

RECIPIENTS OF HUDSON VALLEY AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Columbia Land Conservancy \$2,000,000

This land trust will permanently protect the Doyle Farm, a 584-acre dairy farm which is in the process of transitioning into a grass-fed beef operation. The farm lies within a highest priority area of the Hudson Valley/ New York City “foodshed” that has been designated for protection by Scenic Hudson. Scenic Hudson will contribute \$661,700 toward this project and a portion of the farm will donate the development rights as part of the local match contribution for this project.

Columbia Land Conservancy \$1,108,175

This land trust will permanently protect The Farm at Miller’s Crossing, owned by Breathe Deep Farm LLP, a 397-acre property that is used to (1) grow certified organic vegetables as well as bedding plants, small grains, hay and straw; (2) raise grass-fed beef; and (3) produce maple syrup. The farm also lies within a highest priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” Scenic Hudson will contribute \$320,200 toward this project. Additionally, Equity Trust, Inc. has committed to cover the additional cost to acquire a Preemptive Purchase Right on the farm to ensure it will be sold in the future to a farmer at agricultural value.

Columbia Land Conservancy \$636,390

This land trust will permanently protect the Hamm Farm. The farm has been in continuous family ownership since the late 1700s. It is a 185-acre grass-fed beef and crop farm operation. The farm also lies within a high priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” Scenic Hudson will contribute \$223,500 toward this project.

Columbia Land Conservancy \$78,250

This land trust will permanently protect property owned by Artemis Farm LLC and Equity Trust Hudson Valley Farm Affordability Fund. Equity Trust Hudson Valley Farm Affordability Fund acquired a portion of this property with investment funds to facilitate the protection of the land for agricultural purposes and then transfer the protected farm to farmer ownership. Operated as Artemis Farm, this 120-acre enterprise breeds and sells Randall Cattle, a rare but hardy breed of indigenous cattle. The farm also lies within a priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” Scenic Hudson will contribute \$120,500 towards this project and it has also already received an award from the Federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program to cover 50% of the purchase price of this conservation easement. Additionally, Equity Trust, Inc. has committed to cover the additional cost to acquire a Preemptive Purchase Right on the farm to ensure it will be sold in the future to a farmer at agricultural value.

Scenic Hudson..... \$335,248

This land trust will permanently protect Twin Maple Farm, a 107-acre diversified biodynamic farm. This unique enterprise is comprised of (1) a dairy; (2) an on-site creamery, bottling fluid milk and processing yogurt and a variety of soft and hard cheeses; (3) a meat livestock operation; (4) a small grain operation; (5) an organic bakery; (6) a vegetable processing kitchen producing a line of lacto-fermented vegetables and probiotic beverages; (7) fresh vegetables that supply a 300-member Community Supported Agriculture and also six Greenmarkets in NYC and Hudson; and (8) an on-site retail grocery store. The farm also lies within a priority area designated for protection by this land trust within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” Scenic Hudson will contribute \$128,416 toward this project.

SARATOGA COUNTY

Saratoga PLAN..... \$763,951

This land trust will permanently protect 235 acres operated as Arnold’s Farm Fresh Produce and offers custom cropping services and raises vegetables and fruits, but also includes a popular farm store with a diverse line of value-added products, prepared foods, and unprocessed meats and eggs. The landowners will contribute \$30,000 toward this project.

Saratoga PLAN..... \$670,945

This land trust will permanently protect Wildwood Farms, a 220-acre operation that raises heifers for a nearby prominent dairy farm and also raises corn, hay, straw, oats, and rye. Stark’s Knob, owned by New York State, is the only known occurrence of volcanic rock material in the state, making it a significant natural public resource; Stark’s Knob played a prominent role in U.S. history, too. Colonel Morgan and his American “sharp shooter” riflemen effectively maintained a defensive line emanating from Stark’s Knob straight through the Wildwood Farms’ Grange Hall Road parcels during the 1777 Battles of Saratoga. Many artifacts have been found in the Woods’ fields attesting to the site’s role in the Revolutionary War. Those fields received the highest priority ranking in the “Battles of Saratoga Preservation and Viewshed Protection Plan” of 2009 due to their historic significance and their views to and from the Saratoga Battlefield Monument. The landowners will contribute \$30,000 towards this project.

Saratoga PLAN..... \$488,293

This land trust will permanently protect Malta Ridge Orchard and Gardens, a 132-acre diversified direct retail enterprise specializing in fruits, vegetables, meats, herbs, eggs, baked goods, and other value-added products. Several funding partners will share the cost of this project; they include: Saratoga County (\$40,660); Town of Malta (\$40,660); and the landowner (\$15,800).

Saratoga PLAN..... \$481,657

This land trust will permanently protect a 145-acre property, operated as part of the Welcome Stock Farm, which is a dairy operation specializing in direct-load bulk milk and Holstein dairy genetics. Saratoga County will contribute \$80,000 and the landowner will contribute \$15,000 towards this project.

Saratoga PLAN..... \$347,780

This land trust will permanently protect 112 acres that is operated as part of the Eildon Tweed Farm. Eildon Tweed Farm is the largest dairy farm in Saratoga County, but the Wood family has long been one of the underpinnings of this rural economy, renting 2,000 acres on more than 75 different properties in Saratoga, Montgomery and Schenectady counties. The landowners will contribute \$15,000 towards this project.

Saratoga PLAN..... \$198,944

This land trust will permanently protect property that is operated as Anderson Acres, a 58-acre operation that raises beef cattle, sweet and feed corn, hay, tomatoes and other vegetables, proven winter flowers, and bedding plants. Anderson Acres also includes a farm stand on State Route 67 for direct retail of their products. The landowners will contribute \$10,000 toward this project.

Saratoga PLAN..... \$185,936

This land trust will permanently protect a 59-acre property operated as the Saratoga Draft Power Farm in a lease-to-own arrangement. This unique operation is a horse-powered year-round Community Supported Agriculture enterprise. Saratoga County will contribute \$35,900 and the RSF Local Initiatives Fund will contribute \$15,000 toward this project.

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Dutchess Land Conservancy..... \$1,009,850

This land trust will permanently protect additional land of Ronnybrook Dairy. A portion of Ronnybrook Dairy, the "Home Farm," is already in the process of being protected by a perpetual conservation easement as the result of an award to Dutchess Land Conservancy in 2014. This portion of Ronnybrook Dairy is 114 acres. The farm also lies within a highest priority area designated for protection by the Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City "foodshed." Dutchess Land Conservancy will contribute \$5,000 toward this project.

Dutchess Land Conservancy..... \$898,350

This land trust will permanently protect Duncandale Farm, a 168-acre hay and cattle farm. The farm also lies within a high priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City "foodshed." Scenic Hudson will contribute \$254,080 and Dutchess Land Conservancy will contribute \$5,000 toward this project.

Dutchess Land Conservancy..... \$812,850

This land trust will permanently protect property operated as part of Hackett Holsteins. This 167-acre property is a dairy operation that lies within a high priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City "foodshed." Scenic Hudson will contribute \$229,800 and Dutchess Land Conservancy will contribute \$5,000 towards this project.

Dutchess Land Conservancy..... \$291,350

This land trust will permanently protect Caora Farms, a 79-acre sheep farm. The farm also lies within a high priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the

Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” Scenic Hudson will contribute \$83,300 and Dutchess Land Conservancy will contribute \$5,000 toward this project.

ORANGE COUNTY

Town of Walkill..... \$1,808,626

The Town will permanently protect Sycamore Farms, a 203-acre fruit and vegetable operation. Sycamore Farms offers a Community Supported Agriculture program and it has a farm stand with a kitchen capable of preparing a variety of value-added products such as baked goods, jams, jellies, preserved fruit, heirloom tomatoes, and other products prepared from produce that are sold at the farm stand. The landowners will contribute \$4,625 toward this project.

Town of Warwick \$487,100

The Town will permanently protect Newport Bloom Farm, a 79-acre grass-fed beef and pastured pork operation. The farm also lies within a priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” Open Space Institute Land Trust will contribute \$151,750 toward this project.

Town of Warwick \$352,525

The Town will permanently protect property owned by the Peter J. Oprandy Trust, a 175-acre hay operation. The farm also lies within a priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” The Town will contribute 25% of the purchase price of the conservation easement and it will seek an award for the remaining 50% of the purchase price from the Federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

Town of Warwick \$184,325

The Town will permanently protect Brown Farms, an 83-acre grain and forage crop operation. The farm also lies within a priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” The Town will contribute 25% of the purchase price of the conservation easement and it will seek an award for the remaining 50% of the purchase price from the Federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

RENSSELAER COUNTY

Agricultural Stewardship Association \$1,296,905

This land trust will permanently protect GEM Farms, a 541-acre highly diversified enterprise that raises buffalo, beef, hay, soybeans and vegetables. The farm also lies within a priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” The protection of the 179-acre “Home Farm” parcel will serve to buffer the Vlockie Kill, and an unnamed tributary to it. Scenic Hudson will contribute \$414,435 towards this project.

Agricultural Stewardship Association \$587,989

This land trust will permanently protect Tilldale Farm, a 375-acre organic grass-fed beef operation, owned by Dany and Joanne Tilley and Marjorie Herrington. Tilldale Farm has more than 12,000 feet of frontage on the Hoosic River. The farm also lies within a priority

area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” The landowners are contributing a bargain sale donation equivalent to 12.5% of total project costs.

Agricultural Stewardship Association \$541,205

This land trust will permanently protect Mapledale Farm, a 351-acre dairy operation. Mapledale Farm is located in the Historic Route 22 Corridor Special Area, as identified in this land trust’s Farmland Conservation Plan. The farm has more than one mile of frontage along the Little Hoosic River. The landowners are contributing a bargain sale donation equivalent to 12.5% of total project costs.

Columbia Land Conservancy \$126,665

This land trust will permanently protect a 139-acre addition to the already 400-acre dairy operation at Dutch Hollow Farm. The farm lies within a highest priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed” and it is located within the Agricultural Stewardship Association’s Schodack Priority Area for farmland protection projects. Scenic Hudson will contribute \$216,816 towards this project and it has already received an award from the Federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program to cover 50% of the purchase price of this conservation easement.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Westchester Land Trust \$1,843,250

This land trust will permanently protect Stuart’s Fruit Farm, a 172-acre enterprise that grows apples, peaches, various other fruits and vegetables, perennial and annual nursery plants. Stuart’s Fruit Farm is the oldest working farm in Westchester County, which has been in continuous operation by the Stuart family since 1828. The farm also lies within a highest priority area designated for protection by Scenic Hudson within the Hudson Valley / New York City “foodshed.” Many funding partners will share the cost of this project; they include: Westchester County (\$400,000); Scenic Hudson (\$370,000); Town of Somers (\$300,000); Westchester Land Trust (\$25,000); and Somers Land Trust (\$3,000).

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Agricultural Stewardship Association \$331,204

This land trust will permanently protect Thomas Organic Dairy, a 169-acre certified organic farm operation. Thomas Organic Dairy, which has been in continual agricultural production since the early 1800s, contains predominantly prime soils. The Farmland Conservation Plan of this land trust has identified the Thomas Organic Dairy within the Hudson River Corridor Priority Area. The landowners are contributing a bargain sale donation equivalent to 12.5% of total project costs.

Agricultural Stewardship Association \$298,270

This land trust will permanently protect Fuller Acres, a 297-acre dairy and maple farm. The Farmland Conservation Plan of this land trust has identified this farmland as part of a Special Area within its two-county service area referred to as the “Kingsbury-Fort Ann Flats.” The landowner will contribute a bargain sale donation equivalent to 12.5% of total project costs.

Agricultural Stewardship Association \$227,114

This land trust will permanently protect properties owned by Iroquois Valley Farms and Richview Farm. Richview Farm is a 163-acre dairy operation. By selling the development rights associated with its parcels, Iroquois Valley Farms will recoup some of its investment and enable it to invest in other viable agricultural land to similarly benefit other farmers looking to acquire affordable farmland. The Farmland Conservation Plan of this land trust has identified this property as part of the White Creek Valley Priority Area.