Imagine access to your favorite trail was threatened to be closed off forever. But it’s not due to the irreversible damage of a superstorm. It’s because no one considered the impact a casino or large development would have on adjacent recreational lands. No one, except the Trail Conference. Would you do everything in your power to protect your trail?

If so, you’re an advocate for accessible public lands. And the Trail Conference needs your passion to ensure access to nature for everyone. Because every time you enjoy a hike outdoors, you owe someone your gratitude. Someone who, long ago, thought that land was worth protecting and did what they could to make sure it was. We can’t pay them back for their foresight, but we can pay it forward.

The Trail Conference’s legacy of advocacy has been at the heart of its mission from the very start. The organization was founded in 1920 when leaders of the fledgling Palisades Interstate Park Commission met with the hiking advocates of several New York-area hiking clubs to create a trail system through the newly protected Bear Mountain-Harriman State Parks. Within years, the Trail Conference was involved in efforts to protect several areas in the region from mining destruction, including the purchase of land north of Anthony’s Nose to save it from quarrying.

Throughout its 95-year history, the Trail Conference has played an instrumental role in most of the major open-space success stories affecting parks and trails in our region. A timeline of these wins for the environment, as well as an overview of our history building, maintaining, and protecting trails, can be found on pages 6-7. If there’s one lesson to be taken from studying our past, it’s that we must always be vigilant in protecting our land for future generations—because the fight is ongoing.

Today, the construction of oil pipelines threatens a number of our trail corridors in New York and New Jersey—and is already severely disrupting trail systems in Westchester County. The proposed expansion of Kiryas Joel in Orange County would sever the Long Path and Highlands Trail. And protecting sensitive parks and forests from illegal ATV use remains a high priority.

It is our duty as trail stewards to raise awareness of issues affecting our ability to connect with nature, whether that’s by attending local town hall meetings or traveling to Albany, Trenton, and Washington, D.C., to discuss directly with elected officials the importance of access to open space. When you speak up for trails, your voice makes a difference—and as one of the 10,000-plus members of the Trail Conference, that amplified message accomplishes great things.

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Advocating for Open Space: Protecting Trails by Paying It Forward

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The Trail Conference’s first art exhibition at our headquarters, featuring the work of environmentalist, artist, and restoration advocate Richard Kirk Mills, will be hanging on Friday, April 15. Four of Mills’ interpretive graphics are on display, along with nine of his lyrical landscape paintings of Catskill locations.

Mills’ art serves as an example of how the Trail Conference will utilize our new space and artists’ works within it to further our mission—just like trails, art has the ability to engage the public in conversation about responsible use of the natural environment.

Brendan Cunningham

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Where: Trail Conference headquarters, 600 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, N.J.
Details: Open to our members and the public. The paintings are for sale with 20 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Trail Conference.

Visit our Trail Store on Saturdays beginning April 23.

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These workshops will take place on Saturdays, April 15-17 and May 28-30. The first day of each course is an optional add-on to learn about how to prepare and manage the work site and have the options of all skill levels are invited to participate.

Our two-day workshops are a collaboration between the Trail Conference and The Stone Trust from Dummerston, Vt. The Stone Trust advocates for the preservation of existing dry stone walls and promotes using the correct structural standards for the construction and restoration of dry stone walls. The workshops will be led by three of the top Dry Stone Walling instructors in North America. They hold certification from The Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain (DSW-GB), and will be using the creation of a dry stone wall in front of the Schoolhouse as an unparalleled teaching tool in the New York City metro area. Construction of a freestanding, dry stone wall is an essential requirement in the Trail Conference’s restoration and renovation of the historic Darlington Schoolhouse. The wall will run over 160 feet along Ramapo Valley Road and be 3.5 feet tall. It will mimic historic stone fences from the time period in which the building was originally constructed, using a variety of local fieldstone and quarried stone.

Joining Ramapo College of New Jersey has do-

dated fieldstone, while quarried stone has been crafted to please and inspire the nature’s canvas, gives me an opportunity, and sometimes a response to a challenge or an organization changed? Absolutely! I have a new appreciation for how challenging and how important the work of the Trail Conference is. The Trail Conference makes it easy to get started with a wide array of opportunities—from reducing erosion and protecting the environment, to protecting and inspiring the user. Second, it reveals that trails are built and maintained by volunteers, just like you and me.

I’m extremely pleased by the high quality of this exhibit and its unique focus on the art and science of trail building by volunteers. But what makes me really excited is its location at the foot of Bear Mountain, where millions of everyday people gather each year.

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Throughout the 1990s, the Trail Conference was a leader in the movement to protect the Adirondack Park—one of many new trails set to make these woodlands more accessible. Though the on-the-ground work took roughly two years to complete, the opening of this trail was more than 20 years in the making. 

The tireless Trail Conference volunteers who took a stand to make Sterling Forest State Park a reality truly knew that advocacy, essentially, means “protecting what you love.” The people who show up for the causes they believe in tend to be ordinary folks, the “grassroots” difference-makers. These are the people who care passionately enough about a mountain or a trail network to attend critical town meetings and call elected officials. Advocacy has the greatest return for effort given—it brings important matters to the attention of decision-makers who can create solutions with long-lasting impact. 

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On our unique model of mobilizing volunteers. She also took part in Hike the Hill, an initiative to give environment-minded groups access to members of Congress and agency officials to advocate for trails. Read more about Amia’s time in D.C. on our blog.

Hikers’ Directory

Can’t find your club? This list represents all Trail Conference member clubs whose dues are up-to-date. If you have questions about your club’s status, please ask your officers to contact the Membership and Development team at 201-512-9348.

N.Y.C. Outward Bound Center
www.nycooutwardbound.org

AKD Mid-Hudson Chapter
www.midhudsonadk.org

Hudson Riverkeeper
www.hudsonkeeper.org

 Preserve

on the Trail Conference.

Two days later I was participating in a discussion with members of the NJ Keep It Green Coalition about how best to mobilize our supporters and help secure passage of the bill. With a call to action in place, we assembled in Trenton on that brisk day, encouraging members of the Assembly to pass the bill as they entered the State House floor. The bill was passed by the Assembly, but Governor Christie pocket-vetoed it the following week. As Bill S969, the open space funding implementation legislation will be revisited in the coming months. The Trail Conference’s work on the issue will continue until these voter-mandated funds have been distributed.

It was a trails advocacy issue—the Pilgrim Pipeline—that sparked my interest in helping the Trail Conference’s conservation efforts, and with in, another month I found myself lobbying at the state capital on behalf of the organization. It is more important than ever that we ensure that the interests of the organization and its members are represented on both a local and state level. When done with righteous intention, both advocacy and lobbying efforts are about speaking up for what you believe in. Call yourself an advocate, call yourself a lobbyist, call yourself someone who believes in something so deeply that you take action. Read Adam’s full essay: bit.ly/TC-A-nj

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SAJ - Society for the Advancement of Judaism
www.thesajas.org

Closter Nature Center Association
www.closeternaturecenter.org

Little Stony Point Citizens Association
www.littletystonepoint.org

Salt Shakers Trail Running Club
www.saltshakersrun.com

Friends of the Hackensack River Greenway in Teaneck
www.teaneckgreenway.org

Town of Lewisboro
www.lewisborovcgov.com

The Nature Place
Day Camp
www.thenatureplace.com

Friends of Van Cortlandt Park
www.vancortlandt.org

Alley Pond Environmental Center
www.alleypond.com

Jolly Rovers
jollyrovers.org

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 21
www.bsa21.org

Greenburgh Nature Center
www.greenburghnaturecenter.org

The Storm King School
www.stormkings.org

Palisades MTB
www.facebook.com/groups/palisadesmtb

HDR Mahwah Green Team
www.hdrhmnt.com

Queens Parks Trails Club

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The Storm King School
www.stormkings.org

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Spring: Dorset and Pawling in Dutchess County, N.Y., are designated jointly as an Appalachian Trail Community by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Trail Conference. They become known as the Harlem Valley A.T. Community, the 30th A.T. Community to enter into the partnership, and the second in New York.

Spring: The Trail Conference welcomes its first class of AmeriCorps members in the inaugural season of the organization’s Conservation Corps. Members are assigned to three separate projects: invasive species monitoring and removal throughout the trail, and trail building at Bear Mountain and Sterling Forest.

Spring: In an effort to keep hikers safe, a Trail Steward program is launched at Breakneck Ridge.

June: Volunteers build a new 30-foot trail bridge over Plattekill Creek in the Platte Clove Preserve, an important link in the Long Path.

June: The first phase of the Kaaterskill Rail Trail project opens on National Trails Day.

Fall: The first edition of Hike of the Week, by hike writer and editor Daniel Chazin, is published.

November: Ground is broken on the trail of restoration and expansion of the Darlington Schoolhouse as the Trail Conference’s new and permanent headquarters.

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1982: The Trail Conference begins a University program.

1983: Marriott Corporation purchases massive development in Shawangunks.

1983: The Trail Conference organizes to fight the project.

1984: New Jersey becomes first state to purchase its section of A.T. corridor.

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1985: The Trail Conference and Appalachian Mountain Club co-found Sterling Forest Defense Fund.

1986: Long Path “missing link” in Catskills completed, opening the way to the north.

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1990s:

1990: Trail Conference begins adopting trails in the Catskills.

1991: Trail Conference reaches the 1,000-mile mark for trails maintained.


1993: Dedication of 36-mile Shawangunk Ridge Trail.

1993: Launch of the 130-mile Hudson to Delaware River Trails.

1996: Fanny Highlands trail network begun.


1998: Sterling Forest State Park becomes a reality when New York State takes title to the first 14,500 acres. More than 7,200 additional acres would be added over the next five years.

2000:

2000: The first Sterling Forest trails map—the Trail Conference’s first all-digital produced map—is published.

2001: Highlands Trail celebrated as New Jersey’s Millennium Legacy Trail.

2001: Trail Conference office relocates to Mahwah, N.J.

2001: Schoenemusk Mountain becomes a New York State Park.


2002: Trail Conference initiates formation of Shawangunk Ridge Coalition which joins efforts to stop development.

2004: Trail Conference initiates trail work in New York City with the adoption of trails in Alley Pond Park and Forest Park, both in Queens.

2006: Work begins on the Bear Mountain Trails Project, including the reconstruction of the A.T. on Bear Mountain.

2006: Trail University inaugurated.

2006: Sterling Forest “doughnut hole” protected.

2006: Invasive plant tracking program begins in conjunction with Rutgers University.

2007: Darlington Schoolhouse purchased to become new Trail Conference Headquarters.


2009: Highlands Trail in New Jersey extended to and across the Delaware River into Pennsylvania.


2009: Off-road vehicle legislation enacted in New Jersey after a 10-year fight.

2010: Long Path is “gapless” for the first time in decades.

2013:

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2014:

February: New Jersey’s Green Acres Program protects 305 acres around Bear Mountain in Sussex County. Simultaneously, the Trail Conference is able to construct the largest Highlands Trail reroute ever, taking the path off several busy roads.

Spring: The NYS DEC asks the Trail Conference to take the lead role in the Catskill Conservation Corps, managing all volunteer activities in the Catskill Forest Preserve.

Spring: The Trail Conference achieves Charity Navigator’s highest ranking, the coveted 4-star rating, for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.

2015:

June: A Summit Steward program on Slide Mountain in the Catskills is launched to aid and educate hikers.

June: LG Electronics USA announces a redesign of its proposed new headquarters overlooking the Palisades in Englewood Cliffs, N.J., reducing the height of the tallest building from 143 feet to the tree line, at 70 feet. The headquarters is an amicable ending to a three-year battle in which the Trail Conference played an early and leading role within a coalition of environmental and civic groups and thousands of private citizens opposed to the high-rise development.

July: After decades of planning, the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center (CIC) opens.

August: Two years in the making, the 5-mile South Taconic Trail extension in Dutchess County is completed.

September: The 4-mile Doris Duke Trail loop at Sterling Forest State Park officially opens.

September: Trail University hits its milestone 1,000th workshop.

2015: In its fifth year, the Trail Conference’s Invasives Strike Force reaches more than 1,000 miles of trails surveyed.

New Section of the Long Path
Hudson Nor’westers Crew: Improving Trails in Some of NY’s Most Beautiful Parks

The longevity of almost every foot trail is tested—the thin skin of soil covering largely tilted bedrock over time causes most trails to develop wet tread issues. But add an event like 2011’s Hurricane Irene, and trails like the Mossy Glen aren’t just damaged—they’re demolished. During the storm, the Peters Kill dammed up and blew out a tall bridge connecting the carriage road.

Enormous chunks of concrete and culverts were washed downstream, along with a forest small of trees and debris. They scoured out the little gulpy along which the Peters Kill babbled, and turned the streamside path into a soggy and slippery, “galoshes ready” trail.

In partnership with the staff at Minnewaska, the Nor’westers got to work building stretches of boardwalk along side-slopes of bedrock and raising the tread in-between with stone turnpikes, steps, stepping stones, and culverts. Although the damage was so extensive that the crew could be employed for a few more years repairing sections of the Mossy Glen Trail, the path was largely a pleasure to follow, with plentiful and pleasing features to stop on or over, sandwiched between beautiful, artful new bridges recently built by our friends at Babaua Trails.

For more info on the Hudson Nor’westers, visit bit.ly/TC-bnwc.

Building and Rehabbing Even More Trails in 2016

Pending permits, the Hudson Nor’westers will be teaming up with the Long Distance Trails Crew to renovate trails on the southern side of Schunnemunk Mountain through two very large culverts under the train tracks in this area.

Also on the agenda is defining a path to the lower Stony Kill Falls in Minnewaska, as well as repairing the Verkeerderkill Falls Trail, a once-back-country trail that has become extremely popular and eroded at its Point.

The Verkeerderkill Falls Trail project is very large—1.7 miles of tread and drainage repair needs to be done—so the crews are attending to it with an interest in building and improving trails to join in.

No experience is necessary! Find details about upcoming crew outings and more at bit.ly/TC-tco.

Catskill Conservation Corps 2016 Workshops and Projects

The Catskill Conservation Corps (CCC) has been steadily growing for the last two years, and we’re looking forward to 2016 being our biggest yet. The goal of the CCC is to manage and train volunteers throughout the Catskills region in partnership with other organizations through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Already this year we have held HikeSafe workshops and plan to offer more educational courses throughout the year, as well as Leave No Trace awareness, map and compass instruction, crosscut saw training, and more.

In addition to education, the CCC will be working on numerous trail improvement projects with the DEC. These include:
- Building and replacing two lean-tos (German Hollow and Batavia Kill)
- Building a new trail to a picnic area at the Catskill interpretive Center
- Staining and repairing many lean-tos throughout the region
- Holding a stone stair workshop, followed by stone stair building in various locations
- Litter pick-ups at the Blue Hole, Katterskill Falls, and Colgate Lake
- Trail reconstruction at Kaaterskill Falls
- Working with Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) on identifying, mapping, and removing invasive species
- Building bog bridging in multiple locations
- And many more!

For more information on the CCC and how to get involved, visit catskillconservationcorps.org.

SONA MASON
WEST HUDSON PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Nor’westers built a new stepping stone crossing on the Scenic Trail at Black Rock Forest.

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While trail work has built-in satisfaction—immediately visible results, working alongside like-minded people under green canopies—it’s safe to say that the Hudson Nor’westers Trail Crew has a particular advantage: a pretty spectacular region. They take care of trails within the striking Storm King State Park, the lush Black Rock Forest, the splendid pink- and purple Schunnemunk Mountain, and Minnewaska State Park Preserve—working on the treading white cliffs of the high northeastern Shawangunk Ridge. When sur rounding scenery is so splendid, working with this crew tends to feel a little like a mini volunteer vacation.

Headed by Crew Chief Sandy Cascio and Crew Leader (and technical expert) Dave Webber, the Nor’westers accomplished a mini volunteer vacation.

In this area of the Gunks, the highlight is a substantial mossy Glen Trail alongside Mossy Glen Trail alongside Peters Kill in Minnewaska.

In 2015, however, was the Peters Kill dammed up and blew out a tall bridge connecting the carriage road.

In 2015:
- 51,626 invasive plants removed
- $895,590 equivalent of volunteer hours given
- 401 volunteers trained
- 63,300 observations collected
- 101 parks surveyed
- 1,042 miles of trail surveyed
- 12,60 acres surveyed

INVASIVES STRIKE FORCE

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Linda Rohleder

2015 In Review

Help improve trails: Join the LDTC!

Long Distance Trails Crew

In 2015, the Long Distance Trails Crew completed seven projects requiring over 70 crew outings totaling 4,850 hours. Projects included:
- 0.2-mile relocation of the Appalachian Trail on Bear Mountain
- 0.1-mile relocation of the Appalachian Trail at Greenwood Mine in Harriman State Park
- 13-foot Beechy Bottom Bridge rebuilt on the Appalachian Trail in Harriman State Park
- Seven iron-rung steps, with handhold, on the Appalachian Trail at Indian Park, N.Y.
- 16-foot High Mountain Brook Bridge rebuilt in Ramapo Mountain State Forest, with 30 feet of cribbed treadway constructed and improved
- Replaced four stepping stones across an inlet to Lake Skannattati on the Long Path in Harriman State Park
- Repaired upper stream crossing steps and 140 feet of side-hilled trail on the Appalachian Trail in Fitzgerald Falls, N.Y.

Check blog.twnymtc.org for more details on the crew’s work and how to join them this season.

ISF and Lower Hudson Prism

In 2015, the Trail Conference’s Invasives Strike Force (ISF) celebrated its fifth year, while we completed our third successful year hosting the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM).

TRAIL BUILDER

The trail I maintain has issues with water flowing down the tread. What can be done to fix this?

It sounds like your trail has a lack of grade reversals. In one word, a grade reversal is all about drainage. The point is to get water off a trail before it has enough energy to replace the soil. The grade reversal literally refers to a reversing, or changing, of the grade of a trail—going downhill to uphill, and uphill to downhill (or vice-versa).

Ideally, when you lay out a trail, its grade reversals are in place. But there are post-construction grade reversals that allow you to solve the problem: grade dips and rolling grade dips.

A grade dip is added to a trail as a “speed bump” of soil piled up on the downhill side of a trail to slow down the speed of water (as it seeps into the soil) becoming a gully and the trail becomes a stream. A grade dip is part of a construction of a depress in the prevailing, or running, grade.

**Grade Dip**

A grade dip involves a grade along the side of the dip. A grade dip is typically 20% of the “run” or distance traveled on a trail.

**Rolling Grade Dip**

A rolling grade dip involves a grade along the side of the dip and another grade dip along the side of the dip. Rolling grade dips are typically 30% of the “run” or distance traveled on a trail.

**Convex Grade Dip**

A convex grade dip is the most extreme condition on a trail. A convex grade dip is typically 40% of the “run” or distance traveled on a trail.

**Grade Dip data pins**

Grade dips with a half-circle shape are called “knicks.”

**Trail Aerial View**

Rather than abrupt channels, grade reversals should be smooth undulations that are almost unnoticeable while walking through them. Of course, such changes are easier said than done here in the rocky Northeast, where most trails are more practical than rolling grade dips. Find more out at bit.ly/TCT-AGr.
Combating Invasives with Native Gardening

Many of the invasive plant species that have spread aggressively throughout the United States originated as garden plants. Invasives such as Japanese barberry may look beautiful, but they have hazardous effects on the local ecology. They grow fast, rapidly reproduce, and quickly spread when birds and other animals pick up and deposit seeds all over a region. Invasive plants lower native plant diversity by competing for resources and can alter soil conditions, resulting in a change of habitat for the native plants and animals. One Cornell University study has found that the approximately 30,000 nonindigenous species in the U.S. cause major environmental damage and losses totaling approximately $137 billion per year.

Gardeners can do their part in conserving the natural lands around them by planting native species. Not only are many native plants similar in appearance to their popular invasive counterparts, they also provide song birds and butterflies with the habitat and food sources they need to thrive.

Dangerous Invasives
Invasive species cause harm to the environment, economy, and human health. For example, when combined with sun and moisture, the sap of giant hogweed can burn skin.

Which Plants Are Native?
Two searchable databases of beautiful native plant alternatives to common non-natives can be found at sunny www.eco.nys.gov/about/npc/plants and plantnative.org/plp-nynjc.htm.

Where, When to Find the Rare Bloodroot

Quickly after the last of the winter snow has dissipated and a flattened, tawny earth emerges to greet the first rays of the spring sun, certain stream-sides and other moist areas throughout our region find themselves covered once more with a dense layer of white—this time, from the uncommon spring ephemeral bloodroot (Sanguinaria canadensis).

As the name implies, these plants do indeed possess crimson roots. Moreover, this species bleeds the same as any injured animal. A broken leaf or stem will cause the plant to exude a fluid alarmingly similar to blood. It stains anything it touches, and has been used in years past as a dye by both Native Americans and colonists.

Additionally, root extracts have historically been used to treat a wide variety of ailments ranging from cancer to lung disease to sore throats. And up until recently, bloodroot was even employed as an ingredient in Viadent toothpaste to combat gum disease. Today, the efficacy of bloodroot on anything health related is dubious at best. Numerous sources relate that the root is toxic, and even coming in contact with its juices can cause dermatitis, similarly to poison ivy.

When it comes to habitat, these plants prefer moist, rich soils, having an inclination to grow along gently sloping banks. More often than not, they will be found along some type of water body, be it a river, lake, or even a temporary rivulet born of snowmelt. Typical bloom dates are from mid-June to early May, but plants produce only a single blossom each spring, so trying to locate an intact specimen requires razor-sharp precision, timeless patience.

Mike Adamovic
Mike Adamovic works at One Nature, LLC and also manages his photography business, Adamovic Nature Photography.

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Find more details about the day at nynjc.org/TFPGrandOpening.

READ MORE ONLINE

Mahwah Historic Preservation Commission Honors Trail Conference with Heritage Award
At the Mahwah council meeting on Jan. 21, the Trail Conference was honored for our work in restoring the DARlington Schoolhouse and repurposing the historic building as our new headquarters. Find a recap of the night on our blog.

Annual Christmas Bird Count at Closter Nature Center
On what may have been one the coldest days of the winter, a small group of birders gathered at the Closter Nature Center to take part in the Bergen County Audubon Society’s Annual Christmas Bird Count. A highlight of the morning was getting a rare opportunity to view a snow owl. Read a full report on our blog.

A Closer Look at Snow Fleas
On a bright winter day, have you ever noticed what look like specks of dark sot in the snow, especially at the base of trees? Those minuscule, lively creatures are a type of springtail, Hypogastrura spp., commonly known as snow fleas. They’re actually active all year long, and in huge abundance. Find out more about these curious creatures on our blog.

LEARN MORE ABOUT BLOODROOT ON OUR BLOG: bit.ly/TC-5-br
Arriving this spring with several significant trail changes, the revised, second edition of Jersey Highlands Trails: Central North Region is a long-awaited update to this popular two-map set. This set highlights trails throughout the central north region of the New Jersey Highlands and adjacent areas, including portions of Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren counties.

Our Jersey Highlands Trails maps feature more than 230 miles of marked trails within more than 30 parks, including more than 45 miles of the Highlands Trail, the 20-mile-long Four Birch Trail, and portions of the Morris Canal Greenway. Major park areas covered by these maps include Pyramid Mountain, High Mountain Park Preserve, Allamuchy Mountain State Park, Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, and the Farny Highlands.

The new edition includes several updates to trails, including relocations and revised blaze colors and trail alignments in most of the parks covered by the map set. Several newly protected parklands have been added, including some that feature new trails as well. Many additional minor corrections and changes have also been made, making this revised edition of the Jersey Highlands Trails: Central North Region map set even more accurate than before. At only $9.95 ($7.46 for Trail Conference members), this map set is an essential resource for exploring the many parks and trails throughout this region of the New Jersey Highlands.

### How to Support Trails with Charitable Lead Annuity Trusts

Charitable lead annuity trusts (CLATs) are a great way to donate to your favorite charity while creating benefits for yourself and your beneficiaries. CLATs allow the donor to provide a gift to a charity while naming himself or someone else (such as family members) as the remaining beneficiary. Charitable lead annuity trusts are not tax-exempt, but can be an effective way to preserve the contributed assets for future generations.

#### How It Works

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#### Income Tax Consequences

A CLAT can be designed as either a grantor trust or a non-grantor trust. All trusts have a grantor, the person who creates the trust. All trusts also involve trustees, beneficiaries, and remaindermen. The relationship of the grantor to the other individuals involved in the trust determines whether a trust is a grantor trust or a non-grantor trust.

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#### For additional information on CLATs and other charitable giving options, contact Financial Advisor James Cantela: jim.cantela@nm.com, 201.639.0642, or Wealth Management Advisor Paul F. Hoerner Jr., CFP: paul.hoerner@nm.com, 201.639.0636.

### Expanded Coverage Area for Shawangunk Map Set 10th Edition

The 10th edition of the Shawangunk Trails map set will be available this spring with several substantial improvements. This three-map set includes more than 200 miles of maintained trails and carriage roads in the northern Shawangunk Mountains, including Minnewaska State Park Preserve and Mohonk Preserve. Major features of this set include a new map covering parklands south of Minnewaska down to the Village of Wurtsboro, the trail network in the area of Mohonk Mountain House shown on a large-scale map, and the area around Lake Minnewaska now shown as an inset map.

### How to Get Your Maps

Both new map sets will be available in print format in vibrant color on waterproof, tear-resistant Tyvek (shop online at nynjtc.org or visit Trail Conference HQ), and in digital format on Apple and Android devices through the PDF Maps app (learn about our GPS-enhanced maps at nynjtc.org/pdfmap).

Thank You!

→ Special thanks to all the volunteers and park partners who helped with both of these map revisions.

### People for Trails

PETER MORRIS
Stony Point, NY

Peter Morris volunteers with the Trail Conference at our headquarters as a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He has helped with special projects such as securing and events. Peter is a New York State CPA and worked at the firm now known as EY. In addition to being a member of the Trail Conference, he is a member of the New York State Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

First encounters with the Trail Conference...

I found out about the Trail Conference on the web and then met [staffers] Kevin Simpson and Ama Koenigsberger. I was very impressed with their ability to accomplish the grueling work of trail building while always keeping a positive frame of mind and spirit of friendship with their co-workers and passing hikers. This is what led me to volunteer at the Trail Conference.

Why I choose volunteering at Trail Conference...

I am totally incompetent when it comes to working with my hands, but I thought I could use my business experience to help out at the new headquarters. I have equally enjoyed meeting the staff there.

When I’m not volunteering...

My favorite trail is the Major Welch/Appalachian Trail loop at Bear Mountain. I do this loop about 400 to 500 times a year, in all weather—hot, cold, rain, snow, ice, sun. I enjoy the challenge of the Major Welch and try to improve my pace constantly. The health benefits of hiking are amazing. I am the same weight as I was in college, and in better shape. I actually enjoy going on my annual checkup and hearing that my blood pressure, cholesterol, heart weight, and everything else is great, without being on any medications!

Mary Perro
History and Views in the Jersey Highlands

Features, like this narrow passage between boulders.

The Split Rock Loop provides plenty of interesting features, like this narrow passage between boulders.

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