

ORANGE COUNTY LAND TRUST



The Orange County Land Trust has been devoted to the preservation of our natural and agricultural lands within our communities for nearly two decades. Day in and day out, the Land Trust continues to work with landowners and farmers, ensuring an abundance of clean water, fresh air, locally-grown produce, and resilient landscapes that can stand the test of time.

2015 was a year of accomplishments, as evidenced by a number of ceremonial ribbon cuttings. We helped launch the Chester Agricultural Center, a promising new project aimed at revitalizing agriculture in the Chester black dirt region. We also celebrated the grand opening of our Birnberg Preserve, the largest conserved property found along the entire span of the Heritage Trail, complete with nature trails and an array of improvements meant to attract visitors and encourage outdoor recreation.

These are just a few of the achievements we celebrated throughout the year and I could not be more grateful to our strategic partners that helped make it happen, especially the Land Trust Alliance, Scenic Hudson, Open Space Institute, and Orange County Government.

Most importantly, thank you to our community members and sponsors for your continued support. It is your generosity and passion that gives life and momentum to our mission.

For the land,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Delaune".

Jim Delaune
Executive Director

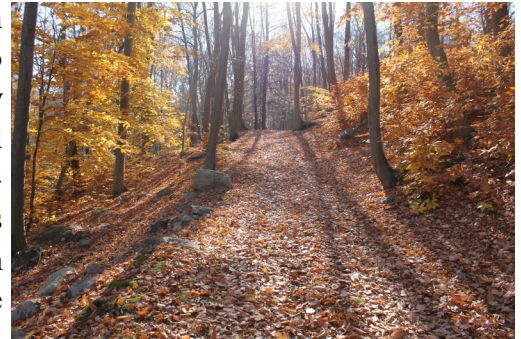


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OCLT signed a conservation easement preserving 29 acres of land in Tuxedo bordering Sterling Forest State Park. The property is adjacent to nearly 60 acres already conserved by OCLT and contains habitats known to sustain several rare wildlife species.

2015 also marked the launch of the Chester Agricultural Center, which represents a collaboration utilizing funds from private investors to expand farming opportunities in the Chester black dirt region, primarily for next generation and transitioning farmers. The Orange County Land Trust has helped secure funding for the development of this groundbreaking program and continues to be an active partner to ensure its success. The Center consists of 160 acres of farmland with 4 farm operations, with additional acreage and new farm operations on the horizon.



Conserved land in Tuxedo, NY



Ribbon cutting at Chester Agricultural Center

Since acquiring Birnberg Preserve in 2012, the Land Trust has transformed the 187-acre parcel into an attractive destination that perfectly compliments the Orange County Heritage Trail. The Land Trust continues to implement improvement and beautification projects at the preserve to help increase and enhance visitation. The official grand opening was held on July 11, 2015.

OCLT partnered with Crystal Run Healthcare in Monroe and Washingtonville on a wetlands mitigation project that was required for the construction of a new healthcare facility. By helping to create and secure new wetlands, OCLT was able to promote economic development through conservation and restore the delicate balance where business and nature can thrive.

The Land Trust received a \$14,000 grant through the NYS Conservation Partnership Program to assist in the acquisition of forested land buffering the Appalachian Trail in the Town of Monroe. OCLT partnered with the NY-NJ Trail Conference to preserve this critical property from potential development to help ensure the Appalachian Trail continues to provide visitors with the wilderness experience that many of its hikers have grown accustomed to seeing since its creation in 1937. The property also borders Sterling Forest State Park and is located in the “Greater Sterling Forest Area” as identified in the New York State and Orange County Open Space Plans.



Volunteer Clean-up in Newburgh with Staff from Boeing/ Stewart Air National Guard Base

When the Warwick Conservancy announced its decision to cease operations as an all-volunteer land trust, they requested the help of OCLT to take over their conservation responsibilities and commitments, including the stewardship of two conservation easements in the Village of Warwick. The Land Trust also monitors the Town of Warwick's 3,000 acres of protected farmland and open space under conservation easements.

Along with these achievements, we also celebrated the appointments of Jack Berkowitz, Eli Hart, and Brian Varley to our Board of Directors, bringing with them a wave of enthusiasm and exuberance to our organization.

The Land Trust also hosted a number of family-friendly outings, nature-based programs, guided hikes, and volunteer projects; helping to instill a sense of community pride and a respect for the environment among participants.

Orange County Land Trust is dedicated to preserving Orange County's natural resources, scenic landscapes, and working farmland through conservation agreements with willing landowners. In partnership with Orange County Government, the Land Trust continues to be a leader in land preservation in the county. For more information on conservation easements, volunteer opportunities, or making a contribution, call (845) 534-3690 or visit www.oclt.org

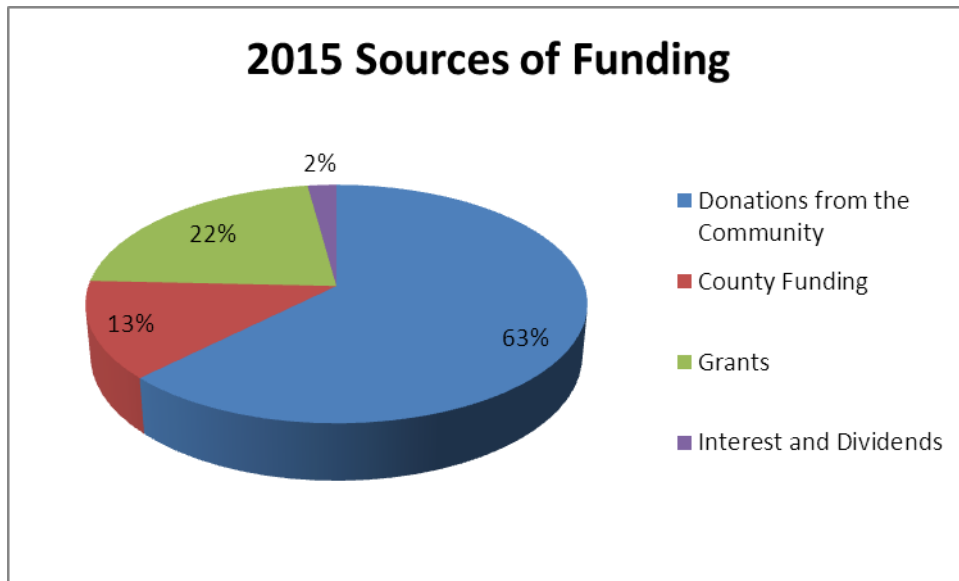


Guided Hike at Fuller Mountain Preserve, credit: Andy Hart



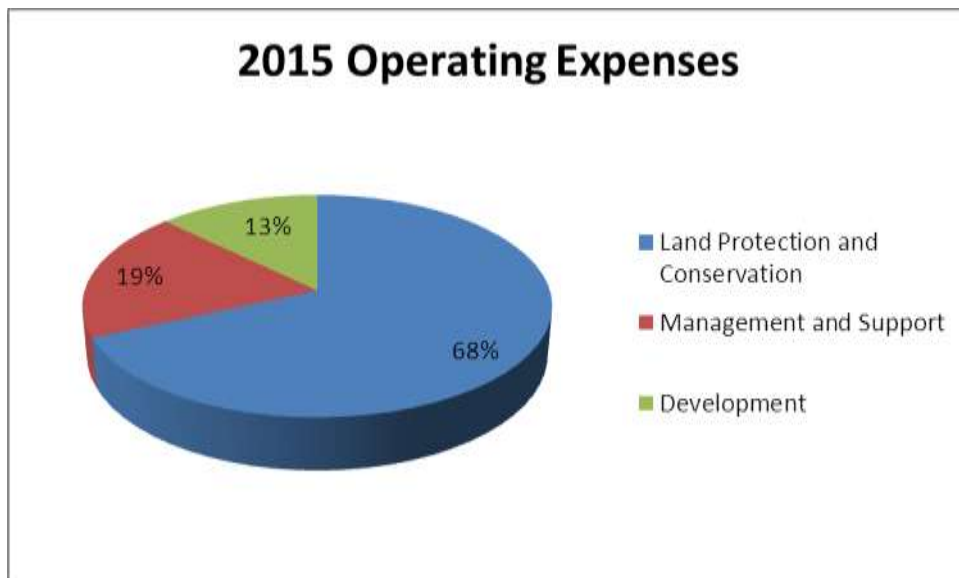
Lowland Farm, Warwick, NY.

2015 Income and Expenses



In 2015, donations from the community totaled \$264,891.00, accounting for 63% of the land trust's income. County funding of \$55,892.00 accounted for 13% of our income and \$93,850.00 in grants accounted for 22% of land trust income. Interest income from various funds accounted for \$9,056.00, or 2% of income.

In addition, the land trust received in-kind donations of land and services totaling at \$2,572.00. Total assets in 2015, including investments and land, were valued at \$5,922,464.00.



In 2015, 68% of income was allocated to land protection and conservation, for a total of \$321,450.00. About 19% of income was allocated to management and support, for a total of \$89,384.00. In the area of development, \$60,003, or 13% of income was allocated to provide these services.

Thank you 2015 Members and Supporters!

The Orange County Land Trust is grateful to all those that share with us a commitment to conservation in Orange County.

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