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**Dear Friend,**

### **Resiliency.**

If we didn't get what this word meant before, the last two years have certainly taught us. Changes accelerated by COVID-19 continue to shape our world and change our lives. With telecommuting now possible, many new folks have moved to our community. Like those before them, they recognize the uniqueness of our area with its blend of amazing people, astounding landscapes and abundant wildlife. Through the initial days of pandemic uncertainty right up to now, Woodstock Land Conservancy (WLC) has forged ahead full-steam – and you embraced this. We are incredibly grateful for this community's support over 33 years – and now we turn to you again for our annual winter appeal – our most important fundraiser. **Please give as generously as you are able** to make certain we can continue our essential work.

This year brought mounting pressures to our rural, bucolic setting. Several area developments are proposed — residential, commercial and industrial — while Ulster County has recently documented the need for thousands of units of housing. And there's climate change. As we swing from drought to flooding and monitor bio-diversity and habitat loss, WLC considers its response and is spurred by both community and environmental needs. How can we save what is precious and keep our community diverse and vibrant? It seems we are at a critical tipping point and we risk losing much of what we love. We must understand and help define our community character. With your support we are working hard to do this, and to balance the many issues facing our communities and our world.

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You've told us that, for WLC, these are the priorities that matter most:

- Protecting and stewarding our conserved lands in Woodstock, Saugerties, Hurley and Ulster, including four public preserves
- Improving trails and encouraging biodiversity, thanks to grants and volunteers, at Sloan Gorge, Zena Cornfield and Israel Wittman Sanctuary
- Leading the Ashokan Rail Trail Volunteer Trail Stewards program on behalf of Ulster County
- Monitoring easements on the Comeau Property and 9 others, easements that require WLC to uphold their legal terms – forever!
- And for all these lands, achieving habitat and wildlife protection; nurturing essential forests with their carbon sequestration; protecting vernal pools, wetlands and water bodies that support a wealth of life and cleanse water for our aquifers
- Offering programming including: First Saturdays on the Trail; pop-up hikes; collaborating on the winter Film & Discussion Series and the Woodstock Pollinator Pathway project (see [www.woodstockpollinatorpathway.org](http://www.woodstockpollinatorpathway.org)) extending the community's knowledge and appreciation of all that surrounds us
- Presenting the annual Longyear Farm Day with the Longyear and Reimondo families – a community festival for hundreds of attendees
- Updating our Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, and, with your input, stretching our conservation considerations to embrace current community concerns
- Challenging the site location of the 850 Route 28 concrete/steel manufacturing plant surrounded by the 3,000-acre NYS Bluestone Wild Forest with its beloved trails and Onteora Lake and Pickerel Pond
- Participating with Woodstock Environmental Commission, DEC and Hudsonia in preparation of Woodstock's Natural Resource Inventory, and also joined by Town Planning and Board members, envisioning a proposed Critical Environmental Area in Woodstock

Thank you for loving this beautiful area and being part of the WLC team. Please stay involved. Stay vigilant with us and let's ensure that this unique, inspiring community retains its balance, its compassion and its uplifting beauty. And again, we thank you over and over again for your generous support.

Happy Holidays!

With great gratitude,



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