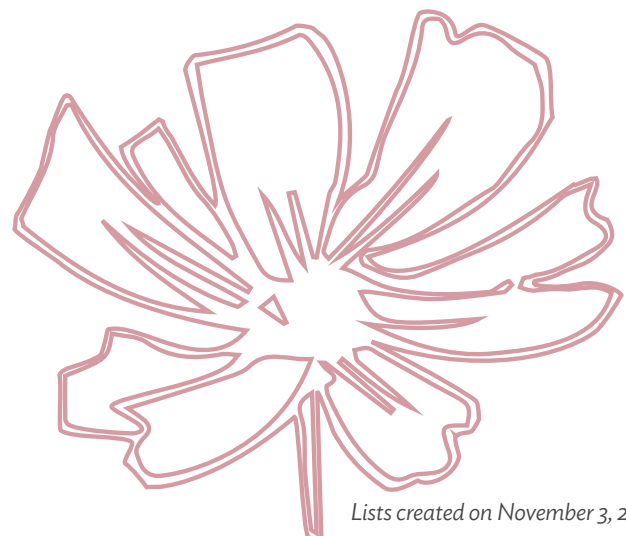
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