



P.O. Box 6063

Watertown, NY 13601

Phone: 315-779-8240

Fax: 315-782-6192

e-mail: thtomorr@northnet.org

www.TugHillTomorrowLandTrust.org

A regional, non-profit land trust and educational organization working to retain Tug Hill's forest, farm, recreation and wild lands through voluntary private land protection, education and research.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robert McNamara
Cleveland, CHAIR

Robert Quinn
Sackets Harbor, VICE CHAIR

George Bibbins, Jr.
Rodman, SECRETARY

Robert Keller, Jr.
Boonville, TREASURER

Richard Hill
Renssen

Steve Hunter
Trenton

Carol Hutchinson
Adams

Brendan Kelly
Rome

Alix Krueger
Amboy

Warren Mathis
West Leyden

Norman Wayte
Watertown

STAFF

Linda M. Garrett
Executive Director

Janelle J. Castro
Outreach Coordinator

December 2009

Dear Friend of Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust,

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust is a partnership of people working together to ensure that the working farms, forests, recreation and wild lands of Tug Hill, lands we all consider important, are not lost forever. And we are happy to have you as a partner. Our most recent land protection project is an important land you may be very familiar with. Located just south of Whetstone Gulf State Park along Route 26, the Lane property almost always has deer and turkey in the fields. This 105-acre parcel includes the farm field along Route 26 and the forested ridgeline. The conservation easement will keep the ridgeline in tact, and limit development to one residential dwelling.

We can't do projects like this without your help. Your financial support is essential to our success. [We ask you to consider your most generous gift to support Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust's land protection and education work. Please help us by making your tax-deductible gift to Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust today.](#)

**Help shape
Tug Hill's
future!
Become a
partner in
our
success.**



This stunning view of the Black River Valley is from the top of the ridge on the Lane Property. The property is adjacent to Whetstone Gulf State Park. And the easement buffers the State Park and keeps the forested ridgeline undeveloped.

We work everyday to conserve land vital to our heritage and economic future. We talk with people about their visions for the future. Using a legal tool called a "conservation easement," our professional staff helps landowners to voluntarily limit development, protecting sensitive natural areas, while keeping the land open for forestry, farming, and recreation. In almost all cases, the property remains in private ownership on the tax rolls, with the peace of mind that it is protected now and forever.



THTLT is working with Fort Drum and Ducks Unlimited to sustain the Army's training areas by ensuring surrounding lands stay in compatible uses such as farming.

Partnership projects in 2009 allow us to accomplish more land protection, outreach and education, and research:

- ❖ Partnering with the Army and Ducks Unlimited to protect a 105-acre dairy farm in Philadelphia as part of the Army Compatible Use Buffer Program which limits development around Ft. Drum to sustain the training areas.*
- ❖ Partnering with The Nature Conservancy's Adirondack Chapter, we completed a report on the possible connections wildlife use between Tug Hill and the Adirondacks. We will begin to implement the recommendations including enhancing and/or protecting these linkage areas.*

Here are a few examples of projects we are on schedule to complete in late 2009 early 2010:

- ❖ Five projects, consisting of over 1000 acres in the forested area north of Oneida Lake in the towns of Amboy, Constantia, Vienna and Camden.*
- ❖ An agricultural conservation easement on the Marks Farm in Martinsburg which will be the largest farmland protection project in New York State, and includes 3,000-acres of prime agricultural land, forests, streams and wetlands along over three miles of the Black River and 2.5 miles of Route 12, a NYS Scenic By-way.*

You Can Help Shape the Future of Tug Hill. Your support will allow us the time and resources required to work with landowners who are now ready to protect some of the region's most important lands. Please know how deeply we appreciate your commitment to the Tug Hill region and our organization.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Robert McNamara
Chairman of the Board
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust

P.S. Your tax-deductible gift this fall is vital to our success in protecting the lands we all feel are important in the Tug Hill region.