

PRESERVATION # The Upland Journal

PROTECTING THE HISTORIC, AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN AND AROUND CAZENOVIA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY

SPRING 2018

Protecting Community Resources



History

In a walk around Cazenovia Village you can find 117 signs on historic buildings with the date and name of the original owner. CPF's Historic House Sign Initiative works with Cazenovia's homeowners to showcase this history. In May, we lead local history field trips for all 4th grade classes. Through easements and deed restrictions, seven historic structures are protected. CPF is also active in Town and Village planning and zoning, and advocates for the balance of architecture, open space and local business that defines the historic character of your community.



Agriculture

There are about 17,000 acres of farmland in the Cazenovia area -26% of the total land area in the town. In cooperation with farmers and other owners, CPF has used conservation easements and state-funded Purchase of Development Rights Programs to ensure 1887 acres of farmland in your neighborhood remains always available for agriculture. Protection of farmland helps protect our surface waters, helps farmers expand their operations and maintains the rural character that results from a

landscape of open views and vistas. In 2018, CPF will finalize the protection of a 565-acre dairy farm and its stunning scenic views.



Nature

Cazenovia residents and visitors appreciate the area's many opportunities for outdoor recreation and learning. CPF offers 13 miles of trails for four-season public use. On CPF-owned properties, you can explore the varied plant and animal life in wetlands, meadows, and woodlands that include 100+ year-old hedgerows. CPF trails help protect area watersheds that are home to many species of resident and migrating wildlife. CPF also offers free programs to the public to explore and learn more about our natural environment.

Burlingame Gateway



With the help of generous donors, 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. This summer, CPF will construct a permanent, year-round parking area and access trail on the Burlingame Gateway and will complete an overall improvement of trail signage for the popular 231-acre four-season outdoor recreation area. 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.

2017 by the Numbers

- 1 Turtle laying eggs at CPF's Pollinator Garden.
- **8** Historic 'ghosts' told their stories at CPF's annual Walk Among the Spirits.
- 13 Miles of public year-round trails.
- **22** Free public events offered.
- on a local history tour as part of a three-week program on the architecture, mills and railroad history of Cazenovia.
- Volunteers that completed numerous and diverse tasks, both indoors and out, to benefit CPF in 2017. Thank you!
- 117 Historic house signs in Cazenovia Village.
- Pages in CPF's application packet to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission for national accreditation.
- **2,513** Acres of protected landscape.









Into the Next Half Century

The CPF Half Century Dinner on October 13 celebrated 50 years of protecting the sense of place that makes Cazenovia special. In 2018 we are looking to the future, working to ensure that CPF remains responsive to the community's vision for another 50 years. Toward that end, 2018 will be a year of introspection and planning long-term strategies that support the vision of our role in the community.

Accreditation

In 2017, CPF submitted over 200 pages of documents that detail CPF's policies and procedures as a land trust. After a rigorous review process by the national Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, CPF will join a network of 399 U.S. organizations that have demonstrated fiscal accountability, organizational leadership, sound transaction practices and diligent stewardship of the lands they conserve.

The accreditation seal offers the assurance to our supporters that CPF can carry out its conservation vision and that CPF's mission and community commitments are upheld long-term.





Strategic Plan / Visioning



CPF has been awarded a Capacity Grant from the NYS Land Trust Alliance to undertake a strategic planning initiative and prioritize activities that CPF will conduct during the next five-year operational period. This 5-Year Strategic Plan Update will replace CPF's 2013 strategic plan. CPF has engaged George Development Group (GDG) of Cazenovia to guide the Board of Directors through strategic visioning and community engagement. The CPF Board and staff will work to develop implementation strategies to achieve the strategic goals established during the first phase of the project.

Work on the project has recently begun and over the coming months CPF will be seeking input from its membership and the broader Cazenovia community to help guide the organization in establishing top priorities for the next five years.

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Annual Meeting
May 22 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:

Life of Service Award: Dorothy Riester Robert C. Webster Award: Judy Gianforte

Community Award: CACDA

Restoration Award: Commercial - Red Barn 20

Restoration Award: Residential - Susan Light and Eric Olson (4 Forman St.)

Election of Directors and Officers:

Directors for a second three-year term: Carlos Gavilondo, Jane Nicholson

Officers for one-year terms:

President: Carlos Gavilondo Vice President: Jim Steinberg
Treasurer: John Bowser Executive Secretary: Nicki Donlin

Program: Join the Conversation- CPF's Strategic Vision

We celebrate the last 50 years and look forward to the next. Following a presentation on CPF's history and current activities, the Board of Directors invites annual meeting attendees to provide input towards establishing CPF's strategic vision for the next five years. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide initial comments as the organization begins its community engagement process. Refreshments will be provided.