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HHLT Establishes Timothy Osborn Roberts Young Friends Conservation Award for Local Leadership in Conservation

*Award to be presented to Ecological Citizen's Project
at 6th Annual Young Friends Fall Fest on October 20th*

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is pleased to announce the new **Timothy Osborn Roberts Young Friends Conservation Award**, established in memory of local conservationist Timothy Roberts. Each year going forward, the award will honor extraordinary young leaders in conservation whose work has contributed to the protection and preservation of the Hudson Highlands. The inaugural award will be presented on **October 20th** to **Jason Angell and Jocelyn Apicello of the [Ecological Citizen's Project](#)** for their groundbreaking work organizing and leading the **[Philipstown Community Congress](#)** (PCC). HHLT will also be presenting a special merit award to **David Marzollo** for his spontaneous clean-up of more than 50 tires dumped in Indian Brook this summer.

Mr. Roberts, whose family has been core to conservation in the area for generations, was one of the founding members of the Young Friends of HHLT committee. With a passion for conservation, he generously contributed his time and energy to engaging his generation in preserving the Hudson Highlands. He passed away last year after a battle with cancer.

The Ecological Citizen's Project, which Mr. Angell and Ms. Apicello founded in 2015, grows citizen-led campaigns to produce a more just, healthy, democratic and sustainable way-of-life. They created the PCC as a non-partisan process to identify shared community priorities and galvanize action among residents. Following the PCC community-wide vote in 2017, a number of new initiatives were launched with significant conservation and outdoor recreation themes, including: the Philipstown Trails Project, a Clean Water Initiative, and a Philipstown Carbon Inventory.

David Marzollo will receive a special merit award for an outstanding act of conservation for single-handedly cleaning up more than 50 tires in Indian Brook after they were illegally dumped there this past August.

Both awards will be presented on **Saturday, October 20th at the 6th annual HHLT Young Friends Fall Fest at Winter Hill**. All event proceeds will be matched in Mr. Roberts' memory and will support HHLT's conservation, advocacy and outreach programming.

ABOUT THE HHLT YOUNG FRIENDS FALL FEST

Saturday, October 20 / 2-5pm / Winter Hill, 20 Nazareth Way, Garrison

Generously hosted by the Young Friends of HHLT committee, Fall Fest has become an annual tradition at Winter Hill over the past six years. As in previous years, this year's event will be filled with fun fall activities for all ages, including a guided hike to the historic Revolutionary War Redoubt, fresh apple cider pressing on an antique cider press, hands-on nature activities for children, and plenty of delicious seasonal snacks and beverages. Tickets are \$25 for local residents and all children under 12 are free. Additional event details and online registration can be found at hhlyoungfriendsfallfest.eventbrite.com.

ABOUT HHLT

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust is a community-based, accredited, non-profit conservation organization with a mission to protect and preserve the natural resources, rural character and scenic beauty of the Hudson Highlands. www.hhlt.org

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