Dear friends,

What a year your Land Trust had in 2014!

We added to our long history of excellence, achieving standards rarely reached by land trusts of our size, while affirming a reputation of regional, and even national, prominence through our land preservation work, community conservation programs, and public advocacy.

Speaking of history, HHLT celebrated its 25th Anniversary this year. Centered on a yearlong theme of celebrating the people and places that make the Hudson Highlands so special, we began 2014 with one of the largest and most complex land preservation projects in our history, working with two private landowners to conserve more than 135 acres, with a public trail allowed across the property.

A silver anniversary would not be complete without an unforgettable gala — in October, nearly 350 of our friends and neighbors joined us at Boscobel House and Gardens to celebrate both past achievements and the inestimable promise of the future. In November, we wrapped up this memorable year with the publication of Connecting: Celebrating the People and Places of the Hudson Highlands, a book that reflects the mission of our Land Trust through stunning photography and vivid personal essays.

We've learned many lessons over the past 25 years, foremost that the work we undertake is not going to be easy, and that being exclusionary is counterproductive. By working with ardent environmentalists, successful developers, and the full spectrum of people between, we have learned that for those who truly appreciate the Highlands, there is always common ground. Collaboration has become our “secret ingredient” to produce outcomes that best benefit the region and the people who call it home. We've come to know that the collective imagination of the many is more likely to produce positive outcomes for our communities than the narrow interests of a few.

Of course, growth to meet the region’s conservation needs requires resources. We appreciate your continued support and invite you to come along for the ride as we embark on the next 25 years in our journey to preserve the natural resources, scenic landscapes and rural character of the Hudson Highlands for generations to come.

We wish you all the best in 2015!

Andy Chmar
Executive Director

Chris Davis
Chairman
Mission Statement

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust is a community-based, accredited land conservation organization devoted to protecting the natural resources, rural character and scenic beauty of the Hudson Highlands.

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Anniversaries lead naturally to reflection. This year’s commemoration of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust’s 25th anniversary gave us not only a great opportunity to look back, but also a lens through which we can begin to focus on the future. As we surveyed the last 25 years, one theme came up time after time: how important collaboration and connection are to our conservation work and the communities we serve.

The nature of land conservation as HHLT practices it depends fully on collaboration: collaboration with private landowners who want to protect their property with a conservation agreement; collaboration with government agencies like the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, who seek to augment and buffer State Parks, Preserves and Unique Areas; and collaboration with elected officials and community leaders interested in finding ways to boost the vitality of their communities while preserving the scenic and environmental integrity of the Highlands.

These partnerships have resulted in numerous successful outcomes in 2014.

**Planning the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail**
HHLT and a group of committed partners continue to work on a project that promises to enhance the enjoyment for, and improve the safety of, thousands of hikers and motorists who utilize the NY
State Route 9D corridor between the City of Beacon and the Village of Cold Spring: the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. For years, popularity of the trails along Breakneck Ridge and surrounding public parklands has been increasing, creating both a challenge and an opportunity for those interested in improving access, increasing safe parking conditions, and enhancing visitor experience to this area. Initial plans for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail route have been vetted by the public during four open meetings and primary work has begun for signage and interpretive elements. A thorough environmental impact review will be underway soon.

**Conservation on Old Albany Post Road**

In terms of traditional land conservation projects, HHLT started 2014 by completing a multistep project that resulted in the permanent protection of 134 acres and includes a public access component. Working closely with neighboring landowners, HHLT’s land preservation team shaped an agreement that forever protects an environmentally sensitive area, including the former Mountain Trace subdivision, and lays the groundwork for a new public hiking trail in Garrison, NY.

**Partnership with Putnam County Land Trust**

Additionally, HHLT teamed up with the Putnam County Land Trust (PCLT) to protect a six-acre property in Putnam Valley, NY, which is in close proximity to the Durland Scout Reservation and borders town-owned land on one side. The property is now owned by PCLT and conserved through a conservation agreement with HHLT. The preserve consists of an ecologically sensitive patchwork of natural features, including wetlands, various forest types, and a boulder field with a stream running through it.

**Donation to New York State Parks**

HHLT was also instrumental in the donation of 9.4 acres of land to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation by 20 Nazareth Way LLC (also known as Winter Hill, and HHLT’s office location). This donation, coupled with the new parking area, created by HHLT off of Snake Hill Road, and the connector trail, will allow for safe and convenient access to the historic North Redoubt section of Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve. Early in 2015, the remaining 20 acres at Winter Hill was preserved through a donated conservation agreement from 20 Nazareth Way LLC, which HHLT will steward and enforce.

**Celebrating 25 Years**

HHLT commemorated its 25th Anniversary year in 2014 with a wide variety of events and activities designed to celebrate with residents and visitors to our mission area communities. HHLT created the “25 Treasures of the Highlands Geocaching Adventure” as a means to get a diverse population of people out on the land. A series of 25 geocaches have been placed throughout our mission area to highlight the beauty, history and ecology of the Hudson Highlands. The free self-guided geocache program has attracted hundreds

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**Legacy Landscapes Project**

**Preserving our iconic views, cherished lands and vital natural resources**

The magnificent natural beauty of the Hudson Highlands, coupled with its proximity to Manhattan, has always made this region a desirable target for developers. The subdivision of larger parcels into smaller residential lots is the greatest threat to our beautiful and unique area. These subdivisions increase density and erode the rural character and natural beauty of our communities, as well as threaten our natural resources, causing further fragmentation of delicate ecosystems.

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust established the Legacy Landscapes Project in 2011, a plan that identifies parcels throughout the Land Trust’s mission area that are important land protection priorities. Based on a comprehensive analysis of resource functions on all parcels within the HHLT mission area, this initiative focuses our land preservation efforts to implement appropriate conservation solutions for those landscapes deemed too important to risk. The Land Trust is working in partnership with private landowners, regional conservation organizations and government agencies, including the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and Department of Environmental Conservation, to achieve these goals over the next several years.

**Legacy Landscapes Project Scorecard**

Priority parcels that have been directly conserved or acquired by HHLT, or that HHLT has facilitated in the permanent preservation by another conservation entity.

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of hikers to the region’s “treasures.”
As part of HHLT’s 25th anniversary celebration, the Land Trust also created a commemorative book featuring 72 photographs of people and places throughout HHLT’s mission area by local photographer Christine Ashburn and essays by several local authors. Connecting: Celebrating the People and Places of the Hudson Highlands has sold more than 100 copies and the Land Trust has distributed dozens more to conserved property landowners, supporters, local public and school libraries, and municipalities.

HHLT also had the privilege to work with award-winning documentary filmmaker, Stephen Ives, and his crew at Insignia Films to create an eight-minute film depicting the breadth and impact of its River of Words environmental education program. “New Voices of Conservation” premiered at the HHLT 25th Anniversary Gala, but is being fine-tuned to become a communications tool with the wider public.

Also in the spirit of connecting, HHLT was fortunate to partner with a number of local organizations on a series of events to better engage the community in our mission, including: Philipstown Recreation Department, Friends of Philipstown Recreation, and the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce on the 1st Annual Philipstown Winter Carnival; and Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary and Hudson Highlands Nature Museum on our annual River of Words Poetry Trails. We also connect regularly with schools, community groups, and other regional conservation organizations in our quest to build a culture of conservation that honors both the character of our communities and the intense natural beauty that surrounds us.

HHLT’s 25th year was productive and memorable on many levels. We look forward to the next 25 years, and intend to strengthen the valuable relationships we’ve forged, build on our achievements and create even greater outcomes. We hope that you will continue to be our partners in conservation.
Over its first 25 years, the Hudson Highlands Land Trust has witnessed that sound land-use planning and decision-making, which balances private land-owner rights with public impact, builds sustainable, diverse communities. We encourage municipal officials and planners to evaluate development proposals thoroughly because smart growth benefits a community well into the future, and poorly planned development can have negative impacts that are difficult, or impossible, to reverse.

As more crude oil is moved along the Hudson River (in barges or on trains), the desire to balance the nation’s need for affordable energy with public safety has become a local concern. The Hudson Highlands Land Trust supports the work of residents, elected officials and conservation partners who are raising public awareness of the dangers of this transport. Rather than demanding that shipments along the Hudson be stopped, they are asking our state and national leaders to establish and enforce regulations that safeguard those who live and work along both sides of the river—and the natural resources we depend on, like safe drinking water.

Likewise, we urge a balanced approach to the exploration of alternative sources of energy, for example, wind power. Commercial and residential wind production has not proven to be cost effective in our region, owing to the absence of reliable, strong winds. As our municipal leaders consider all potential environmental impacts of wind turbines, HHLT remains committed to providing objective data to identify locations where wind currents may provide a viable source of residential energy, and evaluating these for environmental impacts. With proper analyses, wind energy production benefiting individual property owners and the environment may be possible.

During the past year, HHLT board and staff have engaged directly with elected officials, collaborating with other environmental organizations, to advocate for state and federal funding for land conservation and the protection of natural resources. We believe that this sustained effort apprises legislators of the economic benefits of environmental protection, and provides a foundation for successes like the recent vote in the House of Representatives that passed legislation supporting the enhanced federal tax incentive for conservation easement donations.

Since establishing a Hudson Highlands Land Trust Facebook page five years ago, we’ve expanded our online presence and increased the frequency of our posts to inform the communities we serve of regional, state and federal policies that impact local quality of life and natural resources, as well as educational and social events. HHLT’s news posts and “calls to action” receive a high number of views and click-throughs, underscoring the fact that our members are engaged in advocacy efforts to protect this very special area. To see our posts, you can like our Facebook pages (Hudson Highlands Land Trust and Hudson Highlands Land Trust River of Words), join the Hudson Highlands Land Trust LinkedIn group and follow hhlt_org on twitter.
Connectivity in the Highlands

Big forests mean big benefits for wildlife... and for people.

Park at any trailhead and head off into the woods. Almost immediately, things start to shift. The road noise fades, the trail narrows, and the surrounding mix of plants and animals changes. Even if you are not consciously aware of these cues, they make things feel different as you make your way to the forest interior.

Here in the Hudson Highlands, we are fortunate to have large state parks (Harriman is NY’s second largest park) and other protected natural areas in our community. Not only are they amazing recreational resources, but as big, connected patches of forest they are valuable resources for wildlife. Undeveloped ridgelines and corridors, like the Appalachian Trail, with its surrounding swath of protected land serve to connect these protected areas, further enhancing their ecological integrity. Like pearls on a string, the beauty and utility of each is enhanced by its connection to the others. Having large, connected forests that are not divided by roads or development areas in between. Fragmentation can negatively impact some plant and animal species when the resulting islands of

“Forest fragmentation can negatively impact some plant and animal species when the resulting islands of forest are too small to support viable populations.”

Photo by Christine Ashburn with aerial support from LightHawk

Get your hands dirty:

Protecting land can be a dirty business, sometimes calling for tree clearing, trail maintenance, rubbish removal or other outdoor work. If this line of work is appealing to you, we’d like to hear from you. We’ll notify you as projects come up, and advise you as to appropriate clothing and footwear. Volunteers work under the supervision of an HHLT staff member, or a partnering conservation organization staffer. All are welcome; no special skills are required. Please contact Matt Decker at matt.decker@hhlt.org if you want to roll up your sleeves and pitch in! Thank you.
Financial Overview

Results for the Hudson Highlands Land Trust in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 show total operating expenses were $1,121,833, up from $766,169 spent in FY13. The increase in expenses was driven by the addition of a new part-time staff member, who joined HHLT to allow us to better manage the continued expansion of our programs. Additionally, HHLT had a significant, one-time capital expense resulting from an important land protection project preserving over 130 acres. Total revenues, including contributions, grants, and investment income, increased from $957,264 to $1,099,763, with strong growth reflected in all revenue categories.

Financial Structure

Hudson Highlands Land Trust maintains a board-designated investment fund: the Highlands Steward Fund, which is reserved for land conservation stewardship, defense and acquisition. A committee of HHLT’s board, working with an outside investment management firm, oversees the assets, which are pooled in a diversified portfolio. Total investment return for 2014 was 10.4%, following a return of 31.25% in 2013. The board engaged Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs, PC to perform an independent audit.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

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25th Anniversary Gala

On October 10th, HHLT celebrated 25 years of protecting the Highlands with nearly 350 friends and supporters on the grounds of Boscobel House and Gardens in Garrison. The evening included elements designed to feature the many wonderful aspects of the region including its unique character, delicious farm fresh food, and of course, iconic viewscapes. Highlights included the West Point String Quartet, a special River of Words Poetry Trail installation, a short film featuring the program, and al fresco dessert overlooking an inspiring fireworks display on the Hudson…

Energy Conservation Sustainability Forum

In April, HHLT hosted Bright Ideas to Save Money and Resources, a Community Forum on Energy Conservation at the Highlands Country Club. The free event featured one moderated panel discussion, a series of interactive breakout sessions, and the opportunity to browse information tables…
3rd Annual Young Friends Hike and Picnic

The Young Friends of HHLT supporter group held their annual Hike and Picnic in the fall, attracting a record-setting number of participants. The event mixed a vigorous trek to the North and South Redoubts with music, food and socializing in a relaxed setting on the grounds of Winter Hill...

Winter Hill Holiday Tree Lighting

In December, we officially marked the beginning of the holiday season at Winter Hill joined by fellow tenants, The Garden Conservancy and Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, along with friends, supporters and members at a festive and family-friendly reception on the lawn. Our host, Chris Buck, did the honors by flipping the switch to light the white pine tree in holiday style and the Ladies Choir of The Walter Hoving Home led everyone in carols...

Book Launch Reception

In November, we celebrated the launch of our 25th Anniversary commemorative book, Connecting: Celebrating the People and Places of the Hudson Highlands, with a book-signing reception at Winter Hill. On hand for the event were some of the people who made it possible, including photographer Christine Ashburn, graphic designer Joe Dizney, and many of the local essayists and photo subjects who contributed to the book...
Cocktails at Cloudbank

In May, the Land Trust honored our conservation donors and partners with a gathering of more than 120 guests. The reception was hosted by Diana and Jonathan Rose on the patio of their conserved property overlooking the Hudson River in Garrison. Good food, drink and conversation made for a delightful evening...

River of Words Environmental Education

Since 2008, HHLT’s River of Words (ROW) environmental education program has been providing local public school students and teachers with engaging opportunities to explore, enjoy and connect with nature while satisfying curriculum standards. Additionally, we provide teachers with practical tools for teaching outdoors and incorporating nature in virtually all areas of their curriculum. During the summer, our ROW programs at Winter Hill blended creativity and good, old-fashioned, outdoor fun...
1st Annual Philipstown Winter Carnival

HHLT partnered with the Philipstown Recreation Department and Friends of Philipstown Recreation to host the 1st Annual Philipstown Winter Carnival. Winter Hill was full of delighted sledders who were able to take a break from their downhill runs to watch an ice-carving demonstration. Rosy-cheeked ice skaters enjoyed the new Philipstown Ice Rink and other outdoor activities at the Claudio Marzollo Community Center...

3rd Annual ROW Poetry Trail Season

Last summer and fall, HHLT once again collaborated with two partner organizations – Constitution Marsh Audubon Sanctuary and Center in Garrison and the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall – to present outdoor exhibits featuring poetry created by local students during River of Words educational workshops throughout the prior school year. Each installation was kicked off with an opening reception for student poets, school representatives, community members and families...
What’s Ahead in 2015

Check www.hhlt.org for more information on dates and times.

Land Conservation
HHLT’s central mission is land protection. In 2015, our efforts will be directed toward protecting more land faster and stewarding the 83 conservation agreements we currently hold. This year, we will also update HHLT’s proactive, prioritized land conservation strategy, the Legacy Landscapes Project (LLP), to enhance our analysis and to reflect changes that have occurred within our mission area since its launch in 2011. Of course, we will continue to collaborate with private landowners, municipalities, government agencies and other conservation partners to protect the region’s natural resources, iconic landscapes and scenic character.

Public Policy
In 2015, the Land Trust will maintain its presence in the towns and villages within our mission area, and its support of local officials and involved residents who seek to balance conservation, sustainability and economic viability. HHLT will continue to champion the preservation of community character, open space and natural resources through public advocacy in regional, state and federal spheres.

Community Outreach
In April 2015, we will host a free community forum focusing on the economics of sustainable food production and preparation. Morning presentations will give an overview of the topic on a regional level, while breakout sessions will provide tips and information homeowners can use. Additionally, HHLT will host a series of information sessions for professional realtors around the region who are interested in learning more about landowner conservation options and advising conservation buyers.

Educational Programming
HHLT’s Hudson Highlands Regional River of Words Program (ROW) team is refining current offerings and adding new workshops to enhance this program, offered free to all five public school districts in our mission area. ROW’s focus is to connect students to the natural resources and scenic beauty of the Highlands through the creation of Hudson River watershed-inspired poetry and art. We are working with Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary and the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum to present ROW Poetry Trail installations, showcasing student work on both sides of the Hudson River this summer and fall. New in 2015, we are offering an introduction to the Cary Institute of Environmental Studies’ Data Jam for middle and high school students, and an after-school workshop for teachers interested in learning how to incorporate place-based education into the New York State mandated curriculum.

Take–A–Hike!
HHLT’s popular hiking program returns in April and runs through early November with a diverse series of guided hikes that are free to the public and guaranteed to get everyone—regardless of age or fitness level—interested in spending time outdoors. Make sure to register early for the hikes that interest you: these events tend to fill up very quickly. For those who prefer to explore on their own, we are keeping our 25 Treasures of the Highlands geocache adventure in place through this season, as well. Let us know if you can find them all!

Community Collaborations
We started 2015 by partnering with the Philipstown Recreation Department and Friends of Philipstown Recreation to host the 2nd Annual Philipstown Winter Carnival in early February. This year’s event was expanded to include the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce’s First Friday celebration. Residents and visitors enjoyed the late-night festivities on Cold Spring’s Main Street, followed by outdoor activities like sledding and ice skating the next day. Mark your calendars for February 6, 2016. You won’t want to miss the fun at the 3rd Annual Philipstown Winter Carnival.

Please check our website, www.hhlt.org, to confirm dates, times and details for all our planned events and programs.
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Meet the New Hudson Highlands Regional River of Words Team Members

River of Words Program Manager Elise LaRocco brings strong writing and communication skills to the team, as well as a love of the outdoors. Elise has conducted writing workshops for children, and currently tutors middle school students in literature comprehension and grammar, making her a natural spokesperson for HHLT’s environmental education program. “I am very proud to be part of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust River of Words program because in this era of technology, the beauty and value of the environment often is ignored. By exposing children at a young age to nature, I am sure ROW has created many future naturalists and even some environmental poets!”

Kali Bird, our newest River of Words educator, has shared her enthusiasm for science with students during her tenure at the Cary Institute and, before that, Michigan State University. Kali is the founder of Hike New York, an outdoor adventure company dedicated to helping people have their best experience outdoors—exploring our world and reconnecting with nature. “Exploration and appreciation of the natural world is often held hostage in science classes by rote memorization, charts, and graphs. The River of Words Program instead frees our youth to experience their world more fully through art and communicate its wonders through poetry—and I am excited to be part of it.”

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Thank You, Land Trust Supporters! Our board of directors, staff and volunteers wish to thank all of our financial contributors, whose generosity helps to protect the natural beauty of the Hudson Highlands and rural character of our communities. In the next several pages, you’ll see the faces of some of HHLT’s dedicated supporters and friends who joined us for an event or program in 2014. Become a supporter and join this terrific group of people!

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For Renie McGrath, separating where she lives from who she is would be impossible. Renie, along with her five brothers and sisters, was raised in the same Cold Spring Village house she now shares with husband Steve Schweikhart and their two teenage children, Cali and Evan. For years, Renie has run and hiked on the trails and county roads of Philipstown, and waterskied and sailed on the Hudson with her family, never tiring of the scenic beauty and small-town charm. McGrath said, “I feel so fortunate to live in one of the prettiest places in the world. Fueled by the changing seasons, the mountains and the river provide a new canvas each and every day for us to enjoy!”

As Senior Vice President at The Morton McGrath Group-Royal Bank of Canada Wealth Management, Renie has worked with clients to achieve their financial goals for more than 25 years. When her employer’s corporate foundation, Royal Bank of Canada Foundation – USA, launched the Blue Water Project in 2007 — a 10-year global commitment of $50 million (CAD) to help protect the world’s most precious natural resource: fresh water — Renie knew that the Hudson River Valley was a natural fit for support. She came to HHLT with the idea of helping fund our watershed education program, River of Words. For the past three years, RBC has provided critical support to River of Words and the nearly 1,000 local school children it serves annually. Since today’s students are the watershed stewards of tomorrow, RBC — with Renie’s guidance — has made a great investment in water quality protection for the Hudson Highlands.

If you work for a company that has a corporate foundation with a grant or matching program that might be a good partner in HHLT’s work, please contact MJ Martin at the HHLT office. Together, we can make a difference.
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But as readers turn the pages of Connecting, they immediately appreciate our decision to use Christine as the sole photographer. She brings a unique mix of personality and poetry to each photo in a way that honors the connections between people and place, and meshes with the spirit of the book. “It was an honor to work on this project every step of the way and on all levels. I really enjoyed working in collaboration with Joe Dizney’s art direction,” said Ashburn.

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