

ACCREDITATION

If you're a land conservancy, you've hit the big time when you earn, after a long and exacting process, accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance. It requires a careful review of policies and standards in twelve different categories, ensuring that WLC follows best practices in our work and governance.

After literally years of preparation, much accomplished through generous grant support from the NY State Conservation Partnership Program administered by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, WLC was awarded accreditation this August. WLC is one of 389 land trusts (out of 1363 nationwide) with this designation.

Congratulations are in order to WLC's hard-working board and staff, in particular Executive Director Maxanne Resnick and board member Jim Bogner, who, besides leading the organization's Stewardship Committee, did the major heavy lifting of accreditation as WLC's chair of its Standards & Practices Committee. Kudos to all for a big job well done! Look for the accreditation seal which will now proudly grace all WLC's communications.



SLOAN GORGE PRESERVE 10TH ANNIVERSARY



It's been 10 years since the opening of WLC's first public trail at Sloan Gorge. Many love its dramatic bluestone quarries, seasonal stream in the gorge, and its self-guided interpretive "geology trail." But Sloan Gorge fans now have even more to love, since the installation of several beautiful bluestone stairways in the quarry located a few minutes from the parking area. This was built over the summer by four hard working, creative, young people, part of the NY/NJ Trails Conference's Summertime Conservation Corps. They channeled Harvey Fite, and created a stunning entrance/exit to the quarry -- a perfect platform to view the fall colors in Sloan Gorge.

Visit WLC's website for directions to Sloan Gorge Preserve. 487 Stoll Road, Saugerties.



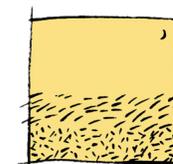
Sloan Gorge steps, Tania Barricklo, Kingston Freeman

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Longyear Farm Day 2016, Hillary Harvey



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