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URBAN TRAIL BRINGS OPEN SPACE TO INNER CITY

Genesee Land Trust Board member Tom Frey has long held the conviction that the Trust "...should not just consider purchases and easements of suburban open space, but also consider urban projects."

His belief was heightened several years ago when an old railroad line shut down—one that brought coal by a circuitous route from the mouth of the Genesee River down through Irondequoit and northeast Rochester to the Beebee Station at High Falls. The line was once a segment of a 19th century railroad route that carried passengers from Niagara Falls to Watertown, and it provided a way for passengers to commute from the main line along Lake Ontario to downtown Rochester. It became a part of the New York Central System in 1914, emerging as the principal coal delivery system throughout Rochester.

Frey remembers when the train regularly passed through the neighborhood of St. Michael's Church, a beautiful gothic structure on the corner of Clifford and North Clinton streets, where he is a member and active community volunteer. The stark contrast between the old stone and stained glass of the church and the barren harshness of the city streets surrounding it caused him to consider a restoration of the abandoned roadbed. Why not replace the chug of the old steel with a pathway of green, of nature—a walking trail?

Frey proposed the idea to the Trust's executive director, Gay Mills, and the Steering Committee of the Board of Directors, and then Frey and Mills met with Larry Stid, the City's Planning Director. They learned that the City was, in fact, trying to acquire the roadbed, but needed some of the land for economic development. The City planned to transfer most of the roadbed itself to the adjoining landowners. Stid doubted that the Trust's idea of an urban trail would be successful, citing a mountain of obstacles: Various community groups would have to join forces, neighbors would have to



Restoration will turn this abandoned railroad bed into a walking trail.

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The Native Plant Sale took place on Saturday, May 21, at Brighton Town Hall. Cooperative weather helped make this a near sell-out! We thank the Town of Brighton, donors and volunteers for making it such a great day.

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GENESEE LAND TRUST EXTENDS A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO . . .

Native Plant Sale Lecture: Jim Engel for a great lecture and Penfield Public Library for use of the Ruth Braman Room. **Volunteers:** Kathryn Franz, Martha Blair, Donna Mummery, Pat Buehlman, Lee Caine, Heather Foti. **Gardenscape 2005:** Bob Kretzer and the Genesee Finger Lakes Nursery and Landscape Association; Cindy Kindle and Ann Baker for a great exhibit. **Volunteers:** Karen Arbogast, Joan Poor, Ann Baker, Maureen Lynch, Sandy Carbone, Dawn Wendt, Elthea King, Elizabeth von Bacho, Cherie Harder, Bill McIlvride, Lorna Wright, Georgia Nelson, Erin Badtke, Martha Blair, Kathryn Franz, Tom Witt, Chris Young, Lee Caine, Donna Mummery, Maureen Carver, Merri-Lou McKeever, Deb Allen, Pat Buehlman and Kathy Magin. **Native Plant Sale:** The Town of Brighton, Sandy Frankel and Steve Dodd for use of the town hall to hold the Native Plant Sale; Peter Henry for canopies; Rachel Edwards for tables; Rick Marx, Steve Maley, Tom Witt, Brad Dingman, the Robert Kraus Family for set up and clean up. **Native Plant Sale Volunteers:** Ann Baker, Karen Arbogast, Pat Buehlman, Lee Caine, Diane Cass, Sandy Carbone, Jean Coleman, Jean Cos, Heather Foti, Bonnie Hawk, Cherie Harder, Elthea King, Judy Lemoncelli, Kathy Magin, Merri-Lou McKeever, Eileen Morris, Mary Moss, Georgia Nelson, Tom Tette, Margaret Vanas, Dawn Wendt, Suzanne Wheatcraft, Lorna Wright, Chris Young. **Native Plant Sale Participating Nurseries:** Amanda's Garden, White Oak Nursery, Sunrise Aquatics, Chase's Greenhouse and Florist, Ted Collin's, Jane's Herb Farm, Green Acres, Buttonwood Farm, DeVisser's, Van Putte's, Harris Garden Center, Wayside Garden Center, Blue Herron Greenhouse, Sarah's Farm Market. **Individual Plant Donations:** Carol Southby, Lee Caine, Chris Young, Cherie Harder. Thanks also to the Messenger Post Newspapers and the Democrat and Chronicle for wonderful coverage; to Michael Warren Thomas for great radio coverage of this and other events. **The Backyard Habitat Tour: Our sponsors:** Broccolo Tree and Lawn Care; Wegmans Food Markets; Amica Insurance; First Niagara Bank; Captain Planet Foundation. **Thanks to all our many advertisers. Thanks also** to Kevin Clar and Helluva Good Cheese for donations to the

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A gift from Ann Stear in honor of Betsy Brooks and BBBO; A gift from James and Nancy MacWhinney in honor of Ann McNabb. ■

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Betty Novak, from Winifred and John Smith; Fred Banazuski, from Carolyn Ragan. ■

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From Suzanne and Andrew Wheatcraft to Mr. and Mrs. William Peet; From David Spier and Donna Mason-Spier to Marj Campaigne. ■

PLEASE PLAN TO HELP

Late last spring, we learned of the passing of Regina "Jean" Bruns, a Trust member since 2002. She was a warm and friendly individual who was an enthusiastic volunteer. Subsequently, we received notice that Genesee Land Trust was a beneficiary of Ms. Bruns' retirement account. It was a touching moment to think that a member of three years cared enough about land preservation to bequeath such a gift. Genesee Land Trust is honored by Jean Bruns' generosity. For more information on how you can make a planned gift, call Gay Mills at 585-256-2130. ■

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consent, and City support would be crucial.

Undeterred, Frey and Mills began laying the groundwork by meeting with neighborhood associations, including Group 14621 and the Ibero American Action League, and with individual neighbors. They also began discussions with the City of Rochester and the Sector 9 and 10 planning committees, among others.

While prepared for an uphill battle, Frey and Mills discovered cautious interest in the project. All saw the irony inherent in the project—abandoning the roadbed meant once again abandoning the poorest neighborhoods in Rochester. How to bring everyone to the table, define the restoration, secure funding, create something that would enrich the neighborhoods without encouraging crime—these were the challenges ahead.

The Trust applied for and received a \$10,000 Civic Engagement Grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation. Ed Doherty, Rochester's Environmental Services Director, offered a city matching grant of \$10,000, which made it possible for the Trust to hire the landscape architecture firm Environmental Design and Research to do a study and submit plans. The result: The Trust and its community partners resolved to create a park-like trail that will include two surfaces for walking, biking and rollerblading and eventual plantings of durable shrubs and flowers.

It took five years for CSX Railroad to relinquish ownership of the abandoned land, but all partners are still committed to the project. Now, the City of Rochester is in the final stages of the acquisition process, with an additional \$50,000 budgeted for the Urban Trail. Additionally, Genesee Land Trust, through the Nature Conservancy, has obtained a grant of \$150,000 from Eastman Kodak Company for use in trail development. All partners continue to work with area leaders and neighbors on initiatives and programming that bring a true sense of community ownership of the Urban Trail. Genesee Land Trust takes pride in this initiative and is confident in its many benefits to the people who live along the trail.

Look for more stories on the Urban Trail in future newsletters and learn how you can become involved in bringing open space to the inner city. ■



Xerox lends a hand.



Gay Mills



"Absolutely Fantastic...The Best Ever!"... "Excellent!"... "Great!" These are some of the comments made by Backyard Habitat Tour attendees on June 18. With eight diverse gardens and one garden in progress (The Children's Habitat Garden at Durand Eastman School), the tour marked its third year with rousing success.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Members,

Two important tools are found in every land trust's toolbox: conservation easements and the ability of landowners to consider gifts of land as a charitable deduction.

Both have come under fire recently, first by the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) and then by the Senate Finance Committee. The JCT developed proposals that would discourage the donations of property and conservation easements instead of gifts of cash. For land trusts, donations of natural lands and conservation easements are in many ways more significant gifts than cash.

On June 8th, the Senate Finance Committee held a hearing on "The Tax Code and Land Conservation: Report on Investigations and Proposals for Reform." Rand Wentworth, President of the Land Trust Alliance (LTA), presented testimony on the work of land trusts across the country, calling for reasonable rather than the proposed sweeping changes. The hearing was attended by eleven Senators, including Senator Schumer of New York, nearly all of whom made strong statements on the value of conservation in their states

Genesee Land Trust relies on generous donations of land and conservation easements by individual landowners committed to preserving natural lands for the future.

To keep abreast of the proposals before the Senate Finance Committee and ultimately the actions of the Senate and House of Representatives, I urge you to visit the Land Trust Alliance Website (www.lta.org) often in the next few months and add your voice to the discussions on Capital Hill.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE PRESERVING NATURE. FOREVER.



Genesee Land Trust has made great strides in its "Preserving Nature, Forever" campaign to raise \$500,000. The Trust has seen terrific support from its members, individuals and foundations, as well as tangible progress on specific conservation projects.

Natural Habitat: Genesee Land Trust has secured purchase contracts on two significant natural habitats along Salmon Creek and Braddock Bay.

Salmon Creek -- Fourteen acres immediately adjacent to the Trust's existing Salmon Creek Preserve will enhance the vital wetland on the creek's edge that is the historic nesting habitat for the black tern (a New York State endangered species) and home to red-winged blackbirds, American bitterns, black-crowned night-herons and other animals such as muskrats, turtles and fish. **Fundraising goal: \$20,000**

Braddock Bay -- Eight acres of open field will be purchased at a bargain sale to complete a corridor of protected natural habitat that will run uninterrupted from the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) Headquarters to Braddock Bay. Positioned on one of the great migratory routes, this land is the stopover place for many thousands of bird that rest and refuel on their annual journeys north and south. **Fundraising goal: \$25,000**

Farmland: The Trust holds an option, good until the end of 2005, to buy the 140-acre farm that is the home of Peacework Farm, hayfields and woodlands along Ganargua Creek in the Town of Arcadia. A team of volunteers from the Genesee Valley Organic Community Supported Agriculture project has been working to raise the funds needed to purchase this land. To date, \$100,000 has been pledged or donated. This project is an innovative model of farmland and farming protection that will create a preserve of natural habitat and sustainable farmland. **Fundraising goal: \$150,000**

The Trust still needs the support of its members and partners from around the community to reach the \$500,000 goal to help preserve natural habitats and family farms as part of the Rochester landscape. ■

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS . . .

Deborah and James Allen, Janet and Donald Anderson, Barb Baumer, Matthew Belanger and Carol McKenna, Bob Berch, Barbara Binder and Art Trimble, Rae Ellen Bollen, Nancy and David Bowes, John and Lana Bradbury, Mary Lee Cannon, Helena P. Chapin, Tamsan Cleveland, Jean Coleman, Constance Ann Collins, Janine and E. Michael Cook, Don and Patricia Cushing, Zsolt G. De Papp, M.D., Dorothy Donaldson, Steven Finkelstein and Marie Cinti, Barbara Warrick-Fischer, Daniel R. Fletcher, Kenneth J. Fraser, Margaret O. Freeman, Roderic Frohman, Joan and Tom Gift, Elizabeth Gordon, Kevin Griffith and Colleen Dox-Griffith, Robert and Sarah Jane Guenther, Ronald and Sandra Happ, Stanley Hatch, Bonnie Hawk, Patricia Haydanek, Paul and Laurie Heise, Charlotte and Raul Herrera, Donna S. Hilborn, Christel Hirschauer, Olive Hoffman, Robert Horowitz and

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Robert Roth, William Ruscher, Betty Schaeffer, Edward and Marian Schoonmaker, Alexa and Russ Schwartzbeck, Neil Seely & Elizabeth Neureiter-Seely, Christine Sevilla, Patricia and Thomas Seward, Morris Shapiro, Shirley Shumway, Lois Smith, George and Marlene Snyder, Carol Southby, Mary Staley, Ray Steifel, Christian and Martina Stoeckl, James W. Strauss, Marian and Benjamin Taylor, Dion Terwilliger and Jennifer Terwilliger, Ellen and Todd Thayer, Joan Frances Thompson, Mary Tichenor, Margaret Vanas, James and Marilyn Weaver, Courtney Weber, Linda Weir Kohl, Kurt Weissend, M.D., Elizabeth Wheeler, Peter and Nancy Whitcombe, Marie Wiesner, Renee Wilson, Pat Woodlock, Jeff Wyatt, D.V.M., M.P.H., Matha Zettel. ■

Net revenue of \$7,000 will be used to support the Trust's conservation efforts. Thank you to all involved—especially the gardeners!

Note: Sara Rubin, tour gardener, and Land Trust staff are forming a Habitat Gardening Club. If you are interested, please call Margaret Potter at 256-2130.



GLT BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Trust welcomes three new members to its Board of Directors, all of whom were voted onto the Board at the annual meeting at Veteran's Memorial Park in Penfield.

Lee Caine is an artist and gardener who lives in Brighton with her husband, Eric. Lee earned a Master's degree in the biosciences, studying animal behavior. Her love of nature is expressed in her art—portraits of organic forms such as seed pods, berries and shells. As an active GLT volunteer for the past three years, Lee has served on the Backyard Habitat Tour committee since its beginning, and she has contributed a number of illustrations used in Trust publications. She and Eric are members of the Genesee Valley Organic Community Supported Agriculture, and Lee recently joined its board. She also serves on the board of Rochester Roots (formerly Politics of Food), a 30-year old organization promoting local, sustainable, healthy food sources for the entire community.

Jean Hutchinson McCreary is a Certified Professional Environmental Auditor (BEAC) for Nixon Peabody, LLP. In this capacity, she is involved in the environmental aspects of a broad spectrum of corporate mergers and acquisitions, real estate acquisitions and divestitures, and asset transfers (including gifts to educational institutions and charitable organizations) concentrating on identifying potential environmental liabilities and exposures. Jean has coordinated and conducted environmental management, compliance and pre-acquisition audits in about 40 states within the United States and in about 20 countries internationally. Among her many professional credits is her leadership of the team that developed an environmental management system for a large international energy project, involving the construction of a natural gas pipeline spanning two countries.

Nancy Goodman Torpey grew up on Long Island and has lived in the Rochester area for 23 years with her husband, Peter, and children, Allison and Brian. Moved by the man-made congestion surrounding her in her hometown, she joined Genesee Land Trust to help our area avoid the same mistakes by preserving open space. Professionally, she is a physicist at Xerox Corporation. She enjoys the outdoors, including jogging, walking, gardening, bicycling and hiking. She serves on the Land Management Committee. ■

TRAIL PROJECTS PROCEED WITH HELP OF VOLUNTEERS

Island Cottage Woods: With volunteer help from three local companies on Earth Day, the trails at Island Cottage Woods have never looked and felt so great underfoot. Huge mounds of mulch were greatly diminished by the army of pitchfork and shovel wielding workers loading up wheelbarrows. Working from the two entrances—at the south end on the Trust's preserve and at the north end on land still privately owned by Schaller's Drive-In, Inc., but open for birders and hikers to enjoy—the high and dry trails were nearly joined by the end of the day. Volunteers look forward to completing this project next April.

Genesee Land Trust Board member and avid birder Rick Marx brought together volunteers from the firms of Nixon Peabody, LLP, Haley & Aldrich and Paradigm Environmental Services. Fellow organizer Marshall Shannon of Paradigm reconnoitered the trail ahead of time to determine the day's tasks, and Barry Steinberg of Paradigm both designed the handsome Earth Day T-shirt and filled countless wheelbarrows with mulch.



Volunteers and Trust staff members are working to create trails and restore mowed lawns to habitat along the banks of Ganargua Creek.

Corbett's Glen Nature Park: The newly completed trail system in the Town of Brighton's Corbett's Glen Nature Park is a delight to both eye and foot! Features of the trail system include wide, meandering trails passing through woodlands and open meadow, a waterfall overlook, and a rustic system of curving boardwalks passing unobtrusively over previously inaccessible swamp and wetlands. The easy-to-moderate degree of trail difficulty draws both the seasoned hiker and people just looking for a casual stroll. ■

The newly completed Corbett's Glen trail features a waterfall overlook, curving boardwalks and wide, meandering paths.

Ganargua Creek Meadows Preserve: This spring, Land Management Committee volunteers developed a plan to create trails on the Victor Road side of Ganargua Creek. With help from the Trails Committee of Macedon (a group that "adopted" the Preserve this spring) and Trust volunteers, and under the guidance of Peter Henry, the Preserve Steward, they cleared a new trail through the thick brush to the Creek's edge. Working with neighbors to return previously mowed lawn to meadow and to clearly mark the boundaries between the preserve and private property, the Trust is creating a more usable trail system and more enjoyable experience for the neighborhood.

Rochester's El Camino: This trail is being created on the abandoned Rochester Running Track rail line from Scrantom Street and St. Paul Boulevard to the Seneca Park entrance. Over the past three years, hundreds of volunteer hours have resulted in the clearing of years of debris and vegetation from the entire length of the right of way. This spring, on United Way's Day of Caring, workers from Xerox and Excellus Blue Cross & Blue Shield loaded dumpsters, cut trees, and collected litter on both sides of Route 104, extending south to Norton Street and north to St. Paul Boulevard.





John Morelli and Melissa Lamphron led the Spring Walk at Brookdale Preserve, a 275-acre stretch bordered by the Genesee Greenway Trail in the Town of Chili.

COMING EVENTS

Genesee Land Trust/ Braddock Bay Bird Observatory Open House: Saturday, October 1, 8:00 – 11:00 AM. Join us at the Kaiser-Manitou Beach Bird Banding Station for a fun morning of bird banding demonstrations and preserve tours. Learn more about our joint efforts to protect migratory bird habitat in the area and see the songbirds up close and personal! Take the Ontario State Parkway, exit at Manitou Beach Road in the Town of Greece and head north. Follow Manitou Beach Road. Bear left onto Braddocks Avenue and then enter the gravel driveway at the next curve.

Hipp Brook Fall Work Party: Saturday, October 8, 9:00 -- 11:00 AM. Wear long pants and gloves and bring loppers and hand saws to cut back the brush along the trail. Help us let some sunshine onto the back section of the Wild Iris Path! With enough volunteers, a second project will be along Hipp Brook to restore the natural water flow patterns. Directions: Meet at the western end of Brougham Road off of Jackson Road in the Town of Penfield. Leaders: Warren Elvin, Dave Ferriter, Elsa Schaefer and Fran McCarthy

Fall Color Walk at Ganargua Creek Meadows Preserve: Sunday, October 9, 1:00 PM. Enjoy the fall colors of the wooded hillside as you walk through the wildflowers and grasses of the meadow alongside Ganargua Creek. Meet at the Bunker Hill Entrance. Directions: From Route 31 in Macedon turn south onto Route 306 (Wayneport Road). Turn east onto Wilkinson Road. At the crest of the hill, turn south onto Bunker Hill Drive and go to the end. Some poison ivy grows just off of the trail so dress appropriately. The walk will take place rain or shine.

Mark Your Calendars: Annual Auction to be held at Artisan Works, Saturday November 5th

Genesee Land Trust invites all members, their families and friends to come to our Annual Auction at Artisan Works, located at 565 Blossom Road (near intersection of Winton Road) in the city of Rochester. Artisan Works is a non-profit organization that celebrates the world of visual arts including paintings, photography, three-dimensional and kinetic art. 40,000 square feet of space, 25 studios, and virtually every inch of walls are covered with exciting art. A tour of this fabulous building will be a part of this fundraising event. Join us for an enchanting evening! For ticket information, call Genesee Land Trust at 256-2130.

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Gardeners' Gathering; to the **Backyard Habitat Tour Committee:** Ann Baker, Pat Buehlman, Lee Caine, Connie Ehindero, Elthea King, Georgia Nelson. **Booklet Design:** Jennifer Wagner and Connie Ehindero. **To our garden tour volunteers:** Karen Arbegast, Melissa Lamphron, Tom Frey, Heater Foti; Lorna Wright, Tom Tette, Eileen Morris, Ann Baker, Sandy Carbone, Anna Sears, Lee Caine, Connie Ehindero, Barbara Binder, Art Trimble, Pat Buehlman, Cherie Harder, Merri-Lou McKeever, Elthea King, Diane Cass, Rachel Edwards, Georgia Nelson. **To the Children's Garden Participants:** Chris Young for her ideas, design, donations and dedication; Leanna Roella and the third grade class of Durand Eastman School for their hard work; Broccolo Tree and Lawn, especially Terry, for their commitment and hard work; the administration and staff of Durand Eastman School, particularly Bill Ottman and the buildings and grounds staff, to Pam Allen for seeds, to Lee Caine for art work; Erin Badtke and Grossman's Country Nursery for donations. **To the print media, particularly the Democrat and Chronicle and the Messenger Posts Newspapers and to RNEWS, particularly Jim Lytle, for great coverage of this event!** **To the 2005 Habitat Tour Gardeners:** Andy and Suzanne Wheatcraft, Teddy Carr and Mark Regan, Joseph deVita and Richard Burger, John and Judy Lynd, Neal and Ann McNabb, Sara and Al Rubin, Chris and Ray Young and Cheryl and Bruce Crane. Thank you for sharing your beautiful gardens! **Additional Ongoing Special Thanks to:** Gloria Weyerts and Nigel Kent for beautiful photography; Tom Witt, Joan Schumaker, Chris Young, Heather Foti, Peter Henry, Beth Keigher and Deb Allen for arranging and delivering newsletters to area libraries and clubs. Great thanks to: Judy Lemoncelli and the Board of Directors for continued diligence on the Capital Campaign; Elinor Osborn for her library of photos and knowledge; Fran McCarthy, Dave Ferriter, Elsa and Phil Schafer and Warren Elvin for posting boundaries and signs etc at Hipp Brook; Don and Donna Traver for their helpful maps and information; Jeff Over for his help in LeRoy; Rachel Edwards for her design of the Anniversary Walks brochure; Peter Woods of ESL Federal Credit Union, Timothy Fitzgerald of Harris, Beach LLP and Rick Leszyk for providing legal assistance; Martha Zettel for leading a very wet frog walk; Kirby White of Equity Trust for his expertise; Karen Arbegast, Melissa Lamphron, and Lorna Wright for clerical help; to Web master, Art Scissum; to Joan Hantz, Wendy

Kelly, Ray Claxton of Windsor Street Designs for newsletter design; to Randi Minotor for editorial services. **Mailing Party Volunteers:** John Boettcher and Norma Platt, Ann Baker, Lorna Wright, and Merri-Lou McKeever. **Kraai Open House helpers:** Rebecca Kraai, Melissa Lamphron, Tom Witt and Mona Rynearson. **Earth Day 2005 Volunteers:** Rick Marx, Tom Witt, Scot Amrozowicz, Jon Babcock, Michael, Micahel Beilsirch, Jeff Loney, Mike Nichelson, Steve Phillips, Lisa Turturo, Glenn White, Matt Cole, Juanitta Corbitt, Liby Ford, Evan Franklin, Rick Johnson, Jean McCreary, Judy O'Brien, Jason Zwetsch, Jerry Brien, Fernanda Childs, Kim Helmbold, Russ Landry, Jennifer LaPlant, Amanda Leeuwen, Becky Roztocil, Marshall Shannon, Barry Steinberg. Thanks also to the Town of Greece. **Braddock Bay International Migratory Bird Day Festival GLT booth staffed by:** Rick Marx, Elizabeth von Bacho, Matt and Erika Bakker. **Anniversary Walks Leaders:** John Morelli and Melissa Lamphron for Spring Walk at Brookdale Preserve; Chris Young for Wildflower Walk at Ganargua Creek Meadow Preserve; Andy Wheatcraft and Jean Baric for New Trails Walk at Corbett's Glen; Roger and Diane Cass for Island Cottage Woods; Janet and Bob Smith and RBA Leader Jon Dombroski for the Mother's Day Birding Field Trip at Amy's Ponds; Becky Kraai for Open House at Crowfields; Jamie Spiller for the Salmon Creek Paddle and Carol and David Southby for the Butterfly Walk at Amy's Ponds. **Sierra Club Forum/ GLT booth staffers:** Cherie Harder and Steve Maley. **Work Parties Volunteers: Ganargua Creek Meadow Preserve led by Peter Henry:** Tom Witt, Steve Maley, Bill Lawton, Brad Dingman, Jamie Czarnecki, Bill Rider and Suzanne Wheatcraft. Thank you to Alpco Recycling, Inc. **Manitou Beach Rd. led by Diane and Roger Cass:** Steve Maley Arthur Tanghe, Gordon Howe, Sharon Galbraith, Joseph Perrone, Carol Hinkleman, Lucy Button, Ann Teese, Sue, Dan and Mike Bayley, Ron and Ron jr Rockwell, Cherie Harder, Bill Reed, Tom Falls, Sandy Mauceli, Kathy Muller, David Strong and Jay Greenberg. **Corbetts Glen led by Gay Mills:** Mary Jo Lamphear, Bill Burke, Colleen Roof, Randy Rowe Family, Gary and Judy Lazenby, Polly Personius, Dennis Adams. **Island Cottage Woods led by Diane and Roger Cass:** Neal McNabb and grandchildren, Payton and Ryland McNabb, Margaret Vanas, Gloria Weyerts, Allen and Carol Schacht and Martha Blair. ■



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Chris Young leads Ganargua Creek
Meadow Preserve Walk

2005 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR TEACHES CHILDREN TO LOVE NATURE

Genesee Land Trust is indeed lucky to have such a large, diverse and amazing cadre of volunteers which makes the task of choosing one as Volunteer of the Year nearly impossible—but we know how important it is to recognize the special efforts of special people. This year, we've chosen someone who has demonstrated many talents, energy and drive, and a real commitment to the mission of the Genesee Land Trust.

Chris Young, 2005 Volunteer of The Year, is a member who volunteers to work at every event, to research grants, to lead walks on the preserves, and to speak on behalf of the Trust to community groups. She thought that creating a Children's Habitat Garden at Durand Eastman School in her neighborhood would be a good way to teach children to love nature and to want to preserve it. We thank Chris Young for her many contributions to the Genesee Land Trust, and to the habitats and people in her community. ■