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## Quakertown Preserve Now Open for Public Enjoyment



Thanks to our members, the Hunterdon Land Trust recently opened the 35-acre “Quakertown Preserve” in Franklin Township as a public recreation area. The preserve provides a great setting for educational programs and activities like hiking, bird watching or family picnics, all within walking distance of the village of Quakertown.

The Quakertown Preserve was created through the preservation of two properties. The first, which Mary Bodine sold to Hunterdon Land Trust for preservation in 2006, is an undeveloped 28 acre, wooded property directly adjacent to hundreds of acres of preserved farmland. In 2008, the Land Trust acquired another adjacent seven acres from Hugo and Marilyn Pfaltz, which

opened up the Bodine Woods property for better, safer access by the public.

In June, we held a very productive “Trail Day” at the Quakertown Preserve. More than 20 volunteers worked to improve trails, install signs and remove invasive plants on the property in preparation for its grand opening. In July we hosted a “Day on the Land,” a free event where we welcomed over 70 visitors to the preserve. Guided walks of the property gave visitors an opportunity to learn about what makes this natural environment so special. Participants learned about the plant and bird life on the property as they toured the newly groomed trails. There was a special “family-friendly” walk with environmental education targeted to children as well as adults. We are very grateful to the Merck Company Foundation for underwriting the event and helping us welcome the community to the Quakertown Preserve. Enabling people to enjoy properties like this is integral to keeping them engaged in conservation.

We invite you to explore the Quakertown Preserve, located on Croton Road in Quakertown. Contact us at [www.hlta.org](http://www.hlta.org) or by calling 908-237-4582 for a trail map which includes directions to the preserve. There’s nothing like a quiet walk in the woods to remind you of the importance of preserving what remains of our county’s natural beauty.



## MORE TRAIL WORK!

### Eagle Scout Project Enhances and Protects Nature Trail



Brendan Lederach of Flemington Boy Scout Troop 194, completed his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project by rebuilding a trailhead sign and undertaking erosion mitigation and trail improvement work on the Hunterdon Land Trust’s Zega-Lockatong Preserve along the Lockatong Creek in Delaware Township. Our three-year-old trail is much used and enjoyed but it needed some improvements. The sign at the trail head had been damaged by vandals and some of the trail was eroded from flooding and runoff.

Brendan was responsible for project planning, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and management. We are very grateful for Brendan’s hard work in planning and executing the project and Boy Scout Troop 194 and other volunteers who helped him complete it.

## Greetings from our Executive Director



Friends,

Here we are, summer is over, fall begins already! And what a great season it is to experience Hunterdon County. Cycle down a country lane, or bite into a juicy apple and you'll understand what compels us to do what we do.

As a supporter of the land trust you are helping us create a legacy of clean water, parks for kids to play in, and fresh locally grown food. If you haven't yet joined us in this effort, we hope you will. There are lots of ways to participate. Visit our farmers' market in Flemington and experience fresh offerings from local farmers, or join us for a hike through one of our preserves. And finally, consider a financial contribution to the land trust so that we can continue to build this conservation legacy for future generations to enjoy.

All the best,

Margaret Waldock  
Executive Director

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## Recent Preservation Accomplishments Your Contributions at Work

### Cain – 53 acres permanently preserved in Holland Township

The Hunterdon Land Trust beat the clock and preserved one last farm in 2008, adding another 53 acres of prime farmland to the thousands of acres of permanently protected farmland in Hunterdon County. The farm owned by Richard Cain in Holland Township was long a priority for both the land trust and Hunterdon County.

After Mr. Cain revitalized his farm, he wanted to keep it "forever rural". "There is so much development going on. I believe in being a good steward of the land so we can pass it onto the next generation in decent shape." The Hunterdon Land Trust will hold the farmland easement and is responsible for monitoring the property annually to ensure that the current and future owners abide by its terms. We are grateful to Richard Cain for his vision and determination to preserve his farm for future generations. Working farms are one of New Jersey's most precious assets and protecting them is critical to sustaining our communities.

### Natural beauty of Delaware Bluffs preserved in Milford

The land trust and state have worked together to protect this area of the township known as Gravel Hill, formerly wood lots for the farms which consists of forests and a maze of old logging roads. Green Acres agreed to purchase the Kaufman's property, including 44 wooded acres and 32 acres of fields. The acquisition brings the area preserved by the State to over 240 acres in this vicinity. The property will be managed by the Natural Lands Trust as part of the Gravel Hill Preserve and will eventually be open to the public for hiking.

Mr. Kaufman and Mrs. Kaufman lead travel excursions, including hikes up Mt.



Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. They have used their property for training participants. While terrain isn't quite the same as Mt. Kilimanjaro, "the steep slopes and rough terrain give me a good idea of who's up to the challenge," said Mr. Kaufman. "I'm happy that this unique, untamed property is now preserved for future generations to explore and enjoy."

### 71 acres of pristine woodland preserved in Bethlehem Township

A 71-acre forested property with scenic vistas originally owned by Helga and Volkmar Heilemann and inherited by their two daughters has been preserved in Bethlehem Township.

We were very interested in this property because of the proximity to other preserved land and the natural resources it possessed. Funding to purchase the land came from Bethlehem Township's New Jersey Green Acres local grant, Hunterdon County's nonprofit open space grant program to The New Jersey Audubon Society, and Bethlehem Township's open space funds.

Managed by the New Jersey Audubon Society (NJAS), the properties are available to the public for passive recreational use such as bird watching, hiking, and nature study. By adding the Heilemann Preserve to existing properties managed by NJAS on Turkey Hill and Tunnel Roads, there are numerous wildlife viewing opportunities, from mature forests to fields, right here in our backyard.

### A landowner, local government and a land trust all work to preserve farmland and forests in Clinton Township

Two beautiful, properties - a 20 acre wooded property and a 75-acre agricul-

tural lot between Valley Crest Road and Allerton Road were preserved in Clinton Township through the combined efforts of the Hunterdon Land Trust, Clinton Township, and the New Jersey Green Acres program.

The 75-acre Le Compte property is primarily agricultural land but supports many uses including a tenant horse farm, an apple and peach orchard, hay fields and a small Christmas tree farm. The horse farm has an equestrian school and a summer camp for Clinton Township youth. This parcel will have a trail along its western boundary which will run from Valley Crest Road to Allerton Road. The trail area was preserved by Green Acres and will be open for public recreation when the trail is completed. This parcel is across the street from woods surrounding Round Valley Reservoir. The Clinton Township Open Space committee is working on plans to connect the trails on the LeCompte property to a trail through adjoining Exxon land to the 93-acre Bray's Hill preserve.

### Father's dream realized

Siblings Michael Middleton and Patricia Ramirez are pleased to realize their father's dream of permanently preserving his farm in Kingwood Township. With a total of 60

acres in Kingwood and 29 acres in Alexandria Township, the properties consist of cultivated farm fields and some woods which provide a buffer to the Nishisakwick Creek, a high quality tributary of the Delaware River. The land trust will hold the farmland easement and is responsible for monitoring the property annually to ensure that the current and future owners abide by its terms.

This is the culmination of a long held dream for the Middleton's father and one that his children shared. John and his wife purchased the farmland in New Jersey in 1945. They were originally poultry farmers and the whole family helped with the business. Around 1950, the Middleton's started a nursery and soon after phased out the poultry business.

Mr. Middleton was the President of the Hunterdon Board of Agriculture. Years ago, John Middleton signed his farm up in Hunterdon County's Eight Year Program, a program intended by the county to secure long term options to preserve the property after eight years. Unfortunately, after the eight years lapsed, the County didn't have the funding to preserve the farm. "We are grateful for the Hunterdon Land Trust's help in making my father's dream a reality."

**We would love to keep you informed periodically about our activities. Please sign up to be included in our email updates at [www.hlta.org](http://www.hlta.org) or call us at 908.237.4582.**

## Why not become an Evergreen Partner?

Monthly donations ensure a continuous flow of income that can be used to support long-term initiatives. Consider becoming an Evergreen Partner with an automatic monthly donation, via direct debit from your checking account or credit card. Your automatic monthly contributions help you:

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- Reduce our administrative expenses and provide smooth cash flow

### Simplify your life

Your ongoing support will help build our capacity to sustain programs and accelerate the pace of land preservation in Hunterdon County. Call 908-237-4582



After nearly two years of study, planning and just plain imagining, we are nearly ready to share the details of the master plan for the Dvoor Farm. We had a long list of goals including conservation, recreation, and education and, let us not forget, the need to generate income

essential to maintaining the historic buildings. We have already begun our work with a stream restoration project and hope you will stop by and see the results.

In the coming weeks you will hear more from us about the exciting plans for the Dvoor Farm and how you can be a part of it. In the meantime, continue to support our local farmers by shopping weekly at our very successful Farmers' Market.

Stay tuned for more updates – register your email address at [www.hlta.org](http://www.hlta.org).

### Farmers' Market Update

It's easy to support your local farmers. Visit the Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market. Located at the Dvoor Farm on the Route 12 Circle. Sundays 9 am – 1 pm through November 1st

Seasonal Produce, Chicken, Beef, Pork, Bison, Honey, Wine, Artisan Bread, Baked Goods, Alpaca Products, Soaps

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Herbert Dvoor died on Sunday, July 26, 2009, at his home on the Dvoor Farm in Raritan Township. We are all very saddened by his death and view his passing as a tremendous loss to the community. In 1999, he sold his family's farm to the Hunterdon Land Trust, and secured its future as an important regional landmark. His memory will live on through the protection of this special place.

# The Case/Dvoor Farm Master Plan

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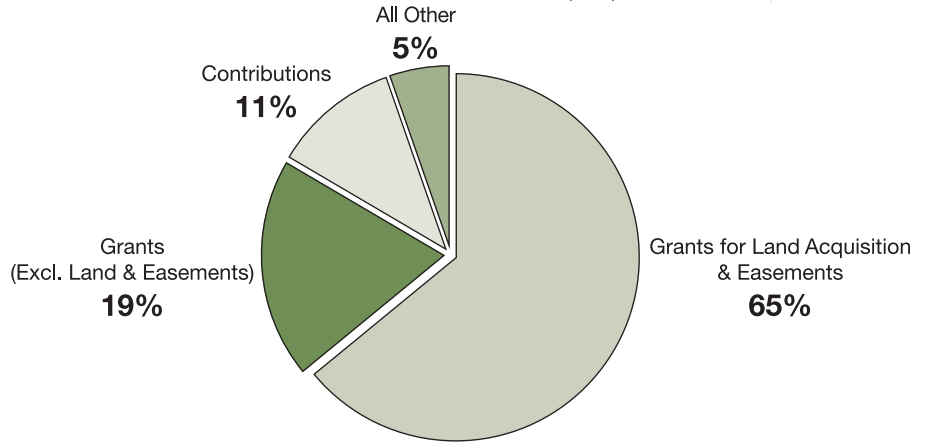
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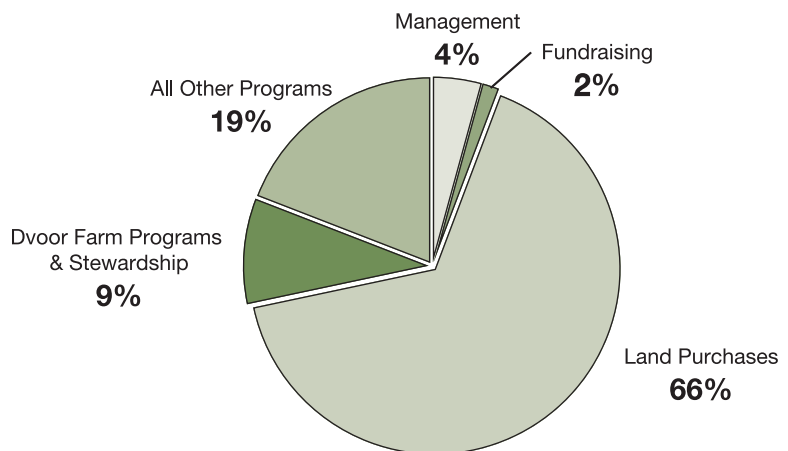
**2008 Revenue Highlights**

	Amount	% of Total
Grants for Land Acquisition & Easements	\$ 1,303,952	65%
Grants (Excl. Land & Easements)	394,849	19%
Contributions	228,203	11%
All Other	108,631	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,035,635</b>	<b>100%</b>



**2008 Expense Highlights**

	Amount	% of Total
Management and General	\$ 65,161	4%
Fundraising	22,646	2%
Land Purchases	1,009,306	66%
Dvoor Farm Programs & Stewardship	141,046	9%
All Other Programs	292,559	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,530,718</b>	<b>100%</b>



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# Upcoming Event Schedule

## Sunday, October 4

5pm-9pm

Special Dinner at Matt's Red Rooster Grill, Flemington  
Special prix fixe dinner featuring local foods from the Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market

## Thursday, October 8

6:30pm

Land and Food Film Series, Hunterdon County Library, Route 12, Flemington  
Presenting "Fresh – the Movie" which presents new thinking about what we are eating

## Sunday, October 11

9am-1pm

Farmers' Market Special Event Day  
Sustainability in our Every Day: it's not just our food that should be sustainable...project porchlight, recycling tips, etc.



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