Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

~ Chief Seattle, 1855
Great News! After many years Congress has finally made permanent the tax deduction incentive for individuals who conserve their land through a land trust like North Branch Land Trust. Individuals who have taken advantage of this incentive have contributed over one million acres a year to the total pool of lands conserved by land trusts throughout the United States. To date land trusts have permanently protected over 55 million acres in the U.S.

How does the incentive work? The enhanced incentive can make a big difference for landowners who are thinking about donating an easement. In particular, it allows working farmers and ranchers, as well as landowners with modest incomes, to realize more of the value of the deduction. Here’s what the enhanced incentive does:

- Raises the maximum deduction a donor can take for donating a conservation easement from 30% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) in any year to **50%**
- Allows qualified farmers and ranchers to deduct up to **100%** of their AGI
- Increases the number of years over which a donor can take deductions from 6 to **16** years

Stronger incentives mean more voluntary land conservation—a cost-effective way to save healthy watersheds, wildlife habitat, scenic views, historic landmarks, urban green space, farm and ranch lands, and parks and trails. Check with us and your accountant if you think this program might be right for you.

Every day in the U.S. we lose more than 5,000 acres of land to poorly planned development. Because of this, watersheds are damaged, natural habitats including critical wetlands for native plants and animals are destroyed, and orchards, farms and meadows disappear permanently. This is unsustainable!

We have come to learn that nature does not know borders and that our collective actions no matter how big or small have an impact globally on the natural world. Therefore we must work together to achieve a sustainable balance between the conservation and consumption of natural resources. We owe it to our children and to all the generations to come.

Thank you for your continued support of land conservation in Northeastern Pennsylvania,

Paul Lumia, Executive Director
Year in Review

North Branch Land Trust offered many opportunities in 2015 to “understand, love, and conserve”! A few of them are shown below.

UNDERSTAND:

Learning about our majestic eagles. Game Commission Eagle Program

Exploring a vernal pool at the George & Lillian Picton Wildlife Sanctuary

Connecting with the land in all seasons

L O V E :

Kayaking the Susquehanna River

Celebrating the land at “Rockin’ the River” at the Howland Preserve

Enjoying the bounty of the harvest 4th Annual Taste the Local Harvest

CONSERVE:

Grajewski Farm

D&L Trail

Trails

Eastern Fisher Cat

Wildlife habitat

Scenic Views

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Our region is ripe with history and one of our most lasting legacies is our area’s contribution to the nation’s industrial advancement through the generations. Our region first fueled the industrial revolution with timber and then with anthracite coal. We continued by providing manufactured goods to the nation and foreign markets. All of this needed a transportation conduit to get goods to market and that vehicle was first the canal system followed by our mighty railroad network.

Today’s industrial transportation systems have changed but our old rail beds and canals still exist and are being repurposed for recreation and historical education. The Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) is a recreational trail that travels 165 miles from Bristol, PA outside of Philadelphia, to Wilkes-Barre. The trail follows the old railroad and canal lines of our industrial past and provides historical and recreational opportunities to all.

The trial is almost complete in our region and North Branch Land Trust is working with the D&L National Heritage Corridor, Anthracite Scenic Trails Association, Earth Conservancy, and the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources to complete the trial from Mountain Top to Wilkes-Barre. Once the trail is complete, we will be able to bike or hike from Wilkes-Barre to the Seven Tubs Nature Area, to Mountain Top, to White Haven, to Jim Thorpe and points south. This will be a great recreational asset for Northeastern PA. Please support this effort!

As of this report, NBLT recently set a closing date to take ownership of the section of rail bed from Oliver Mills to the Seven Tubs. We are also working with one of our partners, the Earth Conservancy, to acquire the last link in the chain, the section of rail bed from the Seven Tubs to Northampton Street in Wilkes-Barre. Trail construction on these sections of rail bed will begin in the very near future. With your help and support, we will soon be enjoying the history and scenery as we walk, hike, bike, snow shoe and cross-country ski all the way from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol!
In 2013 with the gracious financial support of adjoining property owners, North Branch Land Trust was able to acquire and conserve the seventeen acre Forest Echo Bird Sanctuary in Dallas Borough, Luzerne County as per the wishes of the original landowner. At that time, NBLT established a land conservation plan that would protect the property’s unique conservation values and promote the benefits of land conservation on this wonderful watershed property situated next to the Huntsville Reservoir.

Part of the conservation plan calls for connecting people with nature; getting people out on the land so that they can gain an appreciation of nature and the importance of protecting certain natural lands in their community. Beginning in the spring of 2016, the land trust will begin construction on a footpath and loop trail that will allow residents to both walk safely along West Center Hill road as well as enjoy some of the interior parts of the property.

Connecting with nature is vital if we are going to be successful in conserving the important natural assets in our communities. Connecting with nature by walking or hiking a trail is also healthy and good for the soul. The more we experience nature the more we learn how important it is to maintain a healthy balance between what we develop and what we protect.
North Branch Land Trust (NBLT) has recently completed a conservation project in Huntington Mills, Luzerne County. The 210-acre Grajewski farm is a generational family farm dating back to 1917. The farm encompasses active agricultural fields, mixed deciduous forests, ponds, wetlands, and streams which feed a nationally registered wetland. The farm has 63 acres of forest and 117 acres of fields. The rest of the area is left to successional fields and building areas. Owned by Bob and Susan Grajewski, the property hosts a high number of native hickory trees and contains known bat habitat. This farm, with its high conservation value, is now protected forever with a Grant of Conservation Easement.

The property also qualifies for the enhanced income tax deduction incentive passed into law by the U.S. Congress on December 18, 2015. First enacted as a temporary provision in 2006, the incentive is directly responsible for conserving more than 2 million acres of America’s natural outdoor heritage. The incentive grants certain tax benefits to farmers, ranchers, and landowners who sign a conservation easement. Such private, voluntary agreements with local land trusts permanently limit uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. Lands placed into conservation easements can continue to be farmed, hunted or used for other specified purposes. The lands also remain on county tax rolls, strengthening local economies.

NBLT is honored to have worked with Bob and Susan to conserve their family farm in perpetuity.
Thanks to the hard work of our Howland Preserve Committee and the Friends of Howland citizens group, the Howland Preserve continues to evolve and blossom.

The 669-acre Howland Preserve, located just outside of Tunkhannock, PA, is NBLT’s largest land preserve that is open to the public for passive recreation activities such as hiking, mountain biking, birding, kayaking, community activities and just plain detoxing from the busy world in which we live.

Over the last year the Howland committee, Friends, volunteers, and the NBLT staff have accomplished many great things toward the goal of establishing the Howland Preserve as a destination location for education and passive recreation. Here is just a short list of some of those accomplishments:

- Successful in acquiring multiple grant funds for projects to improve the historic Howland barn and farmhouse both of which will provide program space for activities and education
- Completion of over six miles of hiking and mountain biking trails including the installation of trail signage
- Establishment of the Friends of Howland Preserve Fund at the Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains to build awareness of Howland Preserve and build a lasting endowment fund for the Preserve.

All of us at NBLT and the Friends and committee members of the Preserve look at Howland as a jewel in the crown of the many wonderful natural assets available to us in northeastern Pennsylvania. Howland represents a place where people can reconnect with nature and gain an understanding of the importance of maintaining a balance between the natural world and our built environment.

We encourage you to visit the Preserve and to enjoy everything that nature has to offer whether it’s the sighting of a majestic bald eagle on the river front, viewing the multitude of wildflowers, or just listening to the sounds of nature.
**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

*Tina Fiorani*

Hiking, biking, kayaking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, it doesn’t matter what the activity is, Tina Fiorani, NBLT’s Volunteer of the Year, is happiest when she is outside and active! She has a tremendous affinity for Mother Nature and is a champion of land conservation. In her words, she “loves to get lost in nature and feel a deep and honest connection to the land.” Tina is in charge of preserve maintenance at NBLT’s George & Lillian Picton Wildlife Sanctuary and spends countless hours at the Sanctuary walking the trails and communing with nature. She is also a member of NBLT’s Land, Event, and Risk Management committees and leads hikes as part of the Land Trust’s mission to connect people with the land. NBLT is most fortunate to be a recipient of her time and energy. Tina also volunteers with Natural Lands Trust and Lacawac Sanctuary.

**RETIRING**

*Philip A. Muntzel, Ph.D.*

Philip A. Muntzel, Ph.D. retired from nine years of service to the Board of Directors this year. Phil served North Branch Land Trust as a member of the Noxen Depot, Finance and Membership Committees. He was the Chair of the Board Development Committee. Since 2013, Phil has served as the Secretary to the Board. He has always been the sound voice of reason and integrity. NBLT will miss his wisdom and guidance.

*Shown in photo (left to right): Paul Lumia, Executive Director; Philip A. Muntzel, Ph.D., Secretary and Board Member; and James T. Shoemaker, Esq., 2016 Board Chair.*

**WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

*NBLT welcomes our newest members of the Board of Directors. Stacey, Josh, Gary, and John, bring a variety of professional skills and talents to help NBLT advance its conservation mission throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.*

*Stacey Fay*  
*Joshua D. Katyl*  
*Gary J. Swartz, Jr.*  
*John L. Zembruski, Esq.*

**To All Our Volunteers**

An extra special THANK YOU to all of NBLT’s dedicated volunteers! Volunteers are the life blood of the Land Trust and whether you are attending meetings, stuffing thousands of envelopes for mailings, monitoring conserved properties, restoring an old house and barn, building trails, clearing brush, leading hikes, or hauling trash, you are most appreciated! The Land Trust is honored that you are willing to donate your time, energy, and talents to NBLT’s land conservation mission.
We extend sincere thanks to the conservation-minded friends whose commitment and support make possible North Branch Land Trust’s efforts to conserve land and connect people to nature in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The donors listed on the following pages provided meaningful support throughout the year.

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Robert J. & Mary Ann Prymus
Rachel Pugh
Margaret Reid
Mary Reynolds
Lawrence & Wilma Richards
MaryAnn Riffon
Donald Rood & Beverly Mason
Joe & Kate Ryan
Ben & Ronalee Schall
Karen Schnaithmann
Michael Scott
Seasons Restaurant
Joe & Rose Slusark
Jean Smith
Nancy Stark
John & Chris Stegura
Theresa Stewart
Romaine Stout
Henry & Ann Street
Dr. Terry & Janet Sweeney
Joanne Taras
The Atrium Restaurant
Ruth Whalen
Theodore S. Wiaterowski
Doug & Ali Wilson
Rickard A. & Lois E. Yeust

STUDENT
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Margaret Aciukewicz
Lynn K. Aldrich
Robert C. & Nancy Houck
Ray & Julie Iwanowski
Len Janus
KB Coffee House
Kent R. Knisley
David & Patricia Kowalek
Kevin & Adele Reilly
Matt Vanesko

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Under $25
Jackie Albanees
Denise Balas
Sally Barnes
Rosalie Berecz
Amy Biscontini
Greg & Leilus Blazic
Tracie Brown
LeeAnn Burkhart
Jennifer Case
Joyce Chunko
Kim & Rachael Connolly
Ellie Corgan
Shirley Coutts
Michelle Eddy
Jackie Gardner
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Peg Jimcosky

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Marguerite MacDougall
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Maureen Matiska
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Gretchen Melnyk
Becky Mergo
Kristin Pittar
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Kalman Antony Winston
Adam Wisniewski
Judy Young

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Contributions were made in memory of the following:
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Michael J. McEvoy
Dr. Paul Niezgoda
Phil Pass

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Contributions were made in honor of the following:
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Ramah Hackett
Rick Mooney

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The following organizations matched contributions from members:
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Guard Insurance Group

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The following were honored by receiving a gift membership:
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Leanne Newton
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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Information

North Branch Land Trust financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with standards established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) for external financial reporting by not-for-profit organizations. The pie charts provide a glimpse of how the Land Trust operates financially. We rely heavily on contributed support and earned revenue to balance our budget, and most of our time and resources are spent on land conservation, education, and membership activities.

REVENUE BY SOURCE

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Our balance sheet is strong, with no long-term debt. The item on the balance sheet, “Property, Plant and Equipment” represents our fee properties: the Lehigh Valley Railroad Depot in Noxen and the Howland Preserve in Vosburg on the Susquehanna River both in Wyoming County; Harvey’s Woodlot in Harveyville, Picton Wildlife Sanctuary in White Haven, Butler Preserve and Valmont Bog in the Hazleton area, Hanover Crossings Marsh Sanctuary in Hanover Township, Bear Creek Lake View in Bear Creek Village, and Forest Echo Bird Sanctuary in Dallas, all in Luzerne County; and Montage Mountain Wildflower Sanctuary in Moosic, Lackawanna County. Temporarily and permanently restricted funds are gifts segregated by donors. Temporarily restricted funds are released to the income statement after their restrictions are met, i.e., the money has been spent on the purpose for which it was given. Permanently restricted funds provide a source of revenue to the Land Trust from their earnings. Our policies on investing and accessing restricted funds are also available in our office as are our complete financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION — JUNE 30, 2015

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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

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"Joys come from simple and natural things; mist over meadows, sunlight on leaves, the path of the moon over water. Even rain and wind and stormy clouds bring joy."
~ Sigurd F. Olson

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