



Putnam County Land Trust News

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The "New" Laurel Ledges Natural Area

The Sterling Farm, Luschinsky and Turtle Pond Preserves in Patterson have been grouped together and re-named the Laurel Ledges Natural Area. The three preserves are contiguous, sharing common boundaries, and by grouping them together under a single name we intend to offer greater definition for the whole.



The Laurel Ledges Natural Area joins Peach Lake Natural Area and the Ice Pond Conservation Area as grouped preserves, each of which totals close to or more than 100-acres. "It is important for us to maintain each preserves' individual origin, history and identity. Grouping will not dilute that" according to board president, Judy Terlizzi, "it provides emphasis."

The Laurel Ledges Natural Area is accessible from Couch Road in Patterson and the trail from Sterling Farm leads back into the Luschinsky Preserve and overlooks Turtle Pond. Future plans call for the construction of a trail to the edge of Turtle Pond and out to Cornwall Hill Road.

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PCLT Welcomes Two New Trustees

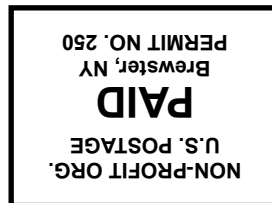
Eileen Goren of Mahopac, a 16-year resident of Putnam County accepted a two year nomination and election to our board. Eileen will serve on the Acquisitions Committee.

Eileen currently works as outreach coordinator at Westchester Land Trust. She works in communities throughout Westchester to make contact with potential donors of conservation easements. Eileen also networks with other environmental organizations, private landowners and public officials to target areas for preservation and build the awareness and relationships that will result in an increase of protected open space.

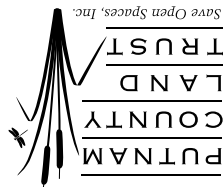
Eileen is no stranger to non-profit organizations. Prior to coming to Westchester Land Trust, Eileen worked at the March of Dimes for 14 years. She was executive director of a chapter serving eight counties north of New York City and subsequently was responsible for national corporate sponsorship relationships at the national office.

Beth Herr accepted nomination to the Board of Trustees for a two-year term. Beth is a naturalist with the Westchester County Department of Parks. Beth served for 15 years as curator of the Trailside Nature Museum, then became director of the 4,700-acre preserve, Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, and now is the Program Administrator for the Conservation Division. She conducts biological surveys, monitors vernal pools, and studies species recovery and invasive plant removal strategies. Beth also develops natural resource management plans and tracks Wood Turtles using radio telemetry.

Beth moved to Kent five years ago and during that time she has served on the Putnam County Environmental Management Council, the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee and the Friends of Kent Library. Beth is a botanical illustrator and runs an art gallery. She and her organic gardener-beekeeper husband are curious about all things natural and enjoy exploring the history and trails of our region.



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As an individual or family member you will receive a year's subscription to our newsletter and calendar of events, as well as occasional discounts to Special Events. Higher levels have additional benefits.

Membership fees are tax deductible up to the limit allowed by law

Land Trust Board Creates New Memberships

The Putnam County Board of Trustees has created a new category of honorary membership, Emeritus Members. The purpose of this membership is to recognize retired former active board members who have served PCLT with distinction. This year's inaugural list represents over 100 years of very broad and distinguished service to the Putnam County Land Trust. We hope our Emeritus members will continue to serve PCLT as volunteers and contributors in the future. Emeritus members are encouraged to attend board meetings but will not have the power to vote. Their counsel is always sought and respected.

The inaugural group includes

Martin Brech
 Jamie Grossman
 Ed Mc Dowell
 Cindy Quinn
 Loretta Wallace

The Board is deeply grateful to these persons for their many and varied contributions to the progress of the Putnam County Land Trust and gratified to know that they will continue to make themselves available to us as their time and energy allows.

Fall Hikes

Sunday, November 6th 1:00 pm - Wetland Walk hike along three types of wetlands, enjoy the colors of late autumn, and learn about the role wetlands play. Join neighbor/naturalist Beth Herr at the entrance to Twin Hills Preserve, for a moderate 1.5 mile hike sponsored by the Putnam County Land Trust.

Directions: From Route 312 turn onto Farm to Market Road. Go 1.1 miles and turn left onto dirt road alongside pond. Continue over bridge and preserve is on the left, by the stone chamber. Call 845 228-5635 for more information.

Sunday, Dec 4th, 1:00 pm - Hike to Ice Pond - Meet at the trail head on Ice Pond Road, for a short but rigorous hike along the steep ridges and through the history of our county, and get to know one the Putnam County Land Trust's most beautiful preserves.

Directions: From Route 312, turn onto Ice Pond Road by the Metro North Railroad. Continue on Ice Pond Road for 1.2 miles. The conservation area is on the right. Call Beth at 845 228-5635 for more information.

Report from the PCLT Annual Meeting

Preserve Steward's Award presented to Dod Chahroudi

In 2003, the Preserve Steward's Award was created to show appreciation to those individuals who give so willingly and unsparingly of their time and energy to the creation and maintenance of our preserves. The 2005 award, presented at the annual dinner, was given to Dod Chahroudi who has been serving as the Steward of the Laurel Ledges Natural Area for the past few years. Working with volunteers, Dod has created new trails that open to spectacular views and is making plans to expand the network of current trails to Cornwall Hill Road. In addition to his steward responsibilities, Dod also serves on the PCLT Acquisitions committee and is on the NY State Region 3 Open Space Committee as the Putnam County representative to that group.

Dod joins Robert Lund and Ed Mc Dowell our first and second recipients respectively who have worked with scout troops to rehabilitate and/or open and mark about 8 miles of trails on our various preserves.

From the President's Desk

By Judy Terlizzi



Also at the PCLT Annual Meeting, two new board members Eileen Goren and Beth Herr were nominated and elected to our board. Both bring experience and expertise to our board from their respective backgrounds.

Additionally, the following sitting board members were nominated and elected to new terms as follows:

Class of 2005-08: Bruce Bothwell, Rosemarie Bruno, William Buck, Edward Rinde, and Douglas Staples

Class of 2003-2006: Denis Castelli

**Save the Date:
 April 8, 2006 for the
 PCLT Annual Benefit
 Dinner and Auction!**

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Board Officers:
 Judith Terlizzi, President
 Bruce K Bothwell, Vice President
 Kenneth Harper, Treasurer
 Rosemarie Bruno, Secretary

Board Members:
 William Buck, Denis Castelli,
 Dod Chahroudi, Eileen Goren,
 Beth Herr, Robert Charles Lund,
 Robert Maddock, Ed Rinde,
 Douglas Staples

Judith Terlizzi: Editor
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Protecting Putnam County's Special Quality of Life for our Children and for Future Generations...

PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE FUND

In order to preserve open space, natural lands, wildlife habitat, working farms and other critical environmentally sensitive properties and to protect drinking water sources and the quality of water, pursuant to Resolution #95 of 2005, shall the Putnam County Charter be amended to create a Community Open Space Fund and to authorize the issuance of \$20 million dollars in county bonds?



Voting "Yes" this November 8th for Proposal Number Three, the 2005 *Putnam County Community Open Space Fund* is voting to preserve our clean air and water and to protect our

special quality of life. The program will help fund the purchase of our last remaining forests, parklands, open spaces and farmlands. This program will only cost the average homeowner \$3.72 a month, a small price to pay to protect our special quality of life.

Preserving Putnam's Forests and Natural Lands are Vital to Keeping our Air and Water Clean!



Clean air and water are essential to protecting our quality of life. The *Community Open Space Fund* will fund the preservation of Putnam's forests and natural lands that are vital to keeping our air and water clean.

An Oversight Committee and Matching Funds...

An oversight committee will guide the County Legislature in their decision making to ensure funds are properly spent. State and federal matching funds are also available for the county.



Lands for Hiking, Fishing, Hunting, and Breathing...!

**Vote "YES" for Proposal Number Three
 the Putnam County Community Open Space Fund**

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