

Woodstock Gets Management Plan for the Comeau Property

The Woodstock Land Conservancy's Board and Staff are inspired by the Woodstock Town Board's and the Comeau Stewardship Advisory Committee's work on the new Management Plan Appendices, and the Town's ongoing commitment to fulfill the core purposes of the Deed of Conservation Easement.



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In it, the Town agrees to develop, implement and periodically update a Management Plan for the property consistent with the terms contained in the Easement.

The 76 acre Comeau property, with its meadows, woods, stream, and recreational fields, is truly the 'heart' of Woodstock and one of the most valued and cherished community assets.

What could be more worthy of conservation? We applaud the dedicated work of the CSAC.



Upcoming Events

July 11 🍁 **Invasive Species Walk at Thorn Preserve** with Daniel Snider, Field Projects Manager at Catskill Center 9am

August 1 🍁 **Family Nature Walk** - However you spend your time outdoors, your experience is richer when you know the flora and fauna in your surroundings. Birds, butterflies, insects, plants and mammals



- learn about the part they play in their ecological communities. Bring the family for this casual morning walk in nature. Location to be determined. 10am

Sept. 5 🍁 **Annual Mushroom ID Walk** at Sloan Gorge with the Mid-Hudson Mycological Society 10am - Mushrooms play an integral part in the natural world. We will collect samples and learn the basics of ID of this vast world of mycology.



Oct. 3 🍁 **Geology of Sloan Gorge** - Join us for a walk through time and the geological history of the Catskills with Geologist Robert Titus. Kids particularly enjoy this popular walk. 10am

Nov. 7 🍁 View **The Night Sky** through telescopes at the Thorn Preserve with UCCC Prof. Steve Schimmrich.

Please visit our [website](http://www.woodstocklandconservancy.org) for more information



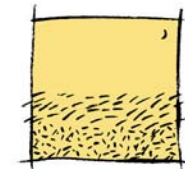
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Spring 2015

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Vernal Fling 🍁 Upcoming Events



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Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Signs Historic Agreement with NYC DEP for the Development of a Public Trail along the Ashokan Reservoir

The "Ashokan Reservoir Recreational Trail" will open to the public year-round, without permit or fee, 11.5 miles of unused Ulster & Delaware Rail Corridor along the Ashokan Reservoir for the first time in 100 years!

Marita Lopez-Mena, Executive Director of WLC stated, "Today reinforces County Executive Hein's long-standing leadership on a signature sustainable, economic development initiative -- the development of a unified county rail trail network connecting our communities to many of the most beautiful and historic places Ulster County, the Catskill Park, Hudson Valley region and New York State have to offer."



Pictured from Left to Right – Mary McNamara, Dennis Douglas, Dan Leader, Andi Turco-Levin, John Grossbohl, County Executive Mike Hein, William Sheldon, Patty Goodwin - WLC President, Bryan Roberts, Marita Lopez-Mena - WLC Executive Director, Kathy Nolan

BioBlitz: A Search for Life at Thorn Preserve

The Woodstock Land Conservancy and Catskill Center for Conservation recently held their first annual BioBlitz at the Thorn Preserve. Experts and participants braved seasonally cold temperatures to record data on all life present at the Preserve.

Turning over rocks and logs, inspecting animal tracks and burrows, digging down deep into the soil, searching the fields, tree tops, pond and swamp-groups led by biologists and naturalists left no stone unturned in their quest for living things of all kinds from raptors to ants, lichens to grasses.



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Among the many participants were Saugerties H. S. Biology Club students who were inspired by their hands-on introduction to field study.

Plans are afoot to hold future events in summer, fall and winter in coming years to maximize data collection. The public is welcome to visit Thorn Preserve from dawn to dusk to walk the mowed paths and enjoy the dramatic and ever changing view of Overlook Mountain. Visit BioBlitz2015.com



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Vernal Fling 2015 WLC honored our local heroes for their outstanding achievements in advocacy, sustainability and watershed protection.

William R. Ginsberg Stewardship Honorees
Catskill Mountainkeeper's

Ramsay Adams and Wes Gillingham
Sustainability Champion Honoree
County Executive Michael Hein

Watershed Protection Award

Kate Hudson, Rebecca Martin, Jennifer Schwartz Berky, Mary McNamara, Elizabeth Simonson

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