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A Letter from the Director:

TILT in the Time of Quarantine



MacFarlane Trail at Zenda Farms Preserve

Dear Friends, Supporters & Community Members,

While I sit here writing this, there is no doubt in my mind that life has changed dramatically for each of us in a very short time. If you are like me, you are searching for ways to help (and to keep your sanity). I have been trying to stay on top of every changing regulation to keep our amazing staff safe and working, juggling working remotely, taking care of my family at home, and checking in on distant (and not so distant) friends and family. It is not an easy task.

While our world seems to be filled with so much uncertainty, there continues to be a constant — the human need to connect with nature.

So much is beyond our control as schools, workplaces and businesses shut their doors. Even fitness centers and yoga studios are closed. While our world seems to be filled with so much uncertainty, there continues to be a constant — the human need to connect with nature. When it comes to

clearing my head, what I have found works best is simply getting outside. Whether it is a walk in the woods or down the sidewalk,

getting outside always seems to be the perfect remedy.

At TILT, our staff has made a seamless transition to working remotely. And even though our 2020

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The Thousand Islands Land Trust works to conserve the natural beauty, diverse wildlife habitats, water quality & outdoor recreational opportunities of the Thousand Islands region, now and for future generations.



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Action Plan will experience some adjustments, I am confident that we will collectively maintain momentum, staying focused on advancing our important conservation mission. Recently, Governor Cuomo designated New York’s land trust stewardship staff essential, allowing our team to work independently in the field each day to ensure our preserves and trails stay safe and clean, so you can focus on enjoying spring’s emerging beauty.

I am also pleased to inform all of our friends, supporters and community members that TILT’s preserves and nature trails are open and waiting for you.

With incredible views and miles of trails, people are able to watch birds, look for the first wildflowers of spring, listen to rippling streams, and breathe the fresh air. If you are not familiar with our various outdoor recreational opportunities, visit <https://tilandtrust.org/explore/preserves-trails> to discover 11 fantastic Signature Preserves to explore. Click the links for each preserve to see descriptions, photos and trail maps.

Recently, Alicia, Harper, Molly (our youngest golden retriever) and I made time first thing in the morning

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to walk the MacFarlane Trail at Zenda Farms. It was an absolutely perfect morning. Harper learned all about the critters that call Zenda home—stopping and asking questions at each of the interpretive signs and searching the trail for hidden birds and insects. It was a win for the parents currently homeschooling! Next weekend, we plan to hike the Otter Creek Nature Trail and to see what new things Harper learns on this nature walk.



Jake Tibbles and his daughter, Harper with Molly the Golden Retriever

We encourage you to try a scavenger hunt with the kids, take a solo walk and listen to the relaxing sounds of nature or visit a preserve that you know and love or one that you have never experienced. It is a wonderful, inexpensive and safe way to de-stress, get some sunshine and fresh air, and to connect with nature.

While we are encouraging everyone to be outdoors and to experience our trails and preserves, our top priority remains the health of the visitors, our nearby communities, and our staff. To help keep our most vulnerable community members safe, please remember to follow the CDC's guidelines including maintaining social distancing, covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, and staying home if you feel unwell.

TILT and our River community have been through varying crises in the past. While this one is unique in its own right, it too shall pass. Rest assured, we will get through this together.

As always, thank you for your continued dedication to TILT and everything our organization stands for. It means a great deal to everyone at the Land Trust.

Warm regards,

Good Luck, Rebecca!

It is bittersweet to share the news that Rebecca Dahl, TILT's Zenda Farms Program Director, accepted a position with the Connecticut Land Conservation Council earlier this year. While TILT is losing a very talented member of its team, each and every one of us has gained an incredible friend and advocate for land conservation.

"It has been an absolute pleasure working with Rebecca over the last four years," said Jake Tibbles, Executive Director. "There is no doubt in my mind that her dedication and passion for advancing Zenda Farms as a community focal point will be felt for years to come."

During Rebecca's tenure at TILT, she played an integral role in the development and implementation of TILT's strategic vision for Zenda Farms Preserve as a center for community engagement, sustainable agriculture, and environmental education through partnership development and outreach initiatives. A few of Rebecca's achievements include the com-

plete restoration of the Creamery into Zenda's Welcome Center, establishment of the Coyote Moon Vineyard and Homestead Heritage Cheese partnerships, and expansion of TILTreks and TILT's KidsCamp. She also secured critical state funding that will soon bring municipal water and sewer to all Zenda Barns.

When not completely immersed in advancing Zenda's future, Rebecca was a selfless member of the TILT team. She regularly assisted stewardship staff with trail maintenance and preserve management. And she helped ensure that all of TILT's events, including the Zenda Community Picnic and our Annual Arbor Day Celebration, were enjoyed by all.

"It is hard to express how grateful I am to have had this opportunity to work for TILT and how much I have enjoyed working with everyone involved," said Rebecca. "Working for TILT has provided me with an incredible foundation for my conservation career and a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the Thousand Islands in



Rebecca Dahl

such a unique and beautiful way."

"I am confident that Rebecca will continue to excel in her new position as Program Coordinator. The Council is a strong organization and is very fortunate to have her joining their team," stated Greg McLean, TILT's President.

Join us in congratulating Rebecca and wishing her well in this next chapter.



Rebecca's contributions to TILT far exceeded her job description as Zenda Farms Program Director. One of her many talents, shared generously with the organization and the community, was her creation of wonderful sandwich board signs for our events.

Tributes

October 8, 2019 - March 20, 2020

In memory of Stanley Bach

Linda Bach

In memory of David Barclay

Susie Wood & David Duff

In memory of Bruce Brooks

Joan Flint

Jake Tibbles

In memory of Don Brown

Allan Newell

Jake Tibbles

In honor of Margaret Chapman

Bill Munn & Elizabeth Chapman

In memory of Frank Cole

Karen & Bruce Harrison

In memory of Robert O. Cox

Ted & Kathy Drum

In honor of the Ken Deedy

Environmental Internship

John & Lori Arnot

John Burt

Steve & Vici Diehl

Dan Dolan

Allan Newell

Minna Anthony Common Nature

Center

Mike & Amy Phelps

Will & Mia Ramseier

Gil Schmidt & Mary Clark

Emmy Sorth

Zell Steever & Liz Raisbeck

In memory of Richard DiSalvo

Charlie DiSalvo & Kathleen Kennedy

In memory of Dodenhoff Family

Susan & Howard Charbonneau

In memory of EP

Patti Wood & Jim Schnauber

In memory of John Eustance

Nancy Eustance

In memory of John Haley

Richard & Kathryn Gamble

In memory of

Elizabeth R. Hasking

Beverly & Rachel Cole

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Mary Havranek

In memory of Barbara Hazard

Richard & Elizabeth Wright

In memory of Charles Heath

Kristy Carey

In memory of Patti Hendler

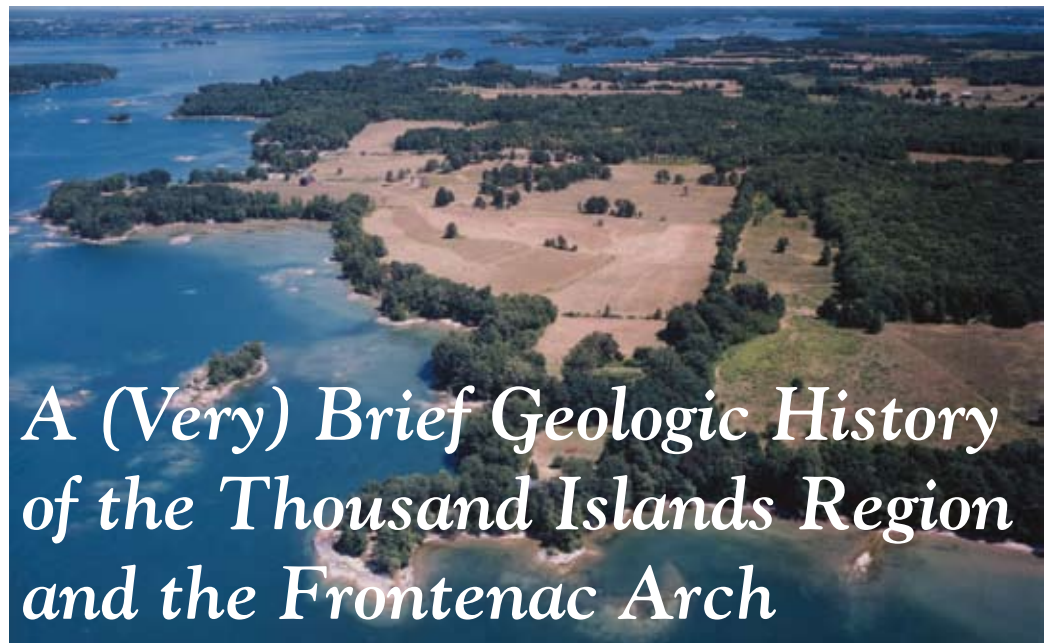
Jim Hendler

In memory of Susie Keeler

Tony & Liz Mollica

In memory of Zell & Jim Kerr

Meg Kerr & Bob Vanderslice



A (Very) Brief Geologic History of the Thousand Islands Region and the Frontenac Arch

by Kristy Carey

New York State has a rich and diverse geologic history, and much of this complex history is evident in the North Country. The story begins with the Canadian Shield, a vast continental rock that forms the basement for much of North America and can be seen at the surface extensively in Canada. The Thousand Islands region is underlain by a portion of the Canadian Shield known as the Grenville Province. These rocks have been radiometrically dated to between 1.1 and 1.3 billion years old, some of the oldest rocks on the planet! However, the most interesting aspect of the geology of this region isn't the age, it's the influence that outside forces, such as plate tectonics and glaciation, have had on the rocks that we see today.

The shapes, positions, and sizes of the continents are in constant flux, governed by a powerful, yet discreet, force known as plate tectonics. Ocean basins have repeatedly opened and closed, mountains have formed on continental fringes, and basement rock has been deformed as a result of this exceedingly powerful force.

Several mountain building events in New York State history have been

caused by plate tectonics and the opening and closing of oceans (proto-Atlantic oceans) that resemble the current Atlantic Ocean. These large-scale mountain building events were the result of the closing of ancient oceans and the collision of landmasses that are currently North America and Europe, and they also contributed to volcanic activity and deformation of rocks already in place by this time. Plate tectonics has been at work for much of Earth's history and has been recorded in the rock record across the Adirondack Mountains and the North Country.

Evidence of intermittent openings of the proto-Atlantic can be seen in the widespread sedimentary deposits of Cambrian to Devonian age (roughly 600 to 350 million years ago). Fossils including brachiopods, gastropods, corals, and trilobites record evidence of early life that thrived throughout much of New York State when it was covered by a shallow sea. Like their basement rock counterparts, these fossil-bearing sedimentary rocks have been subject to erosion, particularly when uplifted and exposed. Thus, in the Thousand Islands region we see evidence of large periods of geologic time that are absent. Consider visiting a rock outcrop near Cranberry Creek in Alex-

andria Bay to see a 600-million-year gap in geologic time. In this roadcut, a Cambrian sedimentary rock approximately 500 million years old, formed in a shallow sea from sand, sits directly on top of a 1.1-billion-year-old Alex Bay gneiss from the Grenville Province!

In the Thousand Islands region, many of the basement rocks of the Grenville Province probably began as mud and clay deposited on the shores of the Canadian Shield when the banks were void of nearly all life, except for some bacteria. These sediments accumulated and cemented together, forming vast deposits encircling the basement rock. Subsequent mountain building events have deformed these rocks, creating interesting new versions that have been subjected to extensive pressure and heat. A beautiful example of this type of rock is the Alex Bay gneiss, a mostly pink metamorphic rock with a chemistry resembling that of granite. Uplift has occurred along a north-westward-trending ridge known as the Frontenac Arch. This Arch extends from the Grenville Province region of Canada to the Adirondack Mountains. Because significant erosion of the overlying rocks has occurred, you can see outcrops at the surface near Alexandria Bay and on Wellesley Island.

The geological events that formed the Frontenac Arch created a unique migratory corridor across the Great Lakes system, allowing for animals to safely pass along a binational land bridge. Stretching northwest from the peaks of the Adiron-

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dack Park in New York to the rugged boreal terrain of the Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, a granite ridge protrudes from the earth in the general shape of an hourglass. At the center of the hourglass is the Thousand Islands, a vital piece of the puzzle. Known as the Algonquin to Adirondacks (A2A) corridor, it fosters incredible biodiversity, with multiple habitat types to sustain a large variety of life.

This makes the conservation of the Thousand Islands region an undertaking of both local and global importance. The geology of the Thousand Islands fostered the incredible wildlife habitats and natural beauty that we value and conserve.

We are lucky to have such a beautiful and geologically interesting place to explore. It is because of these significant mountain building events, coupled with intermittent periods of quiet deposition in shallow waters, and extensive surface erosion that we enjoy such a unique place to live and play, and that diverse wildlife and habitats can flourish.

Kristy Carey, volunteer contributor, has a river home on Wellesley Island. She holds an MS in Geophysics and an MBA from Boston College as well as a BA in Geological Sciences from SUNY Geneseo.



Picton Island granite

Tributes - cont.

In honor of Arthur Mack

Tracie Tucci

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Molly & Darden MacWade

In memory of

Maximus, the Wonder Dog

Scott & Kim Kempton

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Jean Murray

In honor of Nathan

Michael & Patti Peck

In memory of

Donald & Joan Nickason

Constance Peters

In memory of David U. Prichard

Richard Withington

In memory of William Rapp Sr.

Bruce Rapp

In memory of Jim Rendall

Margot Rendall & George Gardner

In memory of Karen Inglese Rice

Lois & Sam Giamber

In memory of Mary Ellen Rogers

James Barden

In honor & in memory of

Joan & Fred Rueckert

Bill & Fleur Rueckert

Jake Tibbles

In memory of George B. Swick

Lois Swick

In memory of Virginia Anne Tice

Jane Johnston

In honor of the

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Robin & David Lucas

Art Mack & Mary Jo Champion

Molly & Darden MacWade

Greg & Cindy McLean

Janice & Dan McPhail

Mike & Amy Phelps

Jake Tibbles & Alicia Dewey

Ben & Jada Walldroff

In memory of Aaron R. Vogel

Robin Hoffman

In honor of Susie Wood

Robin Hoffman

Matt & Annie Wall



Concept drawings of the TILT Discovery Center by Amaze Designs

The TILT Discovery Center: The Gateway to the Outdoors

At the forefront of every experience is connection. With a mission driven goal to cultivate a love for the region and connect both residents and visitors to the land, TILT is working to provide a transformative asset to our community through the creation of the TILT Discovery Center: The Gateway to the Outdoors.

The Center will act as a hub where visitors and locals alike can learn about regional outdoor resources, a need that currently is not met. And with our organization embarking on a complete building renovation afforded through private donations, there is no better time to provide an interactive experience like no other in the Thousand Islands.

“TILT’s life blood is its mem-

bership, and the Discovery Center will be key to our future by actively welcoming and engaging all who pass by. In this 3-D walk-in, hands-on, immersing, sensory experience, people will see TILT’s critical role in conserving the unparalleled

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values of the Thousand Islands and the great River that runs through it. There is nothing that will better deliver the magical message of Alice the Moose, the islands and the region’s many furred and feathered travelers to people of all ages. And what more ideal location

than the corner of John Street and the River, accessible to everyone?” said Cindy Bower, TILT Trustee.

The Discovery Center will serve as interpretive and educational space that will communicate the value of the land we protect, and the local recreational opportunities and access to open space that the region offers. We envision visitors leaving the Center instilled with appreciation and knowledge of the region’s unique ecosystem, natural resources, and cultural history. Visitors will be ready to explore the region’s public lands and help support this vital community. The main goal of the experience is to inspire people to get outside and connect with nature.

“It is critically important that land trust organizations, such as

TILT work to preserve, protect and manage highly functioning habitat to support fish and wildlife populations and reverse local biodiversity loss,” said John M. Farrell, Ph.D., Professor and Director Thousand Islands Biological Station at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and TILT Trustee. “TILT’s efforts to expand its role in local and regional environmental conservation with the creation of the TILT Discovery Center represent a positive step towards that goal.”

Interactive exhibits for both children and adults will encourage hands-on experiences that allow people to explore and learn. One exhibit will focus on the Algonquin to Adirondacks (A2A) corridor, and the important work TILT and local partners are doing to protect this climate-resilient landscape. Incorporated within other exhibits will be touchscreen kiosks and other technology that will connect people to our preserves, provide real-time project information, celebrate TILT’s history, share videos and stories and engage all ages in environmental education. Open year-round and on the newly constructed Clayton

Riverwalk, the Discovery Center will engage all who visit.

The Discovery Center will also function as a convening space for TILTreks, our program series that gets people out on the land. It will also be used for presentations like TILT’s Birkhead Lecture.

“As a community member, I have had the opportunity to attend several of TILT’s Treks with my family. We have benefitted from these programs and expanded our knowledge of the natural world together,” said Kelly Picunas, Guardino Elementary Fifth Grade Teacher. “The creation of the TILT Discovery Center will fill a need in our community that is not met and provide a tool that educators like me can utilize through field trips to engage students with the St. Lawrence River ecosystems, the ben-

efits TILT provides and the threats we face together.”

“Our goal is to develop a common space where the community comes alive with a sense of belonging. Together with community members and our conservation partners, we aim to create a strong public place where people are empowered to take ownership of their local environment and immerse themselves in a sense of community that is inspiring,” said Terra Bach, Director of Development and Communications.

The creation of the TILT Discovery Center is made possible by the generous support of the Ferguson Foundation, Fresh Sound Foundation, Northern New York Community Foundation, Sweetgrass Foundation, Watertown Savings Bank, and private donations.



With the looming threat of climate change, the ever-growing importance of protecting our water resources, and the widening disconnect between children and nature, mission awareness and environmental education initiatives like the creation of the TILT Discovery Center are more important now than ever before. With the TILT Discovery Center: The Gateway to the Outdoors, the organization will be able to connect more people to the land and River, encouraging a deeper understanding of the health of our planet, its important water resources, and the future stewardship of this earth.

Preserving Water Quality in Goose Bay & Lake of the Isles



Deer Point Island in Lake of the Isles, adjacent to TILT's Barnett Marsh and Wellesley Island Preserve

Last month, TILT was awarded two grants through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) totaling \$1.23M for two priority conservation initiatives: Number Nine Island in Goose Bay and Deer Point Island in Lake of the Isles. Through these grants, TILT will be able to preserve nearly 170 acres of forests and wetlands on and around these islands, helping to protect the region's water quality.

The St. Lawrence River and its tributaries provide drinking water to hundreds of thousands of people across countless municipalities in the US and Canada. As impacts from shoreline development and agriculture continue across the entire Great Lakes basin, there is increased susceptibility for water contamination by nutrient-laden sediments and other harmful pollutants. At the local scale, aside from the risk to safe recreational enjoyment of these waters, this means that municipalities and other public water

suppliers would eventually need to implement more robust and costly treatment systems to provide clean, safe, drinking water.

Over the last few decades, water quality in Goose Bay in the Town of Alexandria has been on the decline, likely due to increased nutrient loading associated with waterfront development and agricultural activities in the upper watershed. Most of the land surrounding Goose Bay is composed of very shallow soils, which do not absorb nutrients well and therefore do not properly treat sewage and wastewater. These additional nutrients that are not absorbed into the soil, make their way into open water, causing an explosion of aquatic weed growth like we see now in Goose Bay. Here, invasive weeds are flourishing, hindering boating, swimming, fishing, and dock access. While local citizen groups are working diligently to combat this growth with aquatic herbicides and other removal techniques, these efforts do not address the root of the problem of poor water quality.

Excess nutrients can also lead to harmful algal blooms (HABs) in Goose Bay’s shallow, slow-moving and warm water, posing a health threat to humans, pets, and wildlife.

Water quality has also been a longstanding concern facing Lake of the Isles on Wellesley Island. In recent history, the use of phosphate detergents combined with ineffective sewage treatment led to contaminations in this popular recreational destination. Considering its warm temperatures and lack of flow, Lake of the Isles is particularly susceptible to this form of water quality degradation.

To safeguard these waterways, TILT’s WQIP grant will allow the organization to acquire and permanently protect 156± acres and thousands of feet of undeveloped, natural vegetated shoreline and coastal marshland on Number Nine Island in Goose Bay, just upstream from Kring Point State Park. A second WQIP grant will allow for the permanent protection of 12± acres on Deer Point Island directly across the Lake from Dewolf Point State Park. This project would preserve approximately 1,500 feet of intact natural shoreline and about 1,400 feet of marsh frontage near Barnett Creek.

“Save The River is very excited to learn of the award to TILT to purchase these two environmentally sensitive tracts of land,” said John Peach, Executive Director of Save The River. “By conserving these properties, TILT ensures that they remain in their natural vegetated state in perpetuity, free from additional

pollutant-sources.”

The economy of the upper St. Lawrence River is vitally dependent on tourism, with the majority of this tourism being based around the region’s water quality, natural aesthetics and healthy ecosystems. At least 10% of visitors to the Thousand Islands come primarily to visit preserves, trails, and conserved open spaces. These visitors are estimated to spend \$37.9

million annually in the 1000 Islands region, generating \$2.6 million in local tax revenues each year. This means that maintaining a high standard of water quality is absolutely imperative for the region’s economy, especially near tourist attractions like the

popular Kring Point and Dewolf Point State Parks that receive a combined total of 75,000 visitors each year! The protection of the riparian vegetation and undeveloped natural shorelines will not only help ensure high water quality but will further bolster tourism.

“2020 is slated to be a busy and exciting year for TILT’s land protection program. The conservation of Number Nine Island and Deer Point Island are major steps toward ensuring the long-term ecological health and recreational quality of Goose Bay and Lake of the Isles,” said Spencer Busler, TILT’s Assistant Director. “We’re grateful that the Environmental Protection Fund and the Water Quality Improvement Program are available to help protect the clean water and open space that we all enjoy.”

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Number Nine Island, near TILT’s Crooked Creek Preserve

The Call of the Loon



Photo by Hobart Collins

The call of the loon is a welcome cut through the tranquil silence of the River, a sign of life and the personification of a wildlife success story. Over 20 years ago, you would not have heard the same sound.

Common Loon populations face numerous threats, including mercury pollution, lead poisoning, disease, fishing line entanglement, human disturbance, and development. All of these factors combined to drastically reduce Common Loon populations in New York State, to the point that you were lucky to even see one on the River after the early 1800s. In fact, in 1970 the Adirondack population was reduced to less than 200 breeding pairs (BRI NY Loon Status Report, 2015).

Thanks to recent conservation efforts, research, and policy changes, their populations are rising once again. Today, Common Loons are a Species of Special Concern in New York State, and are protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty.

Common Loons were first recorded on the St. Lawrence River

in the 2000-2005 Breeding Bird Atlas, with a current estimated New York Common Loon population of around 600-850 pairs. This is double the estimated population size in 1980, which indicates that these conservation efforts are working effectively to protect their population. But many threats still face the Common Loon today, making ongoing observations and protection vital in ensuring their longevity on the River.

New York Annual Loon Census

Here in Northern New York, TILT is making a difference for the Common Loon, with the help of our volunteers. The New York Annual Loon Census, led by the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, began in 2001, and we at TILT have been working to contribute data from the very start.

Every year like clockwork, on the third Saturday of July at 8:00am sharp, volunteers sit out with a pair of binoculars on their favorite spot on the water for an

hour to observe Common Loons. Concurrently, hundreds of volunteers spanning from the Adirondacks to the Thousand Islands record their own observations of loons they encounter, including count, age, and location, as well as weather and other environmental variables. Then promptly at the hour's end, the work stops, and volunteers wait with anticipation for another year to do it all over again.

Each July, TILT encourages volunteers to sign up to participate in the census. In 2019, we had 20 people that all set out and counted loons on their favorite River spot. Places surveyed include Watch Island, Chippewa Bay, Picton Channel, and Bartlett Point. All volunteers contributed valuable data to TILT, which was then sent over to the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation to be analyzed in their report.

According to the 2018 NY Loon Census Report, the loon population is slowly growing, and its range is expanding from the Adirondacks to the River. This citizen science effort contributes meaning-

Bringing the Call to the River

Tom Tinney, deemed the “Loon Whisperer,” has been working to protect the Common Loon for over 20 years. He and his wife Julie set up a nesting box every season in Delaney Bay, off of Grindstone Island. They were inspired with the idea of creating a loon platform from the Adirondacks, and always tweak their materials to best support their local loons. The neighborhood loons are used to him now, probably the chicks of chicks from years ago that keep returning to

the same nesting spot. Once Tom and Julie set up the nesting box each year, the loons appear within minutes!

Visiting the Adirondacks, both Tom and Julie were accustomed to the constant, harmonious backdrop of loon calls. This love of nature inspired them to bring this sound to the St. Lawrence River. “We love the River. It has always had a special place in our hearts, and we wanted to bring the call of the loon to Grindstone.”

Julie noted that there has been an increase of loons on the back side of Grindstone for the past 3-4 years, and observed a population explosion even before that. This past year, there was an active nest in Delaney Bay, another between Picnic Point and

Canoe Point, and one near Long Point. But despite this population increase, loons are now falling



Tom Tinney sets up a loon nesting platform on Grindstone

victim to new threats, including rising water levels, and an influx of a surprising new competitor... non-native swans.

“For the past couple of years, the swans have been relentless!” remarked Julie. Last year, she and Tom built a nest on the shoreline rather than in their tried and true spot, because a group of swans took over the loons’ usual nesting location. Loons laid a couple of eggs on this new shoreline nest, but they were soon washed out by the high water. “But the loons are here! They are coming back!” assured Julie, and noted that even in November there are a few juveniles still hanging about.



ful data to policy makers, ensuring that Common Loons in the region are properly protected. Our work with the Loon Census engages all people throughout the region to make a difference in a clear, palpable way, in the comfort of their own backyard for a short hour each year.

The Loon Crew

“There is something magical about being on the River early in the morning, hearing the call of the loon,” remarks Robin Hoffman. “It is my happy place on the River.” Robin participated in the Loon Census from the very beginning. She feels that it is one small way she can help the species continue on the River, and throughout the Northeast.

For her, the Loon Census was always a day of community, of love and of friendship. Her enthusiasm united a group of River Rats to get out on their boats each year and count loons for the census. Partnering with friends across the channel, from Rusho Bay to Picton, the group at first all counted loons separately. Now, they are stronger together. She remembers the years fondly, from fights over whose loon was whose to record (“No, that’s my loon!”), to finally all joining forces as one team (with loon embroidered red baseball caps and mugs to make it official!)

“When counting loons, I am reminded that the St. Lawrence River is not a distinct waterway, but instead connected to the Adirondacks,” she reflected. This embodies TILT’s mission of making a local impact, with global significance. Volunteers like Robin and her dynamite loon crew might not be able to save the whole species on their own, but they can do their

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The Loon Crew (l to r) Kate Breheny, Debbie Heineman, Ann Grobe, Robin Hoffman, and Bill Munro sport their loon swag after a successful 2015 census.

part here to help the loons throughout the region.

Inspiring Art

So, why sign up to participate in the Loon Census? Besides a calm morning spent on the water and the satisfaction of doing your part to save the Common Loon, volunteers who fill out a data form are entered into a raffle to win a beautiful, uniquely crafted, hand-painted paddle made by John Miller III. And wow, are they beautiful!

John's family has visited the

Thousand Islands since the early 1900s, on his great grandfather's steam yacht from Buffalo. Thirty years ago, he recalls that he would have been lucky to even see one loon; now, they are all over the place.

"I just love loons. I painted them on canvas before I started the paddles, and have been doing this ever since I found out about TILT and their work with the Loon Census," remarks John. He can see Crooked Creek right from his cottage in Chippewa Bay, a view that inspires his art and love of nature.

This year's paddle is top notch: "Loon Along the St. Lawrence River" is a Grindstone Island scene created with oil paints on a 22" ash paddle, with a stand made from white birch with a white maple base. John Miller III sources all of his materials locally.

For a chance to win this beautiful paddle, be sure to mark your calendar for the Loon Census on July 18, 2020 from 8-9am. Join TILT and this dedicated network of volunteers in our efforts to keep the call of the loon singing on the River for years to come.



2020 Loon Paddle by John Miller III

2019 TILT Membership

Picnic Point State Park, Grindstone Island

TILT's accomplishments in land conservation and environmental education are made possible by the support of our generous donors. Together, we are conserving the wetlands, water, and wildlife that sustain us. This list represents contributions made between January 1, 2019 and March 20, 2020. We apologize for any errors or omissions and ask that you email corrections to us at info@TILandTrust.org.

Thank you for your generous and continuing support.

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Richard Company	Clayton	Bob & Kathleen Grose	Cape Vincent	Rich & Monica LeClerc	Alexandria Bay
Tom & Beverly Company	Baldwinsville, NY	Kathy Halsey	Birch Island	Dan Leone	Alexandria Bay
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Cheryl & Ed Carvill	Alexandria Bay				
Connie Cavallario	Westminster Park				
Robert & Leigh Charron	Wolcott, NY				
Robert & Lila Chatfield	Fishers Landing				
Roy Cheney	Grindstone Island				
Dan & Jennifer Churchill	Clayton				
Clayton Food Coop*	Clayton				
Clayton Popcorn Company*	Ridgefield, CT				
Mary Ellen Comer	Alexandria Bay				
John & Melinda Comstock	Rochester, NY				
Michael Cooke	Rochester, NY				
Robert & Janna Cooke	Redwood				
Gregory & Martha Coon	Governor's Island				
John Cooper	Clayton				
Judy Corbett	Freemont, IN				
Angela & Rick Corcimiglia	Clayton				
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Sally Crews	Chippewa Bay				
Marcia & Donald Crist	Round Island				
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Terry & Bonnie Davenport					



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Eileen Lynn	Philadelphia, PA
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Sue & Jim Mahoney	Chaumont
Fran & John Mallery	Grindstone Island
Sidney Manes	Ojibway Island
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Bonnie Wilkinson Mark & Charles Mark	Fineview
David & Gretchen Starks Martin	Lake of Woods
Joe & Peggy Maul	Clayton
Nancy & George McBride	Carthage, NY
Mark & Susan McConn	Wellesley Island
John & Karen McKergow	Little Watch Island
Doreen Meeks	Grindstone Island
Larry Meikle	Brockville
Anne Mellon	Clayton
Patrick Metcalf	Shippensburg, PA
Bruce Meyer	Fairport, NY
Tish & Mike Michelson	Clayton
Charles Millar	Carleton Island
Brandt & Lucy Miller	Cape Vincent
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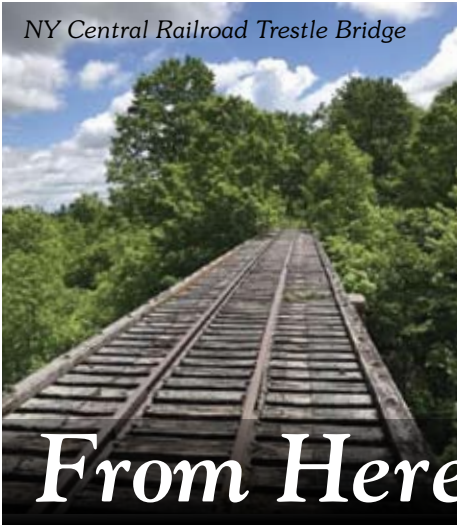
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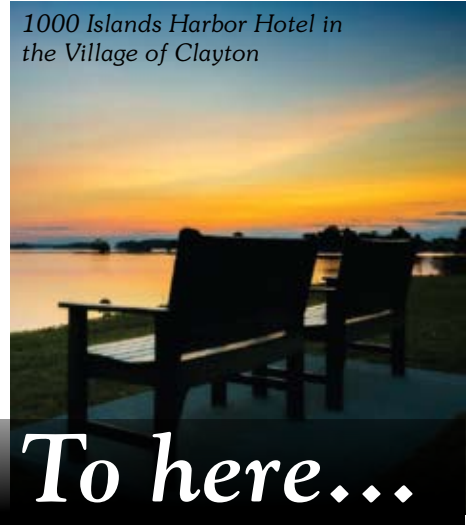
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Laurie Pitts	Philadelphia, PA	Louise Strayer	Clayton
Porch & Paddle*	Clayton	Daniel & Lisa Swainbank	Swanton, VT
Jack & Jean Quarrier	Ragnavok Island	Steve & Debz Sweet	Grenell Island
Sid Quarrier & Eliza Bailey	Scow Island	Jim Tague & Lori Thistle	Chippewa Bay
Tammy & John Quinn	Wellesley Island	David & Margaret Taylor	Wellesley Island
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Walter & Georgina Ratcliffe	Ivy Lea	Jeremy & Mary Taylor	Grindstone Island
Carol Reed & Bill Moth	Clayton	Pat Taylor	Clayton
Eugene & Mariana Reinhart	Cape Vincent	Steve & Nellie Taylor	Thousand Island Park
James & Glorian Reinman	Clayton	Gene & Joan Terenzetti	Wellesley Island
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Pat Rich	Murray Isle	Laura Tessieri	Milford, NJ
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Bruce & Sandra Rippeteau	Cape Vincent	The Hops Spot*	Clayton
River Golf Adventures*	Clayton	The Roxy Hotel*	Cape Vincent
Riverboat Bar*	Alexandria Bay	Jerry & Anna Tidd	Fishers Landing
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Casey Rock	Thousand Island Park	Elizabeth Tolla	Stamford, CT
Paul Roland	Pittsford, NY	Top of the Bay*	Alexandria Bay
Bob & Sue Romagnoli	Cazenovia, NY	David Torrey~	Montreal, QC
Ross & Karen Rowland	Sackets Harbor	Charlann Tranella	Rochester, NY
Leon & Dawn Rusho	Grindstone Island	Jeff & Joanne Truman	Carleton Island
Jack & Janet Russell	Russell Tract	Tracie Tucci	North Syracuse
Joe & Robin Russell	Alexandria Bay	Jo Anne Tuck	Cape Vincent
Stephen J. Sabo	Carleton Island	David & Linda Twichell	Westminster Park
Stephen & Lisa Sarfaty	Oak Point	Two Friends on a River	Clayton
The Sauer Family	Oak Point	Sandy Uhlein	Grenadier Island (US)
Joe & Millie Savarese	Clayton	Alice Ulrich	Wellesley Island
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Tim Schlachter	Morristown	Buzz Ward	Dingman Point
Teamwork Strategies	Clayton	Greg Washburn	Hammond
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Dawn Smith	McDonald, PA	Kristin Worden	Rodman, NY
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Sue St. Louis & Peter Bleau	Chippewa Bay	Elizabeth Youngs	Clayton
John & Marie Steinbeck	Black River, NY	Kent Zaiser	Crawfordville, FL

Community Enhancement Project on the Sissy Danforth Rivergate Trail



NY Central Railroad Trestle Bridge

From Here...



1000 Islands Harbor Hotel in the Village of Clayton

To here...

Last fall, you may have heard that TILT was building a new trail in the Town of Clayton, providing recreational access to the historic McCarn Creek trestle bridge on the S. Gerald Ingerson Preserve and to the Sissy Danforth Rivergate Trail.

In 2019, TILT constructed nearly a mile of new trail between the Village of Clayton and TILT's Preserve. This includes a new parking area off East Line Road that's now open to the public.

But we're far from finished. The new trail leads to the awe-inspiring 60-foot high trestle bridge but does not extend across it. Re-

storing this trestle bridge will enhance a local trail that contributes to the vibrant quality of life in our region by protecting our natural resources and providing recreation opportunities that support the vitality of our local economy.

We need your help to cross this bridge.

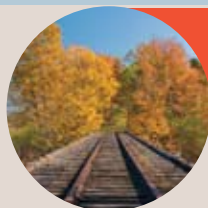
The trestle bridge, built in 1870, needs several safety upgrades. In partnership with the

Village of Clayton and Town of Clayton, TILT is working to raise funds from within the Thousand Islands community to make this project happen and restore a piece of our region's heritage.

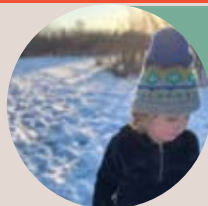
Whether it's \$5 or \$50,000, your support will help build a new recreation asset for all to enjoy. Please consider joining us to enhance, expand and connect our community from downtown Clayton to LaFargeville for present and future generations. Make your mark by restoring a bridge that is a piece of our history and a community resource.



YOUR COMMUNITY.



YOUR TRESTLE.



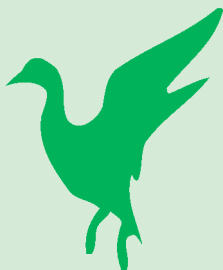
YOUR TRAIL.

To find out how you can contribute, please contact TILT at 315-686-5345.

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October 8, 2019 - March 20, 2020

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Terrafirma: Ensuring Conservation Defense

As TILT approaches 11,000 acres conserved, it is clear that the organization has had a significant impact on the 1000 Islands landscape. While conserving land on this scale, TILT takes great pride in the responsibility of ensuring the conservation permanence of such a unique resource.

Since its inception, TILT has held the philosophy that acquiring land is more than a one-time transaction; it is a perpetual commitment to the protection and stewardship of an irreplaceable asset. For this reason, TILT has taken additional steps to both insure and ensure the long term conservation of both its fee-owned and easement lands.

In 2013, TILT became a member of Terrafirma, a charitable risk pool created by the Land Trust Alliance, which insures its members against legal costs associated with conservation defense. By enrolling its conservation portfolio into this program, TILT has expanded its financial capacity to better defend its conserved lands against conservation easement violations and encroachment on lands owned by the land trust.

While land trusts hope to never need to litigate, it is prudent to be prepared to protect an easement or conserved property. Through proactive participation in Terrafirma, TILT has equipped itself with the tools to address and overcome the potentially high costs of litigation, ensuring conservation longevity through fiscal responsibility.

Terrafirma is an important tool for TILT in assuring both its capacity and capability of upholding conservation permanence.



Brandon Hollis, Stewardship Director, marks a preserve boundary, part of the careful stewardship practice that protects conserved lands in perpetuity.

Stewardship: Chippewa Bay Preserve

For those of you looking to explore the road less traveled, come experience the hidden trails of the Chippewa Bay Preserve. This trail, located at the end of New Road in Chippewa Bay, will give trail users the opportunity to explore all that nature has to offer as they navigate the varying landscapes along this mile-long trail.

Lose yourself amongst the giant White Pines and towering stands of maple and oak trees. Experience the elevated views as you traverse the rocky ridges. Search for the several geocaches hidden in the Preserve. Capture a photo of passing wildlife.

In the fall of 2019, several improvements were made to the Preserve as TILT works to strengthen the connection between our communities and nature. They include a stairway over the rock face to allow for safer access to the trail below; a new bridge across the seasonal creek that drains the property; and an observation deck, with a wonderful view over the marshes adjacent to Chippewa Creek.

These improvements were made possible by a 2019 Stewardship Grant through the NYS Conservation Partnership Program.

We extend our thanks to Wellesley Island Building Supply for underwriting the materials for the new Observation Tower and to Jordstat Construction for the great job building all of these new trail features.

Together we can protect and enjoy the natural world around us. So take a hike and make a memory.



RBC Supports Education Programs



Pictured: (l-r) Jake Tibbles, Executive Director, Terra Bach, Director of Development and Communications, and John Nuber, Senior Financial Associate, RBC Wealth Management.

The TILTreks program benefits and strengthens our River community by providing free environmental programming and recreational opportunities, promoting healthy living through interaction with the outdoors, and engaging young people in conservation through education and technology.

In 2019, the Thousand Islands Land Trust received a \$5,000 grant from the RBC Foundation for our Treks and KidsTreks programs. With this partnership and support, TILT is able to expand our free education and recreation offerings. This funding will allow us to broaden our annual programs by bringing in new technology, attracting more people to our programs and engaging a younger demographic to help drive a deeper connection to nature. The integration of technology will enhance the learning experience by introducing more citizen science apps like iMapInvasives and iNaturalist, giving young people the ability to contribute meaningfully to conservation. These tools will also make it easier to interact, educate and communicate with our audiences by establishing common ground among all ages.

We are grateful to the RBC Foundation for their support of the TILTreks program, allowing us to take the program to the next level and further help connect young people to nature.

YogaTrek at Picnic Point



Grindstone Island Mule Tour



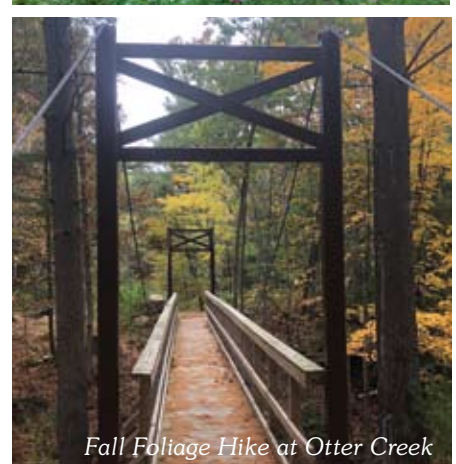
KayakTrek in Chippewa Bay



Dig with Doug



Otter Creek Fun Run



Fall Foliage Hike at Otter Creek

TILTreks & Events 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE - To help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, TILT is postponing TILTreks & Events through the end of June. This includes the cancellation of the 2020 Zenda Community Picnic.

Wednesday, July 1, 9:00 – 10:30 am
[Zenda Farms Yoga with River Yoga](#)
Stretch into summer with an energizing all-levels yoga session outdoors!

Saturday, July 18, 8:00 – 9:00 am
[Annual Loon Census](#)
Please register to volunteer in advance.

Saturday, July 18, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
[Annual Summer Gathering Fundraiser at Coyote Moon Vineyards](#)

Wednesday, July 29, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Grindstone Island Mule Tour*](#)
Explore Grindstone Island aboard motorized “mules,” and see the impact of your gifts to TILT.* This trek is reserved for TILT supporters and has limited space.

Friday, July 31, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
[Ichthyologist \(Fish Scientist\) for a Day* KidsTrek at Governor’s Island.](#)
Learn what it takes to be a fish scientist! Enjoy a boat ride and day on Governor’s Island while meeting some new aquatic friends that live in the St. Lawrence River.

Tuesday, August 4, 9:00 – 10:30 am
[Foster-Blake Yoga with River Yoga](#)
Enjoy a short and magical hike in the Foster Blake woods followed by an all-levels yoga session.

Thursday, August 6, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
[Volunteer Recognition Event at Northern Flow Vineyards](#)
A casual reception for volunteers including drinks and dinner. And our volunteer awards will be presented!

Friday, August 7, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
[8th Annual TILTKids Day Camp: Healthy Land = Healthy River!](#)
Explore the vital connection between land and water that sustains life. Thousand Island Park on Wellesley Island makes for the perfect setting!

Tuesday, August 18, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
[Chippewa Bay Kayak Adventure at Riverbay Adventure Inn](#)
An exciting paddle in Chippewa Bay, which is connected to one of the most significant wetlands on the St. Lawrence, TILT’s Crooked Creek Preserve.

Thursday, August 20, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
[Major Donor Appreciation Event at Point Marguerite, the home of Molly and Darden MacWade](#)
Watch for your invitation.

Saturday, August 22, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
[Dig with Doug*](#)
Join TILT and Prof. Douglas J. Pippin, from SUNY Oswego in an actual archaeological dig at historic Fort Haldimand on Carleton Island. What will you find?
*This trek is reserved for TILT supporters and has limited space.

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
[Otter Creek 5K Family Fun Run](#)
Please register in advance.

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
[Fall Stewardship Day](#)
This year, we are working with the Alliance for the Great Lakes Adopt-a-Beach Program at Potters Beach as part of the larger International Coastal Cleanup.

Sunday, October 4, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
[Fall Foliage Hike with Heart For Youth](#)
Bring the whole family as TILT staff leads a hike in search of vibrant fall foliage on the Otter Creek Nature Trail, with its impressive suspension bridge.

***These treks are reserved for TILT Members. Please join today.**



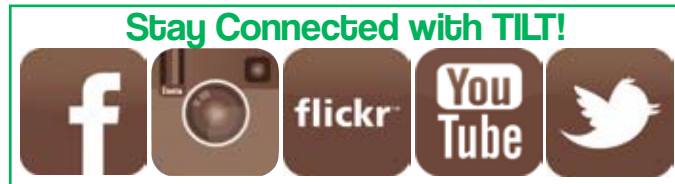


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