

2016 Land Trust Grants - New York State Conservation Partnership Program

Detailed Roster of 2016 Conservation Partnership Program Grant Awards			
Capacity & Excellence Category--Assessment Grants			
Organization <small>*Accredited Land Trusts are in Bold</small>	Office Location	Project Summary	Grant Award
Catskill Center	Arville, Delaware County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for accreditation in the next 3 years.	\$5,000.00
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for accreditation in the next 3 years.	\$5,000.00
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Organizational Assessment based on <i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> in preparation for accreditation in the next 3 years.	\$5,000.00
TOTAL			\$15,000

Capacity & Excellence Category--Capacity Grants			
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Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	Battenkill Corridor Connections Project Phase II - Grant will build on efforts supported by the Conservation Partnership Program to expand the Conservancy's community outreach programs, promote watershed education and improve public access along the popular Battenkill River.	\$20,000.00
Capital Roots	Troy, Rensselaer County	Community Garden Capacity Building - Grant will support community garden site improvements and training programs, enabling Capital Roots to add 100 new gardeners to manage the 51 community gardens it owns throughout the Capital Region and educating 4,000 garden members about the health, social, and physical benefits provided by community gardens.	\$18,000.00
Catskill Center	Arville, Delaware County	Platte Clove Preserve Access Enhancements - Grant will enable the Catskill Center to make public access improvements to their iconic 208-acre Platte Cove Preserve in Greene County, a site made famous by the Hudson River School of artists, and to update Preserve maps, signage and interpretative kiosks.	\$10,000.00
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation	Cazenovia, Madison County	Accreditation Preparation - Grant will enable Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, which was founded in 1967 and oversees 14 conservation properties and 25 conservation easements on a total of 1,058 acres, to prepare for national accreditation in the next two years.	\$14,000.00

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Central New York Land Trust	Syracuse, Onondaga County	Creating Conservation Capacity - Grant will enable Central New York Land Trust to build organizational capacity by strengthening outreach and communications in the Syracuse area, and by developing a stewardship initiative for the 48 preserves it manages through a partnership with Onondaga Earth Corps, an urban youth development program based in Syracuse.	\$25,000.00
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	Narrowsburg, Sullivan County	Turning Landowner Commitment Into Long-Term Support - Grant will help the Conservancy develop its presence and donor base in New York by strengthening its communications and outreach programs targeting conservation-minded landowners in the Upper Delaware River area.	\$21,000.00
Dutchess Land Conservancy	Millbrook, Dutchess County	Geospatial Inventory & Evaluation of Reserved Rights - Grant will update Conservancy's geographic information system (GIS) in order to identify and track buildable and non-buildable areas within the Conservancy's extensive portfolio (387 conservation easements on 39,000 + acres), improving efforts to analyze risks associated with successor landowners and reserved rights on conserved properties.	\$10,000.00
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Creating Connections - Grant will support a Finger Lakes Land Trust project to improve parking and site interpretation and to complete a resurfaced trail on its 30-acre Bishop Nature Preserve, creating family-friendly access to the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail, a multi-purpose recreational trail that extends 5 miles to the City of Geneva.	\$30,000.00
Friends of the Washington County Grasslands Important Bird Area	Fort Edward, Washington County	Building Program and Outreach Capacity - Grant will enable Friends of the IBA to develop its fundraising efforts and popular wildlife education programs as the all-volunteer organization looks toward opportunities to hire its first staff and prepare for accreditation.	\$25,000.00
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Communicating the Conservation Connections - Grant will strengthen GLT's communications program in order to reach and engage a new and diverse constituency in the greater Rochester area and provide opportunities for local communities to connect with nature through programs such as GLT's urban youth conservationists pilot program and Alasa Farms school field trips.	\$25,000.00
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	Buffalo, Erie County	Regional Impact Through Community Gardens - Grant will assist Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo and Greenprint Niagara as they move forward on a strategic merger that will strengthen community garden programs in Buffalo and the City of Niagara Falls. Once the merger is completed, the organization will be renamed Grassroots Gardens of Western New York.	\$40,000.00

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Great Swamp Conservancy	Canastota, Madison County	Conservation Education Programming - Grant will support the Conservancy's Outreach and Community Engagement Coordinator and its popular environmental education and Watchable Wildlife program by building stronger relationships with visitors, local schools and volunteers.	\$25,000.00
Green Guerillas	New York, New York County	Supporting the Bronx Land Trust & Manhattan Land Trusts - Grant will enable Green Guerillas to advance its collaboration with the Bronx Land Trust and Manhattan Land Trust, helping to provide services, support and programming for 30+ permanently protected community gardens.	\$20,000.00
Huyck Preserve	Rensselaerville, Albany County	Implementing Best Forest & Wildlife Management Practices - Grant will support a comprehensive ecological resource survey for the 2,093-acre Preserve, which was founded in 1931. The project will help define strategic conservation priorities and enable the Preserve to develop a stewardship master plan to prepare for accreditation and implement best forest and wildlife management practices.	\$30,000.00
Kingston Land Trust	Kingston, Ulster County	Investing in Engagement and Development Capacity - Grant will help this all-volunteer, urban land trust in the City of Kingston to take the next step in developing its communications and fundraising efforts, in order to increase community engagement and build long-term financial support.	\$28,500.00
Lake George Land Conservancy	Bolton Landing, Warren County	Organizational Efficiency & Technology Enhancements - Grant will enable LGLC to acquire a new, state of the art database to strengthen its fundraising capacity and to improve land management and stewardship systems for the 4,863 acres of conservation land that it oversees.	\$20,000.00
Lake Placid Land Conservancy	Lake Placid, Essex County	Outreach Program Development - Grant will help Lake Placid Land Conservancy develop and launch a land registry pilot program that will expand strategic outreach to private landowners in areas prioritized for conservation and offer "citizen science" programming to educate landowners about wildlife habitat, invasive species, seasonal phenology and climate change.	\$25,000.00
Lewisboro Land Trust	Lewisboro, Westchester County	Access Nature - Grant will support Lewisboro Land Trust's Access Nature initiative, a collaboration with local towns, schools and community partners, including a local organization that provides individualized care for people with disabilities, to provide inclusive, community access to local public nature preserves and trails.	\$2,900.00
Mianus River Gorge	Bedford, Westchester County	Native Species Triage - Grant will enable Mianus River Gorge to implement a biodiversity protection and restoration program on its 877-acre preserve, focusing on invasive species control, restoration & re-introduction of native flora, and development of a new seed-source protection system.	\$20,000.00

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Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy	Slingerlands, Albany County	Conserving and Connecting Communities for 25 Years & Beyond - Grant will enable Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to enhance and expand its communications, marketing and fundraising efforts to reach and recruit a wider audience, with the goal of building a more robust Capital Region land trust and in anticipation of its 25th anniversary in 2017.	\$40,000.00
Mohonk Preserve	New Paltz, Ulster County	Providing Outdoor STEM Education for Disadvantaged Youth - Grant will support Mohonk Preserve's pioneering initiative to provide outdoor-based Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education experiences for 230 middle school and high school students from the Hudson Valley, including at-risk urban youth from the City of Newburgh.	\$20,000.00
North Shore Land Alliance	Westbury, Nassau County	Preserve Stewardship Internship Program - Grant will enable North Shore Land Alliance to recruit a program leader and four interns (in college and/or recent graduates) who will focus on stewardship projects, gaining career-training and mentoring opportunities through hands-on service to the land.	\$20,000.00
Otsego Land Trust	Cooperstown, Otsego County	Changing Lives Through Organizational Impact - Grant will enable Otsego Land Trust to engage a national community conservation expert as they further efforts to increase community impact, enhance landowner outreach, and more effectively reflect the needs of their regional service area.	\$10,000.00
Pound Ridge Land Conservancy	Pound Ridge, Westchester County	Community Supported Restoration - Grant will PRLC's efforts to restore native habitat at its 38-acre Halle Preserve and at its 18-acre Richards Preserve, with a focus on removing invasive non-native species and engaging with partner organizations, volunteers, and preserve neighbors to raise awareness about methods for preserving and enhancing plant diversity.	\$6,900.00
Putnam County Land Trust	Brewster, Putnam County	Management Plans - Grant will enable the all-volunteer Putnam County Land Trust to complete management plans for 12 of its 33 fee-owned nature preserve properties in preparation for land trust accreditation in the next two years.	\$9,500.00
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance	Petersburgh, Rensselaer County	Ramping up the Rensselaer Plateau Community Forest - Grant will support efforts to complete public access improvements, including improved parking, signage, composting toilet, and mountain bike trails to allow community members, partner organizations and volunteers to implement programs and priority activities outlined in RPA's Poestenkill,/Rensselaer Plateau Community Forest Plan.	\$30,000.00

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Saratoga P.L.A.N.	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Strategic Building Blocks for Conservation - Grant will enable Saratoga PLAN to engage volunteers, interns, landowners, community partners, and biologists with a focus on land conservation priorities and to complete a business plan for resourcing its conservation initiatives in the fastest growing county in New York state.	\$30,000.00
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Clayton, Jefferson County	Advancement of Zenda Farms Preserve - Grant will enable the Thousand Islands Land Trust to develop a comprehensive business plan to guide the development of community events, additional programming, and farm activities on its popular 405-acre Zenda Farm preserve.	\$38,000.00
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust	Watertown, Jefferson County	Enhancing Community Engagement Through Web and Social Media Development - Grant will enable Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust to improve its outreach and community engagement through the development of an updated, interactive website and expanded use of social media and mobile-ready platforms.	\$28,000.00
Wallkill Valley Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Identifying Priority Lands for Conservation - Grant will provide funding for Wallkill Valley Land Trust to engage experts in a project to thoroughly map conservation priority areas in their service area, allowing the land trust and partner organizations to implement a more proactive strategy of pursuing conservation easements on private lands.	\$25,000.00
Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park	Wilton, Saratoga County	Capacity Building Through Community Outreach - Grant will support Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park's ongoing community engagement efforts by enabling recruitment of interns to develop maps, brochures and other updated communication materials, including interpretive materials used in its popular environmental education programs.	\$20,000.00
Woodstock Land Conservancy	Woodstock, Ulster County	Accreditation Support - Grant will enable the Conservancy to obtain expert assistance in preparation for accreditation in 2016 and to provide training and support as the Conservancy transitions to new Executive Director leadership.	\$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$696,800

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Conservation Catalyst Grants			
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American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Connecting Climate Resilience and Farmland Conservation - Grant will launch American Farmland Trust's efforts to engage farmers, conservation partners and others about opportunities to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by conserving agricultural lands and protecting soil quality in New York.	\$20,000.00
American Farmland Trust	Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County	Building Capacity to Bring a Next Generation onto Farmland - Grant will support an AFT initiative to strengthen a professional statewide support network to advance priority farmland conservation and to assist farms in transitioning to the next generation of farmers through a statewide needs assessment, outreach and coaching.	\$20,000.00
Brooklyn Queens Land Trust	Brooklyn, Kings County	Celebrate, Innovate, Reconnect, Link-up and Education (CIRCLE) Initiative - Grant will enable Brooklyn-Queens Land Trust to implement its CIRCLE initiative, fostering community engagement and environmental sustainability within their network of 30+ community gardens, catalyzing new partnerships to support BQLT's pioneering program of urban conservation, stewardship, and community-building.	\$40,000.00
Capital Roots	Troy, Rensselaer County	Strengthening the Capital Region's Foodshed Through Food Assessment - Grant will enable Capital Roots to partner with research institutions, land trusts and other partners to conduct a systematic assessment of the Capital Region's food system, its strengths and weaknesses, and opportunities to make improvements that can benefit both agricultural producers and low income communities.	\$30,000.00
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference	Catskill Region (Project Area), Delaware County	Catskill Access and Stewardship Program - Grant will enable the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference to collaborate with land trusts to design, build, promote and manage a network of "community trails" in the Catskills region by sharing expertise in trail layout and design, volunteer training and recruitment, and best practices in trail maintenance.	\$30,000.00
Open Space Institute	New York, New York County	2016 New York State Land Conservation Summit - Grant will enable the Open Space Institute to lead a collaborative effort with land trusts and other partners to coordinate and deliver a major statewide land conservation conference that will include expert-led workshops, field trips, and networking opportunities. The Summit, scheduled for May 2016 in Saratoga Springs, is expected to draw 300+ attendees.	\$38,000.00

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Peconic Land Trust	Southampton, Suffolk County	Revitalizing Conservation in the Town of Riverhead - Grant will support Peconic Land Trust's initiative to identify and prioritize farmland and undeveloped open space in the Town of Riverhead and to assist the Town in re-establishing its farmland protection and Transfer of Development Right (TDR) programs.	\$30,000.00
Rensselaer Land Trust	Troy, Rensselaer County	Rensselaer County Conservation Plan - Grant will enable the Rensselaer Land Trust, with input and collaboration from municipalities, community groups, land trusts, and residents, to complete its first county-wide, strategic land conservation assessment, a project that will identify and map priority wildlife habitat, water resources and scenic values and include public workshops and community outreach.	\$40,000.00
The Scenic Hudson Land Trust	New Paltz, Ulster County	Wayfinding and Trail Design - Grant will support Scenic Hudson's leading efforts to develop and promote a continuous multimodal trail system along the Black Creek Corridor through the Towns of Esopus and Lloyd that recognizes the area's history and biodiversity, advancing tourism and outdoor recreation in the area.	\$37,000.00
Teatown Lake Reservation	Ossining, Westchester County	Coordinating Land Trusts to Galvanize Public Support for Conservation - Grant will enable Teatown Lake Reservation to take the next step in advancing the Environmental Monitoring and Management Alliance (EMMA), an innovative, regional platform for sharing data, best practices and strategies in land stewardship, stakeholder engagement and efforts to build public awareness of conservation issues in the greater Hudson Valley.	\$38,000.00
		TOTAL	\$323,000

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

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Conservation Transaction Grants			
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Battenkill Conservancy	Cambridge, Washington County	Schmidt Meadow Preserve Project - fee acquisition (11 acres) - Grant will cover costs associated with acquisition of a prime riverfront parcel with over 2,000 ft. of stream frontage, enabling the Conservancy to create a new public access point to the popular river, complete a survey and species inventory, and implement stream habitat improvements.	\$10,000.00
Champlain Area Trails	Westport, Essex County	Split Rock Wildway, Duca Parcel - conservation easement (120.5 acres) - grant will support permanent protection of private lands located within a critical wildlife corridor that connects the Split Rock Wild Forest and the Adirondack mountains and enable CATS to further develop its Westport to Essex ("hamlet-to-hamlet") community trails initiative.	\$30,000.00
Cragsmoor Conservancy	Cragsmoor, Ulster County	Zeger/Moore Property - conservation easement (9 acres) - Grant will help cover costs association with permanent protection of a forested property in the hamlet of Cragsmoor, near Sam's Point Preserve at the southern end of Minnewaska State Park.	\$2,750.00
Finger Lakes Land Trust	Ithaca, Tompkins County	Otisco Shoreline Protection Project - fee acquisition (38 acres) - Grant will support the acquisition of a parcel featuring 1,300 ft. of rare, undeveloped shoreline on Otisco Lake, home to nesting habitat for bald eagles, mature hardwood forest and scenic ravines. Finger Lakes Land Trust intends to open the new preserve to the public, allowing low-impact recreation such as hiking, canoeing, fishing, and bird watching.	\$30,000
Genesee Land Trust	Rochester, Monroe County	Cornwall on Lake Ontario - fee acquisition (74 acres) - Grant will support GLT's acquisition of a priority property along the Lake Ontario shoreline in the historic Hamlet of Pultneyville. Genesee Land Trust plans to engage the community to develop management plan and public access plan that will make the new conservation property an extension of the walkable community as well as a destination for visitors and school field trips.	\$20,500
Hudson Highlands Land Trust	Garrison, Putnam County	O'Connell Boulder Preserve Partnership Project - fee acquisition and conservation easement (31 acres) - Grant will support a collaborative project involving Hudson Highlands Land Trust (easement holder) and Westchester Land Trust (fee holder) that will result in permanent protection of two priority parcels in the Putnam Valley area. The preserve will be open to the public for wildlife viewing and low impact recreation.	\$20,000

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

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

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

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Capacity Grants	\$696,800	32
Standards and Practices Assessment Grants	\$15,000	3
Capacity & Excellence Grants	\$711,800	35
Conservation Catalyst Grants	\$323,000	10
Professional Development Grants	\$398,000	6
Transaction Grants (1,470 acres)	\$367,200	21
TOTAL	\$1,800,000	72