

## 2007 Grant Awards - New York State Conservation Partnership Program

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS			
ORGANIZATION	NY OFFICE LOCATION	GRANT AWARD	
Genesee Valley Conservancy	Genesee, 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 New York, New York County, Bronx County, 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
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$117,000</b>



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**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



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**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 NYS SCPG 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 NYS SCPG 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
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$92,560</b>



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**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 Walkkill and Rondout Valley's, particularly through measures that help local land trusts access and leverage conservation financing.	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$69,000</b>



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**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
Molhawk 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>	Matakatig, 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 NYS CPP 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 NYS CPP 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

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<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 NYS SCP P 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 NYS SCP P 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 NYS SCP P grantee.	\$7,800
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson 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
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$150,040</b>

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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
<b>TOTAL NYS SCP P GRANT AWARDS</b>	<b>\$428,600</b>	



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