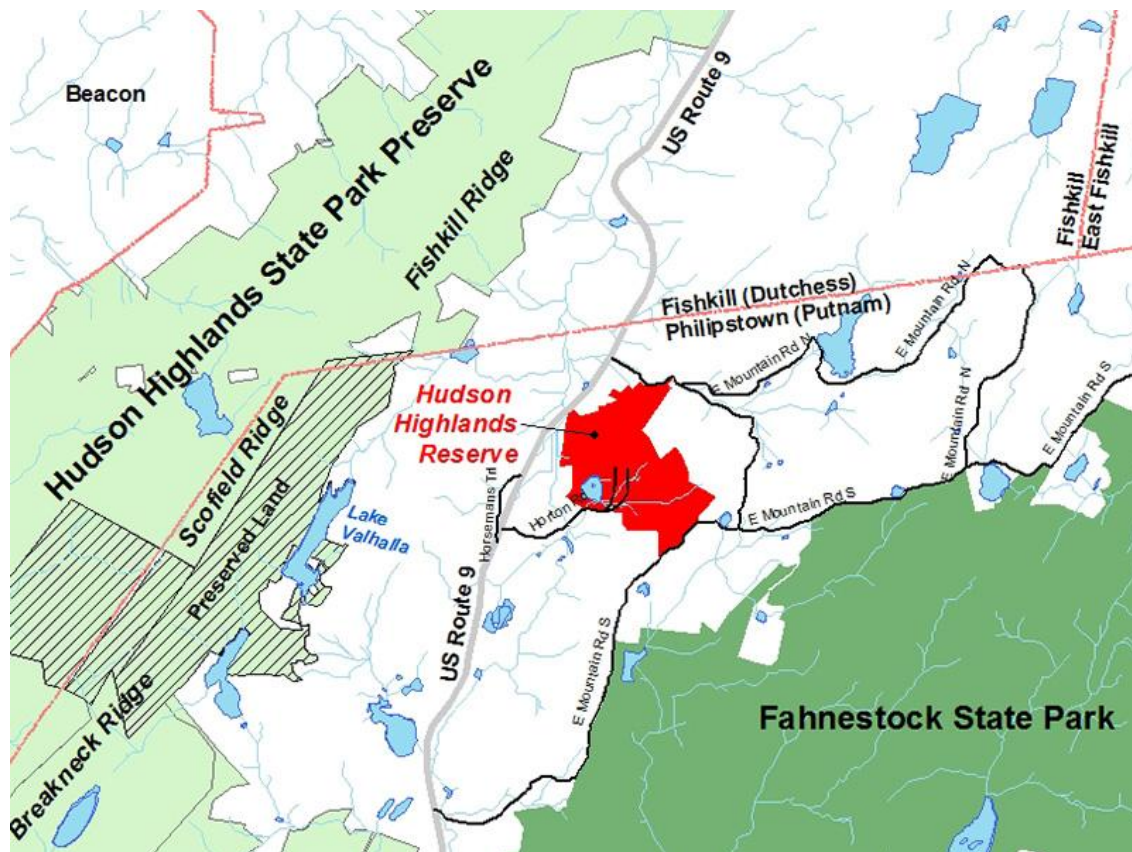




## News from HHLT: June 2019

### Hudson Highlands Reserve Under Environmental Review: Make Your Voice Heard at the June 20th Public Hearing



Last year, the Philipstown Planning Board voted for a full environmental review of the Hudson Highlands Reserve subdivision between our two State Parks, shown on the map above. This is the first "Conservation Subdivision" proposed in Philipstown. The [Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#) is now available for public review and comment on the [town's website](#).

As it's currently designed—with 25 houses and a 40-horse equestrian facility—the development could put our wildlife, water resources, and scenic vistas at risk. You can find more information on [our website](#).

Hudson Highlands Reserve should set a standard for quality development AND protect our environment, but your help is needed to achieve this. Please consider attending the public hearing on **Thursday, June 20th at 7:30pm** at the **Old VFW Hall in Cold Spring** and speaking on the environmental and scenic impacts of the proposed development. You can also send written comments to the Planning Board by **July 8th**. [Contact us](#) if you have any questions about our concerns over the environmental impacts of Hudson Highlands Reserve.

## Community Trailwork Day at Granite Mountain Preserve



Join us for a [community trailwork day](#) in Granite Mountain Preserve on **Wednesday, June 12th** to help us restore and renaturalize the trails within the Preserve. Our Natural Resources Manager, Nicole Wooten, and representatives from [Tahawus Trails](#) will be guiding the work. We have two work sessions planned: a **morning session from 9am-12pm** and an **afternoon session from 1pm-4pm**. Please feel free to join us for either the morning or afternoon sessions, or stay for the entire day.

Additional details and online registration can be found via [Eventbrite](#). Please register in advance so we know how many volunteers to prepare for. [Contact us](#) if you are interested receiving information about future hikes and volunteer opportunities at Granite Mountain.

## Save the Date! HHLT Autumn Cocktail Benefit to Take Place on October 2nd in NYC

Mark your calendars for our annual Autumn Cocktail Benefit, scheduled for **Wednesday, October 2nd** at the home of one of our supporters in New York City. Similar to our Community Forum this past April, the theme of this year's benefit is local wildlife. The event will include a discussion with the filmmakers of the IMAX documentary "[Backyard Wilderness](#)," which recently debuted at the American Museum of Natural History. All benefit proceeds will directly support our land conservation, advocacy and outreach efforts. Stay tuned over the coming months for more details!

## Meet our Intern: Katelyn Pidala





For the past three weeks, Haldane senior Katelyn Pidala has been interning with us as part of the high school's ASPIRE internship program. Katelyn is interested in pursuing a career in environmental conservation, so HHLT has been a great place for her to "dip her toes" in the field.

Of her experience interning with us, Katelyn says: "Over my three week internship at HHLT, I've learned a lot about what a land conservation organization does. During this time, I got to join in on easement monitoring visits, developed social media content, and explore Granite Mountain Preserve. One of my tasks in Granite Mountain Preserve was to plan out a phenology trail. I also learned a lot about GIS mapping, which plays a significant role in many fields, both environmental and not. I'm glad that I learned the basics before heading off to college."

Katelyn is off to Northeastern University in the fall to study Environmental Studies and Economics. We wish her the best of luck in all her future conservation endeavors!

## Local Event: Saunders Farm Barn Dance on June 22nd



Get your dancing shoes out: the annual [Saunders Farm Barn Dance](#) will take place **Saturday, June 22nd**. The festivities will kick off with a potluck starting at 7:30pm, followed by dancing for children beginning at 7:45pm and dancing for adults beginning at 8pm. Music will be provided by the Homegrown Band with caller Robert Livingston. Please bring some food and drink to share. This is an

annual Philipstown tradition that is not to be missed!

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