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Hunterdon Land Trust Dives Into Work To Protect Vital Vernal Pools

A wood frog enjoys a vernal pool at one of our preserves. Photo by Jill Dodds.

If you have visited one of HLT's preserves in the spring, you may have noticed shallow depressions in the ground filled with water, and perhaps even seen tadpoles meandering through the mud. These areas are known as vernal pools, so named because they only hold water for part of the year, often drying up in the summer months. This seasonal drying pattern means that fish, which need water year-round, cannot survive in them.

Vernal pools are therefore a crucial home for many reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates as a safe place to lay eggs and for young to grow without risk of fish predators.

These pools also serve as a seasonal source of water for a variety of birds, mammals, and other wildlife, and the forests surrounding the pools are crucial habitat during periods when the pools are dry.

In addition to the importance of vernal pools for wildlife, they also benefit our water quality and groundwater recharge, and help to prevent flooding. As with

other types of wetlands, vernal pools filter out pollutants from the water that passes through them. By capturing runoff and

slowly releasing it to groundwater, vernal pools are a beneficial tool that prevent flooding in significant rain events.

HLT has experienced the benefits of vernal pools firsthand! As part of the restoration of Walnut Brook at the Dvoor Farm last fall, we installed five vernal pools in the floodplain, with the aim that they would help to absorb water and prevent flooding during extreme rain events. This July, Walnut Brook overtopped its banks for the first time since the restoration, and the vernal pools did their job – they took on enough of the overflow to prevent any significant flooding.

If you visit our Idell Preserve in Kingwood Township, you will see many vernal pools along the trail. In the spring and summer, keep an eye out for egg masses and tadpoles, and listen for frog calls.

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Catherine Suttle

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Hunterdon Land Trust's Past Points to an Exciting Future

As many have said, we are living in challenging times. That's certainly been true for Hunterdon Land Trust these past few years. But these are exciting times as well.

We managed through a global pandemic, leadership changes and handled two of the largest projects we've ever undertaken: The Walnut Brook Streambank Restoration and the Dvoor Farm Rehabilitation. We preserved more than 1,900 acres, completed the restoration of the last 1,200 feet of the Dvoor Farm's Walnut Brook streambank, developed detailed plans for making the Dvoor Farm buildings a public resource and started a monthly program called Stewardship Saturdays where volunteers help improve our parks. We accomplished all this while carrying out routine activities such as monitoring our properties, maintaining trail access at our preserves and running our farmers' market. We could not have done this without an exceptionally capable staff and a thoughtful and supportive Board of Trustees.

As we think about the coming year with its flexible working arrangements, supply chain hiccups and smoke in the air, we will continue to focus on our core mission of preserving and stewarding natural resources to protect critical waterways and to enhance public access to local cultural and natural resources.

In keeping with these long-term goals, we are committed to rehabilitating the Dvoor Farm so the public can fully enjoy it. The Dvoor Farm project is an outcome of the community's passion for the property as a symbol of its rural past and its importance as a community gathering place.

Efforts to preserve the farm began in 1990, and succeeded in 1999 when many local nonprofit organizations, area corporations as well as state and local governmental agencies provided the funding necessary for Hunterdon Land Trust to take title to the property. Even then, Hunterdon Land Trust understood the responsibility of bringing about the farm's rehabilitation as a public resource, and we have worked diligently to fulfill that promise.

When completed, the Dvoor Farm project will convert the historic bank barn into a community center for a variety of private and public uses. Its overarching purpose is to ensure that Dvoor Farm's historic character is preserved for future generations and is accessible to the public for its enjoyment. The initial phase of the farm's rehabilitation which includes a new slate roof, siding, new windows and exterior doors as well as insulation is expected to start later this year. It will ensure the barn's structure is protected and prepare it for the buildout as a community gathering place in a second phase.

Having been part of this organization for more than 17 years I have participated in Hunterdon Land Trust's maturation. I feel very fortunate to be leading the organization at this time when we break ground for Phase I of the Dvoor Farm project and map out our future with an updated strategic plan.

As I said, it's an exciting time, and I'm looking forward to the promise of the coming year!

I hope to see you at the Farmers' Market or out on one of our preserves' trails.



Virtual Auction to Benefit Hunterdon Land Trust

Explore the best Hunterdon County has to offer by bidding in our annual fundraiser. This year it is a virtual auction that opens Thursday, September 14 and runs through Saturday, September 23. It supports Hunterdon Land Trust's work of protecting our water quality, preserving treasured farmland and creating greenways throughout the Hunterdon County region.

Bid on unique auction items including a hot air balloon ride for two; a guided tour of the historic Stonehouse Bindery in Lambertville; a world-class golf outing for four at The Ridge at Back Brook; Delaware River tubing for two; wine tasting for four; art; jewelry; a gift certificate for Sunday dinner at Canal House Station; self-care packages and more!

We'll have updated information on our website, including a link to the auction site. Our virtual auction is a great way to treat yourself or someone you love, while supporting Hunterdon Land Trust's work to protect the places you love.

AquaSprout Farms



Bobolink Dairy & Bakehouse

Support Your Local Farmers by Visiting Hunterdon Land Trust's Market

Every Sunday, our Farmers' Market offers shoppers an amazing variety of nutritious and delicious fresh local food. You'll find vegetables and fruit, meat, fresh-baked bread, cheese, honey, fresh-cut flowers and much more. We're at the Dvoor Farm, 111 Mine Street in Flemington from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday through November 19.

HLT takes great pride in running a producers'-only market. This means our farmers and vendors only sell products that are locally derived, ones that they have grown, produced or made with their farm-fresh ingredients. It ensures that our growers and vendors are offering you the highest quality of products you'll find anywhere.

Our market, which has been voted the best in the county by Hunterdon Happening readers for seven consecutive years, is a great way to connect with neighbors and local farmers. Stop by for live music and yoga.



Hunterdon Land Trust Board President
Nancy Cunningham at the Dvoor Farm.

A Conversation with Board of Trustees President Nancy Cunningham

How and why did you get involved with Hunterdon Land Trust?

I had been very interested in land preservation for a long time. I've lived in East Amwell for more than 30 years, where we've been very active preserving land, and the township had partnered with Hunterdon Land Trust on several preservation projects. Through that work, I was impressed with the organization and its staff. When I retired from my full-time job, I decided I'd like to volunteer with the land trust, so one day I went over and knocked on the back door.

In the beginning, I worked with (former HLT Director of Land Acquisition) Kate Buttolph compiling monitoring reports, filing and so forth. After a year or so I was asked to join the Land Acquisition and Stewardship Committee, and sometime after was asked to join the Board of Trustees – that was 10 years ago. I've been around for a long time!

What keeps you going?

I stayed involved with the organization because I believe our mission is critically important, and it gets more and more important each year as we see what's happening with our changing climate, and its impact both globally and locally. The work we do here at home to protect our water sources, the quality of our air and our food sources is so vital.

Besides my tenure here, I think it's worth noting that the majority of our staff has been at HLT for more than 10 years. Most of them live in Hunterdon County, and their dedication and commitment to our mission says a lot.

When you think back on your time with the organization, is there an accomplishment or two that really stands out in your mind?

I am really happy and proud of all of it! Stemming from our last strategic plan in 2017, we made a definitive shift toward focusing our efforts on partnering with other conservation organizations, municipalities, Hunterdon County and the state to put together funding packages to preserve more land in the county. We started moving away from our earlier focus on preserving land ourselves – which resulted in the eight preserves that we have now – to expanding our focus so we could have a wider impact within the county. That was an important shift in our direction and our work, and I think we've been very successful as we've preserved over 11,600 acres now.

We haven't really touched on the most important part of what makes HLT so special. Could you discuss how important our volunteers and donors are?

None of this happens without our volunteers and our donors. It's very interesting to me to see how many people who were involved with the land trust when it began, are still actively involved today. It shows that the board and staff have been doing a good job with the organization, otherwise, they wouldn't still be with us decades later. It's also worth noting that we are always looking for new volunteers and donors to help participate in the important work that we are doing.

What do you envision for HLT's future?

For the short term – within the next few years – in addition to building upon our terrific preservation and stewardship work, I'm excited about the Dvoor Farm rehabilitation project, and the work we'll be doing on the bank barn, the landscaping, and making the property more attractive and more accessible.

I also think we will be doing more educational and program work around conservation and stewardship. The changing climate has become such a large problem that individuals feel overwhelmed and aren't sure how they can make a difference. So, it's critical that we educate more people about what they can do as individuals or by working together to protect the environment – both locally and globally.

There are also opportunities to diversify and grow our audience by bringing in communities that might not necessarily know about what we have to offer – like our Farmers' Market, our preserves and our programming. I'm looking forward to us tapping into those new communities. I would also like to see us do more for our special-needs communities, perhaps having some trails on our preserves be made accessible to those with special needs.

I also think it's wonderful that our Farmers' Market continues to be a tremendous resource. One of the things I like about the land trust's work is the synergy that occurs from doing the work to preserve farmland so farmers can make a living selling their products to the public, and the public, in turn, gets local food that's better and more nutritious. In the end, it all comes in a complete circle. There are very few places that do that as a focus of their work.

Green Acres Funding Essential for Hunterdon Land Trust Preservation Work

*F*or most people, Green Acres conjures up images of Eddie Albert and Eva Gabor, but for those engaged in land preservation work, it has a far greater significance.



The Quakertown Preserve in Franklin Township.

New Jersey's Green Acres program, which predates the TV sitcom by four years, was created in 1961 to preserve the state's rich natural, historic and cultural heritage. Overall, the program has directly protected more than 681,000 acres of open space and parkland and has funded 1,256 local and nonprofit park development and stewardship projects in communities statewide.

For Hunterdon Land Trust, the importance of Green Acres funding cannot be understated. Just ask our Director of Land Acquisition Jacqueline Middleton. "Every one of our preserves that the public can access exists because of Green Acres funding," Middleton says, as her eyes run down columns listing preserves and funding sources. She nods in confirmation, "It's critical, absolutely critical. We couldn't have protected the thousands of acres we have without this funding."

Whether you look back to our earlier preservation victories such as Zega-Lockatong in Delaware Township, Quakertown in Franklin Township and Muddy Run or Idell in Kingwood Township, to our more recent work adding acreage to Tower Hill Reserve in Bethlehem Township, Green Acres funding played a vital role. Green Acres funding – to the tune of \$6,450,000 – for Hunterdon Land Trust projects helped make all this happen.

This year, Green Acres awarded HLT \$500,000, double the level of funding provided in 2019. This increased funding is a result of a notable track record of acquiring land and preserving it as parkland that benefits the public by both protecting our natural resources and providing passive recreation.

Middleton explained how it works. "When we apply for Green Acres funding, it covers the Hunterdon County region," she said. "We have a very strategic approach guided by land protection criteria that we use as an evaluation tool every time we are considering a new project. This supports our Land Acquisition and Stewardship Committee in their review of each project to help determine whether we will pursue it."

Green Acres grants need to be matched, so for every dollar we receive from this funding source, we need to find another dollar from another source. "While Green Acres funding is important, it only covers 50% of the land purchase price and related technical reports," Middleton said.

Additional funding comes from a number of sources, and Middleton noted one in particular: "Hunterdon County has consistently been a big funder and such a wonderful supporter of our projects, and we are grateful to them."

Our Partners in Preservation

We extend our deepest gratitude to our Partners in Preservation:

Basil Bandwagon Natural Market, Northfield Bank and the Northfield Bank Foundation, Callaway Henderson Sotheby's

International Realty, ShopRite of Hunterdon County, Pickell Architecture LLC, Fox Pest Control and the Woolverton Inn.
Please support the businesses that support HLT!

A Look at Preservation Victories

Thanks to your passion for protecting the places we love, Hunterdon Land Trust continues to forge ahead to achieve our shared goal of protecting the Hunterdon County region's special places. Our grand total has expanded to more than 11,600 acres of farmlands, fields and woodlands. Within the past year, your support led to preservation victories in Readington and Raritan townships where newly established trails now allow everyone to enjoy the wonders of nature. You helped protect waterways, and native plant and wildlife communities. You even protected an historic cemetery where several Revolutionary War veterans are buried.

Saums Farm

Floyd Saums knew exactly what he wanted to do when the time came to make a decision about the future of the land that his family had farmed for many years. He wanted to make sure the land remained open and beautiful for future generations to enjoy.

"When you know your ancestors have sweated here for decades of their lives, it's nice to know that this is not going to be destroyed," Saums said. "I know my parents and grandparents would appreciate that this will remain open as farmland and not become a housing development."

The 105-acre property, off Rockafellows Mill Road in Readington Township, was subdivided, allowing 55 acres to remain farmland, and preserving the rest as open space for the public to enjoy.

"The greatest thing about this project to me was the unique opportunity to protect an entire parcel while implementing the appropriate land uses for both the farm and forested areas," said Jacqueline Middleton, HLT's Director of Land Acquisition. "We subdivided the property to protect the stream and forested areas while ensuring that the farmland will continue to be farmed."

Readington Mayor Juergen Huelsebusch noted that the farm presented a quintessential example of the township's land preservation work. "This shows how we approach preservation in that it's not simply a farm or open space on its own, but a combination of the two. Some of the land is appropriated for farmland and some for natural resource preservation."

Another benefit of this preservation is that the farm is contiguous to a state wildlife management area preserved decades ago. About five other preserved farms can also be found in the immediate area.

If you wish to walk the Saums Farm trail, you'll find a parking area off Rockafellow Mills Road. There's a trail map that shows a short and long looping trail. Visitors can traverse the property, getting completely immersed in nature amidst the burbling tributaries and twittering of a myriad of resident and migratory birds.

Hunterdon Land Trust partnered with Readington Township, New Jersey Green Acres, the New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee and Hunterdon County to preserve the Saums Farm.



The Carman Family Burying Ground in Raritan Township.

Carman Family Burying Ground

Tucked into a patch of woodlands off Route 523 in Raritan Township is the Carman Family Burying Ground. It serves as the final resting place for a family that farmed in the area for several generations in the 18th and 19th centuries, including Revolutionary War veterans Elijah Carman and his friend, Jesse Pettit.

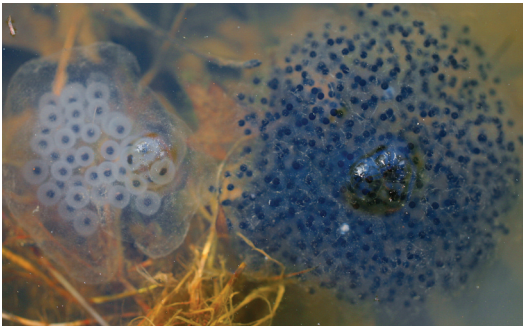
In addition to the cemetery, the 49-acre wooded parcel features wetlands, a field of wildflowers, and the headwaters of the First Neshanic River, a tributary of the South Branch of the Raritan River. Preserving this land protects water quality and decreases the risk of flooding along the Neshanic River, an important consideration given the heavy rains experienced throughout the area this past summer. The preservation also provides habitat protection to a number of native and endangered species in New Jersey.

Raritan Township, which assumed ownership of the property, has established parking areas along Route 523 and Bonetown Road. A rough walking trail was created that winds through the property's wetlands and woodlands.

Hunterdon Land Trust teamed up with Raritan Township and Hunterdon County to preserve this property. HLT contributed \$437,500 toward the purchase price from Hunterdon County through its Open Space Acquisition Assistance Grant Program. The New Jersey Green Acres Program and the Raritan Township Open Space Fund were also vital in bringing this effort to a successful conclusion.

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Vernal pools offer a safe haven for amphibians to lay eggs.
Photo by Jill Dodds.

We invite you to share your observations with us, either through the iNaturalist app or by contacting us directly to share your findings. Gathering more information on the species that call our preserves home will empower us to manage these special places to benefit wildlife.

The benefits of vernal pools also rely heavily on the health of the forests surrounding them! By removing invasive species and

fostering a healthy understory, we aim to improve the entire ecosystem's health.

We welcome your help with these efforts at our monthly Stewardship Saturdays, when we come together to accomplish a variety of stewardship tasks. By supporting HLT, whether through your time or a donation, you are joining our efforts to protect these unique habitats and the many critters that depend on them.

Idell Preserve's Charms Include Vernal Pools, Bird Habitat



Visit the Idell Preserve and check out its seasonal vernal pools.
Photo by Jill Dodds.

If you are interested in exploring vernal pools, we invite you to check out the Idell Preserve at 50 Barbertown Idell Road in Kingwood. Along the preserve's trail, several seasonal vernal pools are home to a diversity of habitat including frogs, salamanders, amphibian eggs, and perhaps a turtle or two!

The Idell trail continues to be improved and expanded thanks to a February Stewardship Saturday event and the efforts of volunteers who are laying down wood chips to make the trail more accessible during wet periods while also expanding the trail's length. Recently Hunterdon Land Trust installed a bilingual (English and Spanish) interpretive sign to inform visitors about the preserve and its unique natural features, including vernal pools – seasonally flooded areas that support amphibians and other aquatic organisms.

The preservation and stewardship of preserves such as Idell, that attract a robust amphibian population, is vital. Amphibians are quite sensitive to environmental changes – for example, pollution – so their strong presence at Idell serves as a gauge for the quality of the local environment. Suitable amphibian habitat is in increasingly short supply, making Idell a crucial haven.

The healthy amphibian population at Idell also provides ample evidence that Hunterdon Land Trust is preserving the critical water resources in the Lockatong Creek watershed. The Lockatong Creek is a tributary of the Delaware River, which provides clean drinking water to millions of people. Idell's preservation also is important for groundwater infiltration and carbon sequestration, which is the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide and one means of reducing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

The 57-acre Idell Preserve offers more to visitors than just vernal pools. It's a great place for birding! (We encourage you to join us on Sunday, October 22 at 8 a.m. for our fall migratory birding event – see page 7 for details.) You'll notice a variety of old-growth forests, young deciduous forests, and former pine stands. While you're looking up at the birds and the trees, don't forget to look down too! You'll notice a variety of native understory plants including spicebush, Jack-in-the-pulpit, and mayapple. You can help us enhance the Idell Preserve by joining us on Thursday, November 2 when we'll plant 350 more trees and shrubs. Check our website soon for details.

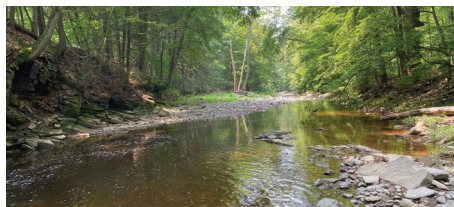
Though the Idell Preserve trail is a short one, you'll likely enjoy long-lasting memories from your trip!

Preservation and stewardship work at Idell support the goals of the National Park Service's Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Program, whose aim is to protect the natural, historic and recreational resources that earned this stretch of river the Wild & Scenic designation.

Make a Gift to Protect the Places You Love



Help us protect the places you love so the next generation can enjoy them.



The Zega-Lockatong Preserve in Delaware Township.
Photo by Jeffrey Shurts.

You can make a world of difference right here at home by donating to Hunterdon Land Trust.

Your tax-deductible gift to Hunterdon Land Trust today is an investment in clean air and drinking water; native plant and wildlife ecosystems, and protection of the farms and natural lands we cherish. It helps build communities that are safer and more resilient to flooding and other unpredictable weather events. And it helps protect our most beautiful spaces so they can be enjoyed for generations to come.

There are a number of ways to give! One-time donations are a great way either by sending us a check in the enclosed envelope or by visiting our website at <https://www.hunterdonlandtrust.org/ways-to-give/> and clicking on the "Make a Secure Donation" button near the top of the page.

If you do go to our website's Ways to Give page consider becoming an Evergreen Partner by establishing a recurring donation as part of our monthly giving program. This helps provide a continuous level of funding that sustains our work over time.

Other ways you can protect the places you love include:

- **Through Stock Donations:** Making a gift of securities is simple and lets you take advantage of two types of tax savings. With a gift of appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds, the total value of the asset upon transfer is tax deductible, and there is no obligation to pay capital gains taxes on the appreciation.
- **Matching Gifts:** Many companies will match the charitable gifts of their employees, so be sure to check with your employer to see if it has a matching gift program. Most corporate procedures are simple: Just request a Matching Gift Form from your company and submit it to Hunterdon Land Trust, along with your gift.
- **Legacy Giving:** Join those who have created a lasting legacy by including Hunterdon Land Trust in their estate plans. You can make a gift through your will or outside your will, and even make a gift that gives you income for life. Planned giving mechanisms include bequests, gifts of appreciated securities, IRAs, life insurance, real estate, charitable remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts. If you want to learn more download our Planned Giving Brochure from our website at <http://www.hunterdonlandtrust.org/ways-to-give/>.
- **Partners in Preservation:** Through our Partners in Preservation business sponsorship program, your business can support the goals of Hunterdon Land Trust while showing the public that you care about the long-term quality of life in the region. We have several sponsorship levels to meet your budgetary needs. Visit our website at <http://www.hunterdonlandtrust.org/partners-in-preservation> for details.

Volunteer

Make a difference by lending your time, talents and energies to Hunterdon Land Trust! Whether you are interested in helping out at our robust Farmers' Market, caring for our preserves by joining us at a Stewardship Saturday event, or chipping in to handle a variety of office tasks, you can play a critical role in protecting the places you love!

To learn more about volunteering, please contact our Director of Administrative and Social Affairs, Laura Orbine, at HLTAdmin@hunterdonlandtrust.org, or call 908-237-4582.

Discover the Joys of Birding on Oct. 22



A morning spent birding can remind us that the world is full of wonders. It teaches us the importance of looking up, to enjoy the beauty in the stillness of nature, and that an exciting discovery is waiting just a little farther down the path.

Join us on Sunday, October 22 at 8 a.m. to explore fall migratory birds at the Idell Preserve in Kingwood Township. Juanita Hummel of the Washington Crossing Audubon Society will lead this walk through the charming woodlands of the Idell Preserve, located at 50 Barbertown Idell Road in Kingwood. Come check out the improved trail at Idell as we look for birds, enjoy their lovely chirping and envelop ourselves in the beauty that surrounds us.

Hummel, an avid birder and nature lover, served on the board of the Washington Crossing Audubon Society, and volunteers with the NJ Audubon Society, the Wildlife Conservation Corps and other conservation organizations.

This free program is sponsored by the National Park Service's Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Program, whose aim is to protect the natural, cultural and historic value of this great American river.

Email Outreach Director Dave Harding at dave@hunterdonlandtrust.org to register.



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Volunteers Make Stewardship Saturday Program a Success



Planting trees at the Dvoor Farm.



Boy Scouts at a spring Stewardship Saturday.

*E*ight months since its inception, Hunterdon Land Trust's Stewardship Saturday program has proven to be a remarkable success. There are a number of reasons why this program – which brings together volunteers to tackle a variety of stewardship tasks at our public-access preserves – has gone so well.

"Stewardship Saturdays have been a dependable opportunity for volunteers to get involved in land management every month, no matter their experience level," said Emily Dunn, HLT's Stewardship Program Manager. "It's a great chance for everyone to learn how we steward our land, and get their hands dirty – literally! As the months have gone by, returning volunteers have also had the chance to get to know each other, forming a community of their own. It's a rewarding way to give back while also connecting with people who care about our preserves."

And what all of these volunteers have achieved has been indispensable. This includes:

- Blazing a new trail at the Muddy Run Preserve in Kingwood in honor of environmentalist Todd Kratzer and enhancing the trail at Idell Preserve.
- Planting 300 live stakes – cuttings from dogwood trees that will grow into new trees over time – along the Walnut Brook streambank at our Dvoor Farm headquarters.
- Removing invasive plants such as multiflora rose, wineberry, garlic mustard, and barberry, which in turn provides native plants the opportunity to thrive and enhance the health of our local ecosystem at nearly every one of our preserves.
- Cleaning out hundreds of tree cages to give recently planted trees the opportunity to grow.

"Each of these workdays has allowed us to take steps forward toward our management goals at Hunterdon Land Trust's preserves," noted Dunn. "And on a broader level, invasive plant removal at all of our preserves has been very gratifying to accomplish. With limited staff capacity, invasive plant removal on this scale is only achievable with the help of volunteers and is crucial for the long-term ecological health of our preserves."

In addition to the benefits reaped by Hunterdon Land Trust, volunteering also has its rewards for the participants. Volunteers learn firsthand about many aspects of our local ecology and land management, empowering them to take these skills home to their own backyards. "We hope that our volunteers are inspired to use the skills they learn at Stewardship Saturdays beyond our preserves," Dunn said. "In that way, we can impact an even larger footprint of our region."

"I enjoy being outdoors, and am passionate about removing invasive species," said HLT board member Gary Pohorely. "Our preserves are tranquil, unique environments. And it's a great opportunity to meet and work with other dedicated volunteers."

Stewardship Saturdays will continue in 2024. "We are excited to continue this program into the future and to build on the excellent work that we've completed this year," Dunn said.

Upcoming Stewardship Saturdays are:

- **September 23**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Dvoor Farm
- **October 21**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Idell Preserve
- **November 18**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Zega-Lockatong Preserve
- **December 16**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Quakertown Preserve

Interested in volunteering at a Stewardship Saturday event?
Please email
emily@hunterdonlandtrust.org
or call 908-237-4582.