

We invite you to join us in a campaign that will influence the level of natural resources protection, land conservation, and environmental awareness in the Hudson Highlands forever.

The next few years will be decisive for the landscape and character of the Hudson Highlands. As we enjoy this beautiful and unique region during our time here, we must be mindful of our responsibility to preserve it for future generations. We are at a tipping point between our collective vision of protected scenic, historic and ecological quality, and the creeping threat of suburban sprawl.

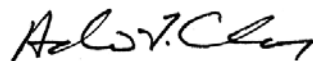
The Hudson Highlands Land Trust is uniquely positioned to lead this fight. In addition to working directly with landowners and monitoring and enforcing easements, we work to ensure that local public policy is informed by accurate environmental data and reflects the long-term goals of the larger community. Since the Highlands' topography, ecology and viewshed are not defined by political boundaries, HHLT must be a force in a number of different communities at the same time. We believe strongly that we are stewards not just of the conservation easements that we hold, but of the Hudson Highlands themselves. These responsibilities extend *in perpetuity*.

HHLT is seizing this moment to expand and meet these growing challenges through The Highlands Steward Fund. There is a unique convergence of market conditions, urgency and opportunity. An aggressive step toward conserving this special place for all time can — *must* — be taken now. Please read on and consider how you can participate in The Highlands Steward Fund and help conserve the Highlands *forever*.

With thanks,



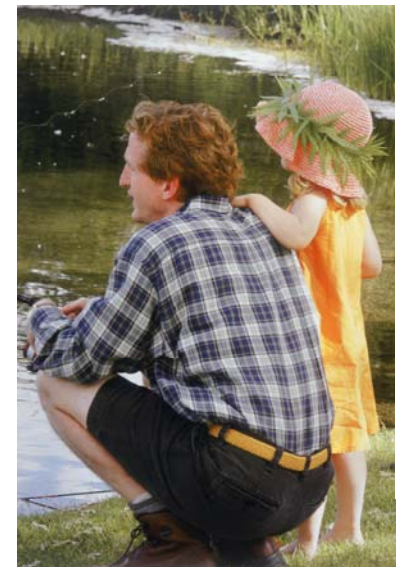
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The Hudson Highlands Land Trust

Protecting the Highlands...



Celebrating our connections to each other



Conserving the land we love



Enjoying nature together



Working toward positive change



Preserving our links to the past



Creating a sustainable future



Protecting our natural resources

... in perpetuity.



The Highlands Steward Fund

The Highlands Steward Fund is a three million dollar campaign that will:

- Allow the Land Trust to continue and expand its work protecting the Highlands
- Provide financial flexibility and strength for our critical land preservation work
- Build momentum for our vital public policy and community outreach work. . .

. . . in perpetuity.

The Highlands Steward Fund will create crucial stability for the Land Trust by ensuring:

- A secure base for financing land protection
- Strength to affect change
- Market agility and adaptability to swiftly protect “land at risk”

The structure of the Fund will allow for maximum stability while also supporting HHLT to take aggressive strides in land protection. The dollars raised will support the organization itself — to ensure that our long-term responsibilities can be met now and well into the future. The Highlands Steward Fund will also serve as the foundation of a Land Acquisition Fund that will make it possible for the Land Trust to purchase “at risk” land and acquire building rights when necessary to preserve properties and viewsheds that would otherwise not be protected by conservation easement donation.

Please join us in making this critical investment to preserve the Highlands now and forever by supporting The Highlands Steward Fund.



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Donor Categories...

HIGHLANDS LEADER – We are seeking at least thirty “leadership contributions” of \$50,000 or more. Donor commitments can be segmented and extend for multi-year periods (*i.e.* \$50,000 a year for two years = \$100,000). Both personal and family foundation support will be eligible for Highlands Leader recognition.

HIGHLANDS GUARDIAN – We are seeking at least twenty-five major donors to make a Guardian level contribution of \$10,000 or more. Donor commitments can be segmented and extend for multi-year periods. Both personal and family foundation support will be eligible for Highlands Guardian recognition.

HIGHLANDS FRIEND – All contributions of below \$10,000. Donor commitments can be segmented and extend for multi-year periods. Both personal and family foundation support will be eligible for Highlands Guardian recognition.

Please contact the Land Trust staff for more information on the Highlands Steward Fund and how you can play a part in strengthening land conservation in the Hudson Highlands forever.

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