



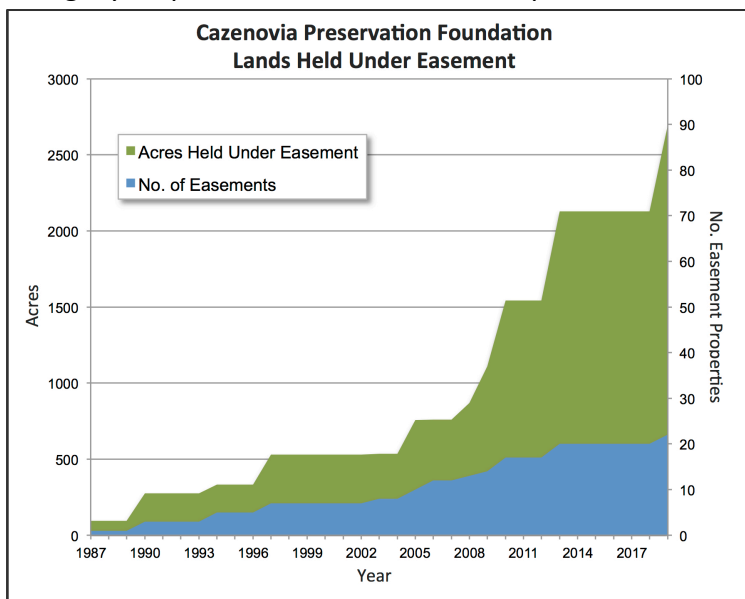
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Farmland Protection

CPF worked with the owners of Pushlar Farms to secure an easement on the 565-acre dairy farm through the New York State Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Program. Protection of farmland helps maintain the quality of our surface waters, helps farmers expand their operations, and maintains the rural character that results from a landscape of open views and vistas.

CPF now protects 2,696 acres through conservation easements on 24 properties within the boundaries of the Cazenovia School District. These easements make CPF legally responsible to ensure that the protected acres of open space, scenic vistas, farmland and historic architecture continue to reflect the desired community character - all while keeping these properties on the tax rolls. Importantly, the protections are tied to the land. This ensures that the community values that inspired the initial protection of the property are maintained when the ownership changes, as was the case with nine CPF-held easement properties, totaling 866 acres, that changed ownership within the past 5 years.

CPF has recently begun work with another landowner to place an additional 471 acres under conservation easement.



Outdoor Recreation



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Burlingame Parking & Signage

With the help of generous donors and a grant from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program CPF purchased 23 acres of field and woodland adjacent to land already protected for the community that is traversed by the Burlingame and Fairchild Hill trails. In 2018, CPF reconfigured this popular network of multi-use trails to focus on the Burlingame Gateway “back-bone” trail that connects the Fairchild Hill Trail, accessed from Route 20, with the new Burlingame parking area. Loop trails off that main “spine” create a network of almost 8 miles of multi-use trails. Updated trail maps and new color-coded trail signage make this network of trails more user-friendly and accessible. CPF’s Burlingame Gateway honors the legacy of conservation and recreation left by the Hubbard, Knapp and Auchincloss families who believed in the vitality of communities connected to their history and land.

Gorge Trail Repairs

CPF completed major repairs, totaling over \$85,000, to CPF trails in 2018. The large washouts sustained on the Gorge Trail in 2017 were repaired and the trails are being enjoyed by over 250 registered visitors each month. This work was made possible with grant assistance provided by the New York State Conservation Partnership Program, the CNY Community Foundation and the John Ben Snow Foundation, along with contributions from CPF supporters like you.



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Upcoming Events

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| May 19, 2019 | 8th Annual Carriage Trail Run sponsored by the Limestone Creek Hunt Club and held on CPF’s trails. 11:00 start time.
More info at http://limestonecreekhunt.org/carriage_trail_run |
| June 1, 2019 | National Trails Day and Burlingame Gateway Grand Opening. Family activities from 2:00-4:30 PM. |

For more information on upcoming CPF events, visit us at: www.cazpreservation.org.

Volunteer and Easement Owner Appreciation Event

In 2018, thirty volunteers supported CPF’s mission by assisting with a variety of tasks including trail maintenance and construction projects, fund-raising and educational events, annual easement inspections, mailings, and office administrative tasks. CPF hosted this year’s annual Volunteer Appreciation Event at the historic Hillcrest House, home of Brian and Linda Osborne. Built in 1905, the Hillcrest House is one of several properties for which CPF holds a historic architectural easement, ensuring that generations to come can enjoy the maintained exterior architecture of the estate. The appreciation event acknowledged the important role that volunteers play in the success of the organization and gave CPF volunteers and easement property owners a chance to tour Hillcrest House while enjoying a beautifully arrayed buffet of refreshments.

Looking Forward: Strategic Organizational Plan



In 2018, CPF worked to complete an updated Strategic Organizational Plan to establish the strategic goals of the organization for the next five-years. This work was supported with funding from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program and New York's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). The New York State Conservation Partnership Program is administered by the Land Trust Alliance, in coordination with the state Department of Environmental Conservation. CPF engaged George Development Group (GDG) of Cazenovia to guide the Board of Directors through the planning process. CPF Board members and its consultants spoke with over 45 individuals in the community, representing members, major donors, trail users, business leaders, local officials, former board members, and young families, to help guide the organization in establishing top priorities. The Board adopted the new Strategic Organizational Plan in March 2019 and is now working to develop detailed implementation strategies to achieve the strategic goals.

Changing Roles

Twelve years ago, CPF hired Judy Gianforte to fill the role of part-time Conservation Manager. Since that time, she has worked tirelessly to advance the mission of the organization through her work on farmland and open-space protection, trail maintenance, education and outreach, and historic preservation. Judy has shepherded CPF through a series of initiatives designed to move the organization to its next phase and ensure the ongoing viability of CPF and its ability to steward its easement properties in perpetuity. This effort culminated in CPF's accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance in July 2018. With the accomplishment of these major organizational milestones, Judy will step back from her role in organizational management and administration to focus on the stewardship component of her work with CPF. She remains a vital resource to CPF and the broader community on conservation issues and Cazenovia history.



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Grant Award and New Executive Director Position

The first strategic initiative outlined in CPF's newly adopted 2019-2023 Strategic Organizational Plan is to increase CPF's organizational capacity. One of the ways that CPF intends to achieve this goal is to hire an Executive Director to provide the leadership necessary to raise CPF's public profile, strengthen the ability to secure the needed financial resources to carry out our mission, implement the initiatives outlined in CPF's Strategic Organizational Plan and meet the current and growing responsibilities of the organization. CPF was recently awarded a two-year Professional Development grant through the New York State Conservation Partnership Program to support a new Executive Director. We are currently accepting applications for the position. Interested candidates may review the complete job description and qualification requirements at <http://www.cazpreservation.org/executive-director-job-description>.

Applications must be received by May 20, 2019.

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Annual Meeting
May 28 7:00 p.m.
St. Peter's Church
10 Mill Street, Cazenovia

CPF Members and the public are cordially invited to the CPF Annual Meeting:

Presentation of Awards:

Robert C. Webster Award: Thad Yorks

Community Award: American Legion Post 88 (*Vet's Ballfield Renovation*)

Restoration Award: Residential - Heidi Ravven (*Century House*)

Election of Directors and Officers:

New Directors for a three-year term: Dave Gerber, Baird Hansen

Officers for one-year terms:

President: Carlos Gavilondo

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Program: Join the Conversation- CPF's Strategic Plan

Community conversations: your vision for CPF's future. Following a presentation on CPF's history and current activities, the Board of Directors will present CPF's 2019-2023 Strategic Organizational Plan and will discuss the process, outcomes and next steps toward plan implementation, including updates on the Executive Director search. Refreshments will be provided.