



MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY

Celebrating 25 Years: 1992-2017

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25 Years of Conservation in the Capital Region:

*Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy Celebrates Silver Anniversary with Special Event
at New Thacher Park Visitor Center on September 14*

Voorheesville, NY- As the late summer days begin to chill and early autumn colors pop on the green hillsides, the staff and board of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy are preparing for a very special celebration of the Conservancy's 25th anniversary.

On September 14th, residents from across the Capital Region are invited to gather at the brand-new Thacher State Park Visitor Center for MHLC's fall fundraiser: 25 Years of Conservation: A Celebration. Guests will look out from the Helderberg Escarpment, enjoying spectacular views of the lands which MHLC and its supporters have conserved together over the past quarter-century. The festivities begin at 5:30, including dinner catered by Garden Bistro 24, beverages by Capital Wine and Indian Ladder Farms Cidery and Brewery, live classical guitar music from William David Simcoe, and breathtaking views.

Guests will enjoy a special silver anniversary ceremony: we will recognize the founding members of MHLC, their original inspiration, and their commitment to conservation in the Capital Region. This small group of neighbors gathered together in 1992, determined to make their shared vision of the future a reality: a Capital Region with open, green spaces preserved for all residents and visitors to enjoy. This ceremony will feature a reflection from David Shern, founding board member, who is flying back to the Capital Region from his home in Florida to attend the event. We will toast to 25 years of conservation as we look forward at the next 25 years of protecting land in our region.

MHLC is delighted to hold this year's event in honor of the Conservancy's institutional partners and in recognition of our 25th Anniversary Honoree Matthew Bender IV, for his extraordinary commitment to MHLC. Through support from generous donors and strategic collaborations with regional and national conservation organizations, MHLC has been able to conserve 5,000 thriving acres of natural lands across the Capital Region. These indispensable partnerships have allowed MHLC to grow into a regional land trust that is able to act quickly and decisively to

protect our region.

The fall fundraiser includes the 25th Anniversary Raffle, an opportunity to win ten fabulous raffle baskets featuring prizes from Capital Region vendors and community members. Anyone can participate in this raffle, whether or not they are attending the event on September 14; winners will be announced at the event, but need not be present to win. MHLC is only selling 100 tickets for the ten raffle baskets, so the odds are in your favor! Basket prizes include: 2 plane tickets to anywhere in the continental US, catered parties by Dinosaur BBQ, Bountiful Bread, and Cold Stone Creamery, an outdoor adventure with Ondatra Adventures, getaways to Lake Placid, the Adirondacks, and Maine, a private sunset sailing experience for two with Tivoli Sailing, and much more! More information available on prizes and ticket prices/availability at www.mohawkhudson.org.

To RSVP to 25 Years of Conservation: A Celebration on September 14, or to buy raffle tickets, visit www.mohawkhudson.org or call 518-436-6346. All proceeds will support the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy.

The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy is especially grateful to the corporate supporters who have made our 25th year possible. The list includes: Barrett Associates, Bearing Distributors, Inc., Bountiful Bread, Cargill, Edward Jones, Great Flats Brewing, Hoffman Car Wash & Jiffy Lube, Interim HealthCare, SABIC, Stewart's Shops, Studio 4 Hot Yoga & Pilates, White Management Corp., and Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP.

For the past 25 years, the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy has continued to preserve lands across Albany, Montgomery, and Schenectady Counties for the public to use and enjoy. The growing community of supporters who make this preservation work possible are a group of people dedicated to protecting the scenic, recreational, and environmental value of the Capital Region landscape. In celebration of its silver anniversary, MHLC invites friends to join in a year of conservation, recreation, and connection.

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In addition to this press release, please find the attached images:

MHLC Supporters Celebrate 25 Years at Outdoor Event (MHLC Photo)
New Thacher Park Visitor Center (Photo by Blake Sullivan of Feura Bush)
MHLC at Thacher Visitor Center Grand Opening (MHLC Photo)