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## SELECTED SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN NEW YORK STATE

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### Organizations

The national website of the **Land Trust Alliance** has information on New York State standards and practices, local and regional land trusts that can provide information on local laws and procedures, publications, IRS appraisal guidelines, tax planning fact sheet, etc. See [www.lta.org/aboutlta/index.html](http://www.lta.org/aboutlta/index.html). There is also a way to search for local land trust organizations at: [www.ltanet.org/findlandtrust](http://www.ltanet.org/findlandtrust).

You can also contact the office for the Northeastern U.S.:

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**The Nature Conservancy** has developed a strategic, science-based planning process, called *Conservation by Design*, which helps us identify the highest-priority places—landscapes and seascapes that, if conserved, promise to ensure biodiversity over the long term. For a list of chapter and program offices, see: [www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/newyork/](http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/newyork/), or contact these offices:

#### New York State Office

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**American Farmland Trust (AFT)** informs Americans about the issues posed by rapid depletion of the nation's farmland, the harmful effects of soil erosion, and other threats to the agricultural viability of the land. AFT undertakes projects, through cooperating organizations and individual landowners, which demonstrate farmland protection techniques, and assists farmland protection policy efforts and land use initiatives by local, state, and federal government.

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**The Farmland Information Center (FIC)** is a clearinghouse for information about farmland protection and stewardship is a public private partnership between American Farmland Trust and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The website offers laws, literature, statistics, and technical resources, including fact sheets and sample documents: [www.farmlandinfo.org/](http://www.farmlandinfo.org/). Contact FIC staff at 800-370-4879 for technical assistance.

**New York League of Conservation Voters** is the non-profit, nonpartisan political arm of New York's environmental community. NYLCV can provide assistance with organizing campaigns to support local legislative initiatives and fund-raising projects.

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**The New York Planning Federation** provides training, advice, research and direct assistance on planning, zoning, land use and development matters, and holds an annual conference.

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**Parks & Trails New York (PTNY)** offers programs, publications and tools for the creation of parks and trails and also advocates for legislation that would increase conservation of the natural environment. The *Healthy Trails, Healthy People* program enables PTNY staff to provide technical assistance to communities in areas of trail development. More details and an application form can also be found at [www.ptny.org/greenways/hthp.shtml](http://www.ptny.org/greenways/hthp.shtml). Before applying, potential applicants are encouraged to call 518-434-1583 or email [fgotsik@ptny.org](mailto:fgotsik@ptny.org) to discuss their project.

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### **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**

The RTP is a program of the NYS Department of Transportation administered by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, municipal, state and federal agencies, Indian tribal governments and other public agencies and authorities. Visit: [www.nysparks.state.ny.us/grants/programs/recreation.asp](http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/grants/programs/recreation.asp)

**Tourism Cares for Tomorrow** awards grants to tourism-related nonprofit organizations worldwide for conservation or preservation of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural sites. Eligible projects or programs include: 1) projects that protect, restore, or conserve sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance; and 2) programs that educate local host communities and the traveling public about conservation and preservation of sites. Visit [www.tourismcaresfortomorrow.org/](http://www.tourismcaresfortomorrow.org/).

## **Other Technical Resources**

The **Brookings Institution** website has a number of publications and articles on public policy and economics: [www.brookings.org](http://www.brookings.org).

**The Foundation Center**, an independent national service organization, is now online. Learn about grants in general, how to write grants and seek resources: [www.fdncenter.org/](http://www.fdncenter.org/).

The **Historic Preservation Institute** information portal has a searchable database of information on preservation issues. See: <http://fpi.historicpreservation.gov/>.

For information on the **State and National Register of Historic Places** and issues regarding landmark and historic district designations, first visit the **National Park Service** website: [www.cr.nps.gov/places.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/places.htm); or contact the National Register Reference Desk at 202-354-1496. Then contact the NYS OPRHP—see below.

**NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)**, Field Services Bureau administers programs to nominate properties to the State and National Registers of Historic Places, assists agencies in complying with state and federal preservation law, and helps communities protect historic resources and landscapes through local planning and development activities. For National Register information, contact Mark Peckham, 518-237-8643, x3258; for grants and technical services, see [www.nysparks.state.ny.us/grants](http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/grants) or contact Austin O'Brien, 518-237-8643, x3279; NYS OPRHP, Field Services Bureau, Peebles Island, Box 189, Waterford, NY 12188; or visit [www.nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo](http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo).