



“The New York State park system is one of the state’s most treasured public collection of resources, with parks and historic sites that are visited by over 71 million people a year. The Natural Heritage Trust has been a vital and invaluable partner in the success of stewarding and supporting our parks. Congratulations on 50 years of outstanding work!”

*Rose Harvey, Chair,
Natural Heritage Trust
Commissioner,*

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

“The challenge—and charge moving forward—of the Trust is to reflect on this success and build on it, staying true to our vision and continuing this work to support our mission so that we remain an effective and inventive partner in protecting, preserving and improving the parks and natural environment of New York State.”

*Allen Payne, Executive Director,
Natural Heritage Trust*



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

If you would like to find out more about the projects and programs of the Natural Heritage Trust and how you can support this important work please visit our website:

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*Supporting Parks, Preservation
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The Natural Heritage Trust (Trust) celebrates 50 years of citizen support of parks and the environment, and now in 2018 is proud to be part of an unprecedented investment by New York State under way to create a 21st Century park system. The Trust will continue to collaborate on this statewide renewal that is restoring historic sites, improving outdated facilities and developing public spaces that are more appealing to modern visitors, more sustainable for future generations and more resilient and resistant to climate change.

Created by the New York State Legislature in 1968, the Natural Heritage Trust was the invention of leading philanthropist and conservationist Laurance S. Rockefeller.

Initially established to facilitate land acquisitions for state park expansion purposes, the mission of the Trust has broadened over 50 years to be able to receive and solicit gifts, grants and bequests for a wide variety of programming and projects in the areas of historic preservation, outdoor recreation, conservation and waterfront revitalization.

Today the Natural Heritage Trust has over \$43.8 million in total assets—including over \$24.7 million for permanent endowments—to advance relevant and important projects in partnerships with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Departments of State

and Environmental Conservation. In cooperation with partners and benefactors, the Trust has been at the forefront of innovative and progressive parks and conservation initiatives throughout New York State.

Since 1968 the Natural Heritage Trust has served as one of New York's most respected and trustworthy not-for-profit organizations, and in 2018 remains committed to the mission to secure resources and private support for parks, the environment and culturally significant sites, looking ahead and forward to another half-century of important work.

