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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 *Land Trust Standards and Practice.* 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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices.* North Elba Land Conservancy is an all-volunteer land trust.	$5,000
Orange County Land Trust	Middletown, Orange County	Organizational Assessment based on *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices.* 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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 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 farrmland 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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices.*	$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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 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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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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 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 [Bronx Land Trust & Manhattan Land Trust]	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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 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 *Land Trust Standards and Practices* 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 conservaton 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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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**

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2012 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards - Land Trust Alliance Roster for DEC Invoice

Grant Category	*Recommended Funding*	*# of Grants*
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**