Since 1994, operating as a non-profit, community based land conservation organization, NBLT has conserved or protected more than 20,000 acres in Northeastern Pennsylvania. This amazing growth is made possible through community support. Since NBLT works locally, tax deductible dollars fund conservation efforts that have a direct impact on the natural and scenic landscapes right here in our area!

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"The truth is: the natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides us with food, water, and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it"  
- Sir David Attenborough

Your Membership in North Branch Land Trust Helps Conserve What Matters Most: FARMS!

Yes!

I want to be part of conserving the special agricultural lands of Northeastern Pennsylvania which sustain us with their bounty.

Name(s):______________________________
Address:__________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip:____________________________________________________
Phone:__________________________________________________________
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Renew your membership, become a new member, or give a gift membership today!

Enclosed is my membership gift of

☐ $50
☐ $100
☐ $250
☐ $500
☐ $1000
☐ other

Thank you very much!

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Mission Statement

North Branch Land Trust conserves the natural, working, and scenic landscapes in Northeastern Pennsylvania that enrich our lives.

NORTH BRANCH LAND TRUST EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BUILD AWARENESS

For additional information about North Branch Land Trust, land conservation options or to inquire about volunteer opportunities please visit the Trust’s website at www.nblt.org, call the NBLT office at (570) 310-1781 or stop by at 251 Huntsville-Idetown Road, Dallas PA

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The Land Trust currently has five staff, five full time employees, one part-time employee and numerous dedicated volunteers. The Trust has an active Board of Directors which meets regularly and governs the strategic direction of the organization.

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AMAZING! That's the word that comes to mind as I wander through the Farmer's Market on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre. The diversity of farm products and the work required to grow and produce that food is, well, nothing short of amazing! And the fact that all those farm products are harvested right here close to home is...amazing! Farmer's Markets are a staple of most communities not only here in Northeastern Pennsylvania but all over the country. The scene is repeated from the first harvest of spring crops to the mighty fall pumpkins.

Farms feed us.

They are also threatened.

America today is losing agricultural land at an alarming rate — 175 acres every hour, 1.5 million acres every year. In the next 15 years, one-third of America’s farmland and ranchland will likely change hands, as current landowners age and sell. The land is most at risk of being converted to a non-agricultural use when it is sold. The loss of farmland is essentially permanent. It takes natural forces millennia to build richly productive soils; bulldozers can destroy fertile farmland in minutes.

What’s at stake? Nothing less than our future.

First, we need farmland to grow our food — and the demand for food will only grow. But even more is at stake than our food supply. That’s because we also need farmland to restore our planet. Farms provide a host of economic, environmental, and socio-cultural benefits. When properly managed, farmland supports wildlife and biodiversity, recharges aquifers, cleans water, sequesters carbon, contributes to viewsheds and quality of life, provides recreational opportunities, helps the local economy, and supports community health, cohesion, and sense of place. However, none of this will be possible unless we work diligently to permanently protect these regional agricultural resources and thereby ensure that we don’t destroy the very resource that feeds us.

Once our precious farmland is paved over, we can never get it back. That’s why it’s so critical to preserve the valuable acres we have left.

And thanks to generous donors like you, North Branch Land Trust is doing exactly that! Your support makes it possible for NBLT to conserve the precious land of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The best conservation results are achieved through community support and partnerships. Please become a donor today and become part of the group that conserves the next farm!


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Conserving Land, Save Farms
NBLT’s Annual Taste the Local Harvest

is an awareness building event for our local farms’ harvest, meat products, breweries and wineries, and local land conservation. We believe it is important for residents of our area to recognize the positive impact of supporting our local farms and how buying local supports the quality of life in Northeastern PA. As we celebrate this year’s harvest we also want to honor the farmers and producers themselves and all the hard work that goes into putting food on our local tables.

Tickets are $60
For tickets or more information call NBLT at 570-310-1781 or email info@nbltorg.

This event is a casual, relaxed, fun event with tasting tables showcasing delicious dishes prepared by the Chef at Huntsville Golf Club using local farm products. Enjoy the beer, wine, and vodka of local brewers, vintners, and distillers. LEX & DEX, a local favorite musical group, will provide the sounds of the evening and guests can watch their favorite football game on the live broadcast NFL Sunday Ticket.

HUNTINGTON MILLS FARM CONSERVED

Farm Conservation
I spent the first 20 years of my life growing up on this farm. During that time I observed many of the local farms being sold, divided and converted to home lots. Sometimes it was just the road frontage or sometimes the entire farm was being developed as housing. In any case, this was depressing and something that I and my parents did not want to see happen to the farm for which we have so many fond memories. A family friend told me and my wife, Sue, about the North Branch Land Trust and the Land Trust’s efforts to protect land through conservation easements. We were somewhat familiar with conservation easements as we had previously placed a 75-acre former cow pasture into a conservation easement with the Federal Government for a Wetland Restoration project. The North Branch Land Trust’s conservation easement that protected the entire farm was a good fit. Now, with the easement in place, it is a good feeling to know that this piece of the Earth is protected forever.

Robert Grajewski and Susan Garing

PROTECTING OUR AGRICULTURAL LAND PROVIDES MORE THAN FOOD

Biodiversity & Wildlife
Naturally balanced ecosystem and sustainable natural resources

Cleaner Air
Carbon Sequestration

Open Space and Rural Lifestyle
Recreational activities and appreciation of the environment

Ten Reasons to Buy Local Food

1. Locally grown food tastes and looks better. The crops are picked at their peak.
2. Local food is better for you. The shorter the time between the farm and your table, the less likely it is that nutrients will be lost from fresh food.
3. Local food provides genetic diversity. Smaller farms grow many different varieties of crops to provide a long harvest season, an array of colors, and the best flavor.
4. Local food is safe. Local farmers aren’t anonymous and take their responsibility to the consumer seriously.
5. Local food supports local families.
6. Local food builds community. Knowing farmers gives you insight into the seasons, the land, and your food. When you buy direct from a local farmer, you are engaging in a time honored connection between eater and grower.
7. Local food preserves open space. When you buy locally grown food, you are doing something proactive to preserve our working landscape.
8. Local food keeps taxes down. Farms contribute more in taxes than they require in services.
9. Local food benefits the environment and wildlife. Well managed farms support the ecosystem, they conserve fertile soil, protect water sources, and sequester carbon. The farm environment is a patchwork of fields, meadows, woods, ponds, and buildings that provide habitat for wildlife in our communities.
10. Local food is an investment in the future. By supporting local farmers today, you are helping to ensure that there will be farms in your community tomorrow.

NOW is the time to act!