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## **HLT Executive Director Steps Down**

FLEMINGTON, NJ – After a decade leading Hunterdon Land Trust (HLT), Patricia Ruby is stepping down as executive director.

During her tenure, Hunterdon Land Trust preserved more than 5,000 acres of land, bringing the organization's total to more than 11,000 acres preserved. She also led HLT's efforts to achieve national accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance, earning HLT recognition for meeting the highest standards for land preservation and good governance. In addition to creating a robust stewardship program, Ruby advanced plans to restore and maximize public use of the Dvoor Farm. She also oversaw the continued success of HLT's award-winning Farmers' Market and growth in HLT's educational programming.

"It's bittersweet leaving Hunterdon Land Trust where I truly enjoyed the rewarding work of protecting the places we all love here in the Hunterdon County area," Ruby said. "I



am especially going to miss the inspiring and dedicated people I have met along the way who care so deeply about HLT's mission."

"I can't overstate the tremendous impact Patti's leadership has had on the growth and accomplishments of the Land Trust over the past decade," said Nancy Cunningham, president of HLT's Board of Trustees. "She has guided the board and staff in building a solid foundation from which to realize our goals of preservation, education and community. We will miss Patti's sparkling personality, keen intellect and tenacious attention to detail. We wish her all the best in her new adventures."

Ruby began her tenure at HLT in June of 2012. Though she will begin the Northeast Director role with the American Forest Foundation in mid-July, she looks forward to supporting Hunterdon Land Trust during this transition.

While HLT plans to conduct a thorough search to find a new executive director, Jacqueline Middleton, who has served as HLT's land acquisition director for eight years, will step up as interim executive director. "I have complete faith in Jackie's abilities and leave knowing the organization will continue to thrive with a dedicated Board of Trustees and a talented staff," Ruby added.

