

VISION TEST

Our times have further fostered the question - What is WLC's role in our community? When COVID hit we had already begun updating our five-year Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. But the virus taught us new lessons: meeting your urgent need for safe sanctuary and recreation outdoors, through our stewardship of the Ashokan Rail Trail and our own public preserves. Our programming moved online, where we found interested folks beyond our Eastern Catskills service area. Meanwhile, the Catskills and the Hudson Valley's allure soared, with people relocating here in record numbers, and burgeoning development interest, often on a larger-scale. Ulster County, drawing from our local Woodstock Housing Committee's work and from others, authored a study that found a severe lack of housing affordable for most incomes. The complexity of all these interlocking pieces is profound. And adding to it is the toll of climate change impacts – what's a community land trust to do? As we wrestle with these questions, we invite you to join our discussion. We began drafting our V2025 Strategic Plan with guidance from 125 of you who thoughtfully answered a questionnaire. Now, on September 19th, we're hosting a "Community Café" from 1-4 pm. We'll present the draft plan and hear your thoughts in small, breakout groups. With COVID considerations, this program will be held via Zoom. We hope you will join us.

Best,
Maxanne Resnick, Executive Director

JOIN US!

COMMUNITY CAFE:

A WLC Strategic Plan Discussion
Sunday, September 19th, 1-4 pm, via Zoom
To Participate, email ellier.wlc@gmail.com



LONGYEAR FARM DAY

Longyear Farm Day is the event we look forward to all year long. Our community gathers outdoors in the spectacular setting of this 70-year family farm for a "funraiser" showcasing the farm and the environment with activities for all ages. Enjoy an afternoon of music, food, farm tours and exhibits, supported by generous local sponsors and featuring...

- Ellen Kalish, Ravensbeard Wildlife Center
- Woodstock Pollinator Pathway
- Cider Press with Woodstock Supervisor, Bill McKenna
- Billy Denter's Overlook Mountain Bikes, E-Bikes
- Muriel Stallworth's "Living, Land, Learn" program
- Woodstock's Complete Streets Committee
- Delicious local food, this year specially boxed because of COVID protocols
- and more...

We continue to track COVID, reviewing local, County, State and CDC guidelines, to guide us in hosting this large outdoor event. This information will help determine our ability to do so. If canceled, ticket purchases will be reimbursed.

Tickets this year will be pre-sold at www.woodstocklandconservancy.org
\$10 per person, lunch & all activities included.

NEW OFFICE; NEW STAFF

When will the kids move out of the house? Well, at 33 years old, WLC's baby has moved into its first office. We began as an all-volunteer organization until 2009 when we hired a part-time Executive Director. From then, the now full-time Executive Director (E.D.), joined by a Program and Outreach Coordinator, worked from the E.D.'s home. Growing preserves, programs and mission made this unworkable, and recently WLC was fortunate to find a great office location at 74 Mill Hill Road in Woodstock for its two employees, now joined by a third full-time staff person. We have comfy digs and beautiful artwork, thanks to the generosity of a number of you. We are so grateful. If you want to visit, give us a holler, we'd love to see you.

And the Board, Executive Director Maxanne Resnick, and Program and Outreach Coordinator Ellie Reese welcome our Stewardship and Land Acquisition Coordinator, Melissa Peterson. With Melissa's biology and environmental education background and her irrepressible energy, she's already enhancing our preserves aided by some superb volunteers. We want our public preserves to be welcoming, a place to learn about all the life which surrounds us, offering a respite from busy schedules and furthering the protection of our natural ecosystems. We seek to manage our preserves to ensure this. For further staff information www.woodstocklandconservancy.org



NEWS SHORTS

850 ROUTE 28 GETS "POS DEC"

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED

In July the Town of Kingston Planning Board issued a Positive Declaration determination for the proposed 850 Route 28 pre-cast concrete and steel manufacturing facility immediately adjacent to Onteora Lake. This decision acknowledges that there are moderate to large impacts which must be explored in a full Environmental Impact Statement. For two years we've been asking the Town Planning Board to make this determination. At our own expense (supported gratefully by Sierra Club's Mid-Hudson Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club, and individuals) Woodstock Land Conservancy, together with Catskill Mountainkeeper, hired consultants to collect important information for the Planning Board. These reports raised urgent concerns about the sufficiency of the aquifer; the extreme decibel level increase of noise during a multi-year construction process debilitating to humans and wildlife; and the potential loss of artifacts from a historic bluestone quarrying network and the ancestral home of Native peoples. We welcome the analysis that further studies will bring.

Next steps are the Planning Board's determination (scoping process) for what the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will cover. A public comment period will occur with this step. For more information, contact Maxanne Resnick, maxanne.wlc@gmail.com

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Working with website designer Susanna Ronner, (designer of our logo 30+ years ago), WLC is launching a beautiful new website. Find it at: www.woodstocklandconservancy.org

Hope you love it.



DONOR INSPIRES WLC LEGACY GIVING WHAT IS YOUR WOODSTOCK LEGACY?

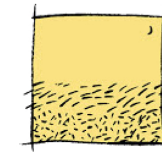
Woodstock Land Conservancy's mission is to protect our waterways, preserve our forests, mountains and open spaces, creating a home for wildlife to grow in abundance. Nature offers us so much - from supporting our basic needs to providing contemplative opportunities, recreation, and economic benefit. Our community holds this as a shared value, one worth every effort to protect.

Recently, a donor came forward offering a \$10,000 match to establish a Legacy Fund, asking WLC to identify a cadre of donors who will include us in their Estate Planning. Can you join this effort? *Will you consider a planned legacy to support our work ensuring that all we hold dear in our community will remain for generations to come?*

We welcome your conversation with us. Please phone or email Maxanne Resnick, Executive Director
maxanne.wlc@gmail.com or 914-466-9263.

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY EMAIL BLASTS

Stay on top of our activities by receiving our weekly email via Constant Contact. Sign up by emailing info@woodstocklandconservancy.org



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