



LOCAL VALUES SAVE THE LAND

Zena Cornfield is Woodstock Land Conservancy's most iconic preserve, just look at our logo! Shortly after Woodstock Land Conservancy (WLC) was formed in 1987, Zena Cornfield was listed for sale.

Fearing that developers would convert this beloved open space, with its stunning views of Overlook Mountain, from an active cornfield into a townhouse subdivision, Woodstock residents leapt into action. In just six weeks, the community fundraising appeal raised over \$160,000 and WLC became the proud owners of their first preserve.

To this day, Zena Cornfield is hayed by a local farmer and enjoyed by all who pass by or stay awhile, thanks to the generosity of approximately 540 families and individual donors who cared about preserving this special space.



MISSION

The Woodstock Land Conservancy is a non-profit organization committed to the protection and preservation of the open lands, forests, water resources, scenic areas and historic sites of Woodstock and the surrounding area.

SUPPORT

When you support the Woodstock Land Conservancy you are joining a community of generous people who care about conserving the open spaces and special places that make our area unique and keep our natural environment healthy. Your financial donations and volunteer efforts are vital to meeting our goals.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Visit our website for more Preserve details. Keep a log of your plant and animal sightings and share with us what you find!

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VISITING THE PRESERVE

Directions: From the center of Woodstock, head southeast on Route 212 for 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Zena Road. The field will be on your left in 0.2 miles. Turn left onto Gitnick Road and park on the side of the road across from the preserve kiosk, or at the Town of Woodstock's "Little Deep" parking area across Zena Road.



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WOODSTOCK LAND CONSERVANCY

welcomes you to



ZENA CORNFIELD

open daily from dawn to dusk



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THE LANDSCAPE

Let all of your senses take in this special place and allow yourself to be in the moment...

Surrounded by forest, Zena Cornfield is a 22-acre agricultural field with stunning views of Overlook Mountain and the Fontyne Kill, a tributary stream of the Sawkill Creek. This field has been in cultivation since the time of the Native Americans. For decades after WWII it was planted in corn, though presently it is hayed.

Take in the view from the Irina Branzburg memorial bench located near the historical marker along Zena Road, or enjoy lunch at the Joy Hopkins-Hausman memorial picnic table by the preserve kiosk.

Stroll a loop path, passing along the banks of an energetic stream, and feel surrounded by the swaying grasses on your way back along the path through the field.

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The magic of Zena Cornfield will stay with you.



FLORA + FAUNA

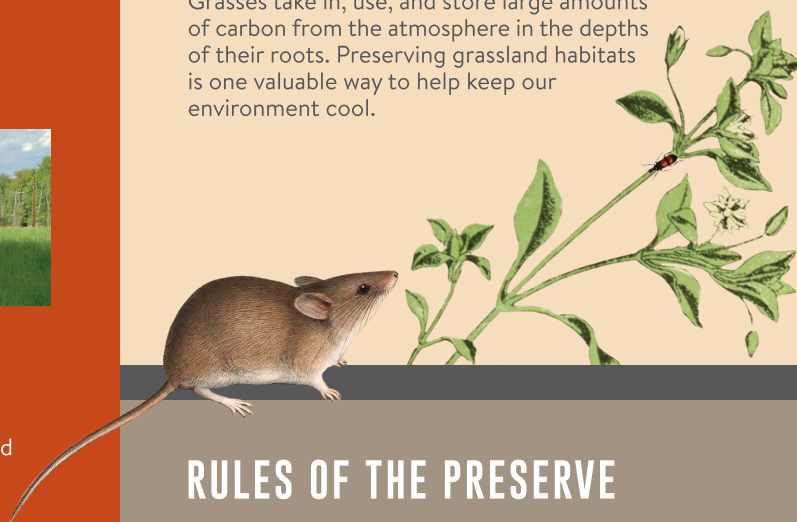
The field is surrounded by a thick buffer of hardwood trees that slows the wind and provides countless habitats for critters. The many shrubs within and underneath the trees create a healthy understory of vegetation, a source of food and habitat for many species.

Grass meadows are vital for pollinators like bees and butterflies, and provide an open space for larger animals, like deer, to rest at night. The stream is fed by mountain runoff, which is cold and clean water. This unique environment supports a diverse array of wildlife for many for all parts of their lives.



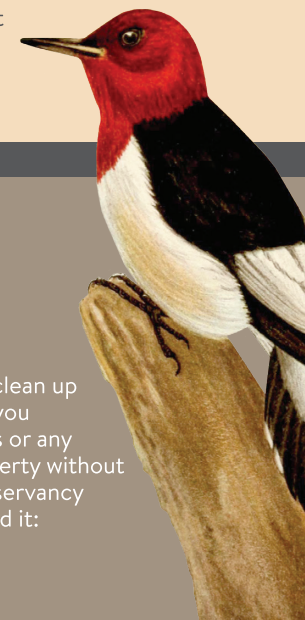
GRASSLANDS + GLOBAL WARMING

Grassland soils are developed by the interactions between eroded minerals, decaying organic matter, air and water, and living organisms. Grasses take in, use, and store large amounts of carbon from the atmosphere in the depths of their roots. Preserving grassland habitats is one valuable way to help keep our environment cool.



STREAM BUFFERS + STREAM HEALTH

Along the banks of undeveloped streams, creeks and rivers, there is often a vegetative barrier called a riparian zone. This plant zone filters the undiluted runoff of agricultural fields, roads, and other potential sources of pollution. The plant roots hold together soil and help prevent erosion, while the overstory of dense tree branches helps keep the water cool and provides countless habitats for wildlife. Rock walls usually weaken over time, yet vegetative buffers gain strength over time, and keep streams healthy in the long term, both for the wildlife that live within them and the humans that live beside them.



RULES OF THE PRESERVE

Please help us protect the ecology of this fragile landscape

- Stay on marked trails
- Enter at your own risk: poison ivy, ticks and other hazards can exist on and off the trail
- No hunting or trapping
- No fires or overnight camping
- No use of motorized vehicles
- No mountain biking or horseback riding
- Dogs allowed on leash: please clean up after your pet and take it with you
- No collection of plants, animals or any other specimens from this property without prior permission from the Conservancy
- Leave the Preserve as you found it: carry out what you carry in