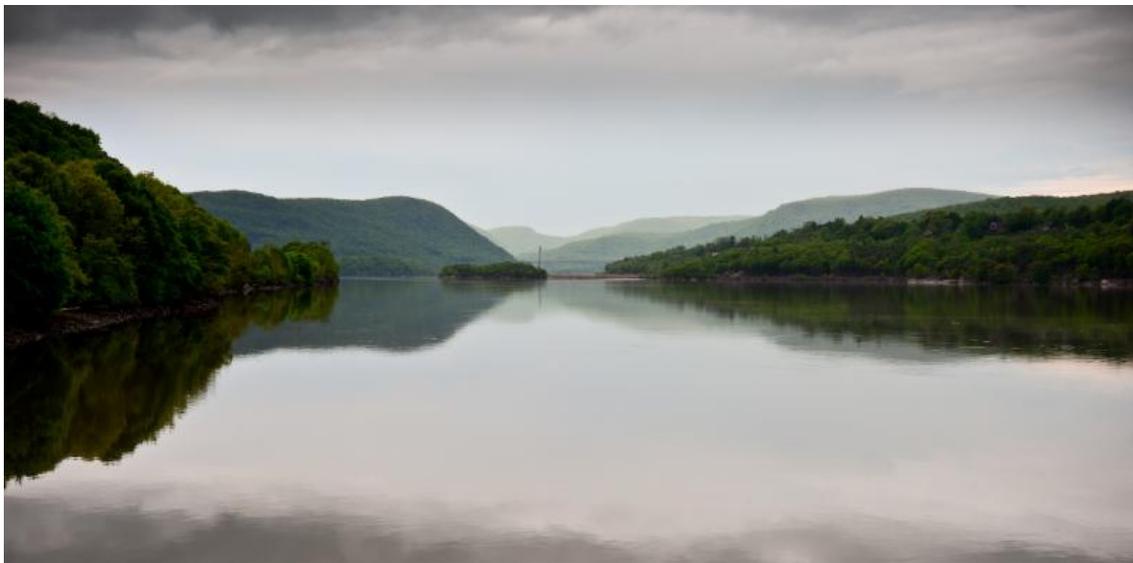




News from HHLT: September 2018

Join Us at HHLT's Autumn Cocktail Benefit on Wednesday, October 3rd, Hosted by Retro Report



Our annual Autumn Cocktail Benefit is less than a month away! This year's benefit, scheduled for **Wednesday, October 3rd**, is generously hosted by [Retro Report](#) and will take place at their offices, close to Grand Central Terminal in New York City.

Our hosts are planning a very special evening for us. Benefit guests will have the opportunity to experience the inner workings of an independent, non-profit news organization. The event will include a screening of a new Retro Report environmental documentary and a Q & A session with the producer. Those who purchase tickets at certain levels will be invited on a private tour of Retro Report's state-of-the-art digital newsroom.

Please [contact us](#) if you have any questions about the event or would like to receive an invitation. All benefit proceeds directly support our conservation work. We hope you'll join us!

HHLT Applying for Land Trust Accreditation Renewal; Public Comments Requested

We are in the process of applying for renewal of our accreditation through the [Land Trust Accreditation Commission](#), an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance. A public comment period is now open through **December 14, 2018**.

The land trust accreditation program recognizes organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and

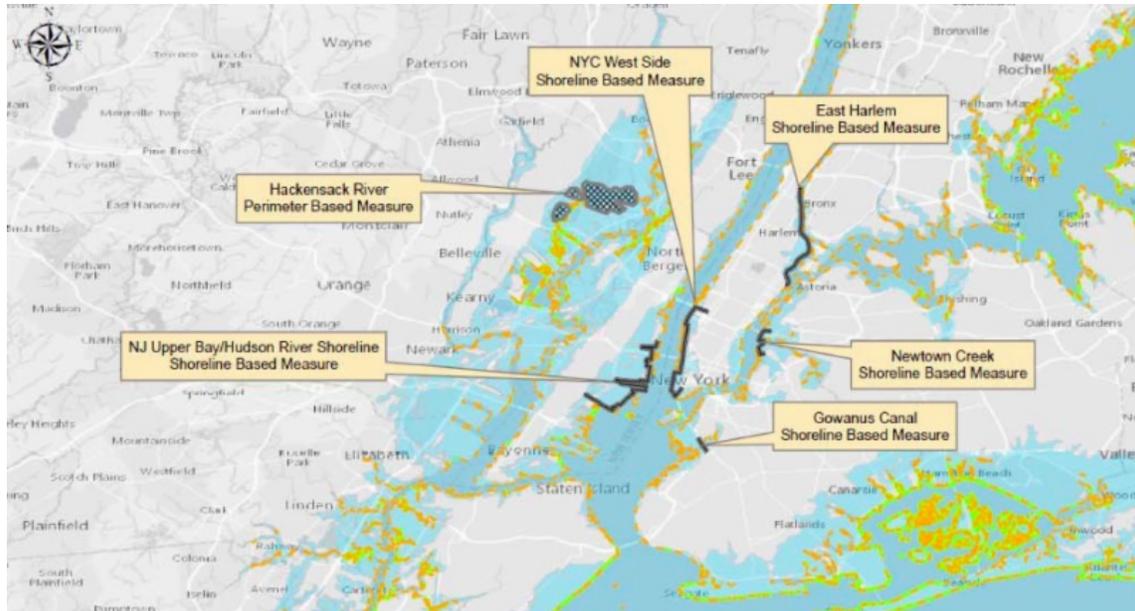
working lands forever. We were among the first 39 land trusts in the United States to be awarded Accredited Land Trust status in 2008.



As part of its extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs, the Commission invites public input on pending applications. Comments must relate to how we comply with [national quality standards](#) that address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust.

Please visit [our website](#) to learn more about the accreditation program and how to submit comments. Many thanks in advance!

Deadline for Comments on Army Corps Proposal for Storm Surge Barriers Extended to September 20th



The comment period for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers NY Harbor and Tributary Study, which is evaluating proposals for installing storm surge barriers, has been extended to **SEPTEMBER 20TH**. But don't delay; the Army Corps still needs to hear your concerns ASAP, so please take the time to submit comments before the new deadline asking them to:

- Extend the timeline for the full feasibility study beyond three years
- Schedule more public meetings throughout the Hudson Valley during the Scoping Process
- Study what you love most about the Hudson River, because it may be at risk
- Study the environmental impacts of all five alternatives before arriving at a "shortlist" (and if that isn't feasible, then to ensure that "Alternative 5," which proposes shoreline-based floodwalls and levees (pictured above), makes it to the shortlist).

Read this ["Perspective" article](#) in *The Putnam County News & Recorder* authored by our Executive Director, Michelle Smith, for an overview of what's at stake and then visit [our website](#) for instructions on how to submit comments. You can also visit the [Riverkeeper](#) and [Scenic Hudson](#) websites for additional commentary on this important issue.

Save the Date for Our Annual Young Friends of HHLT Fall Event on Saturday, October 20!



Mark your calendars for day of autumn fun at Winter Hill! Our annual fall event hosted by our Young Friends of HHLT committee is scheduled for **Saturday, October 20th from 2-4pm** (with a rain date on Sunday, October 21st). The afternoon will be packed with family-friendly activities: Hiking to the historic North Redoubt! Pressing your own fresh cider on an antique cider press! Hands-on nature activities for kids! Enjoying the beautiful Hudson Highlands fall foliage! And so much more!

Additional event details, including online registration, will be available in the coming weeks. Proceeds from the event will support our land conservation, advocacy and outreach programming. Seasonal snacks and beverages will be provided!

HHLT Stewardship Manager Nicole Wooten Named Rising Environmental Leader



We are absolutely thrilled that our Conservation Stewardship Manager, Nicole Wooten, has been named a "Rising Environmental Leader of the Hudson Valley" by the [Hudson Highlands Nature Museum](#). This award honors outstanding young professionals who will be leading the charge in years to come to protect and preserve our region.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating Nicole's achievements at the Nature Museum's 12th annual

[Champaigne Brunch](#) on **Sunday, November 11th** at the Powelton Club in Newburgh. Frances F. Dunwell, noted conservation leader and author of two award-winning books on the Hudson River, will be presenting the awards. Congratulations, Nicole!

Town and County Representatives Meet at HHLT for "Roads and Water" Workshop



Earlier this week, representatives from Putnam County, the Town of Philipstown, the Town of Putnam Valley, the City of Peekskill and the Village of Cold Spring came together for a round table conversation facilitated by The Chazen Companies and convened by HHLT as part of our new Clean Water Initiative, which is exploring land use impacts on water resources in Philipstown and Putnam Valley.

The meeting was aimed at exploring innovative ideas and techniques municipalities can use to manage salt and control sediment accumulation in drainage-ways and streams, recognizing the challenging balancing act needed between environmental concerns and road safety. This meeting was unique in bringing together representatives from local water and highway departments to discuss the environmental issues related to road maintenance, and it was an excellent starting point for future discussions on how to minimize these impacts.

HHLT Awarded Appalachian Trail Landscape Partnership Action Fund Grants

HHLT is proud to announce that we have been awarded multiple Landscape Partnership Action Fund Grants from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) for various land protection projects and organizational capacity building. The grants will help support our work in conserving lands within the Appalachian Trail landscape that are not only beautiful but also vital to wildlife and protect our rich cultural and natural history. To learn more about this grant program, visit [ATC's Landscape Partnership website](#) and watch for updates.



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