

FARMLAND PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

CENTRAL NEW YORK REGION

New York Agricultural Land Trust..... \$762,038

This land trust will permanently protect a 263-acre property, operated as a 250-cow dairy, in Onondaga County. This project will help facilitate an intra-family generational transition of ownership from father to son and also to help finance a robotic milking system. The property is comprised of 70% prime soils and 13% statewide important soils. The farm serves to buffer a large wetland complex that comprises a portion of Pumpkin Hollow Preserve, which is owned by Save the County Land Trust and managed as a wildlife preserve. The landowner will contribute \$13,925 toward this project.

Finger Lakes Land Trust \$1,190,261

This land trust will permanently protect the Birdsall Farm, a 620-acre beef operation located in Cortland and Onondaga Counties that is owned by first generation farmers. This property contains 23% prime soils and 59% statewide important soils. Since beginning their farm operation in 2002, the owners have worked to convert this former dairy farm into an expanding beef operation, which features rotational grazing. The farm has a diversity of markets, including Common Natural Meats, local farmers' markets and nine area restaurants. The farm also serves to buffer the adjoining Ripley Hill Nature Preserve.

New York Agricultural Land Trust..... \$484,050

This land trust will permanently protect a 190-acre portion of the Perry Farm. This property contains 21% prime soils and 27% statewide important soils and is used to grow cash crops-grain as part of their beef operation. After learning about Purchase of Development Rights by attending a Cayuga County-sponsored workshop, the owners view this project as a key element of their succession plan to enable a new farmer to affordably purchase this property and thereby continue its agricultural use. The landowners will contribute \$12,500 toward this project.

NORTH COUNTRY REGION

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust..... \$1,807,010

This land trust will permanently protect property located in Jefferson County. The 1,309 acres comprising this project is operated as a cash crop-grain farm containing 32% prime soils and 26% statewide important soils. This property is part of a much larger and diversified enterprise that also includes a large dairy operation, a small beef operation and an agricultural tourism operation (Old McDonald's Farm, serving more 50,000 visitors each year). Earlier this year, the Robbins family received the Dairy Farmers of America Northeast Member of Distinction, one of only seven farms honored each year.

WESTERN NEW YORK REGION

Western New York Land Conservancy \$251,388

This land trust will permanently protect D&J Brawdy Farms, which is a 149-acre cash crop-vegetable operation located in Erie County. The property is comprised of 62% prime soils and 9% statewide important soils. This successful operation supplies fully 15% of all Eden Valley Growers produce and is the exclusive source of grape tomatoes to a local wholesaler who supplies most local grocers and restaurants. The farm has frontage along and serves as a buffer to Eighteen Mile Creek, a trout stream designated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Western New York Land Conservancy \$448,634

This land trust will permanently protect Triple Oaks Farms, which is a 312-acre dairy operation located in Erie County. The property is comprised of 1% prime soils and 12% statewide important soils. This 150-cow operation has been recognized every year since 2000, the inception of this recognition, by the Empire State Milk Quality Council with the Super Milk Award. It is only one of 47 farms statewide that have received this achievement. The farm has frontage along and serves as a buffer to Eighteen Mile Creek, a trout stream designated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.