



# Lake County Land Trust

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**White Pelicans at the Kuulanapo Preserve.**

## **CCLT capacity building grant has been awarded to the Lake County Land Trust**

**By Merry Jo Velasquez**

The Lake County Land Trust has been awarded funds by the California Council of Land Trusts Capacity Building Grant Program to partially support a full-time executive director. The request noted work with the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians on a co-stewardship plan for the Kuulanapo Wetland Preserve.

Funding for the Capacity Building program has been provided by the California Department of Conservation through the Climate Smart Land Management Program. This program is designed to help the state of California meet its goals in *Pathways to 30x30* (protect 30% of California's lands by 2030) and the

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# Grant will allow for full-time director

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Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy programs.

Karin Winters, Program Director, in her notice that we will be funded, stated, “This was a highly competitive process that drew a pool of extremely sophisticated and well-qualified applicants. We are very proud to support your work. Your selection as a 2024 Capacity Grants awardee is a testament to your meaningful impact and important ongoing dedication to our shared goals.”

The Lake County Land Trust and the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians would not have been in the position to apply for this funding mechanism without the evidence of solid community and volunteer support that we are fortunate to have. These two aspects of the Land Trust were specific questions on the grant application. Many, many thanks to our dedicated band of supporters and volunteers!

The Land Trust has previously employed part-time executive directors, operating for the past year without one. However, expansion of the Land Trust’s land acquisitions, notably the 300-acre Kuulanapo Wetland Preserve near Lakeport, has strained the capacity of LCLT volunteers.

A major concern of board members has been making the Land Trust truly sustainable. “This grant will start us on the road to that sustainability,” noted Val Nixon, LCLT President.

## Our end-of-year Holiday Appeal is on the way!

The Lake County Land Trust’s end-of-year Holiday Appeal is on its way. We hope you enjoy the letter with its brief update of our activities and the images of our properties.

The Lake County Land Trust sends two appeals, every year – our Mid-Year Appeal and our Holiday Appeal. If you give to either, or both, you are considered a Supporter of the Lake County Land Trust; or, of course, if you donate any other time during the year.

If you have already donated or plan to, many thanks!

You may send a check to: Lake County Land Trust, P.O. Box 1017, Lakeport, CA 95453 or go on-line to [www.lakecountylandtrust.org](http://www.lakecountylandtrust.org) and click on the “donate” button on the homepage.



## Brad Onorato is missed and mourned

The passing of Brad Onorato on Sept. 19, 2024, saddened everyone who knew him. Brad was U.S. Representative Mike Thompson’s longtime Deputy Chief of Staff, District Representative, colleague and friend. Brad was a dedicated public servant and over the years communicated with the Lake County Land Trust and always responded to our requests.

Brad was known for his love of Lake County; he did his best to support the many nonprofit organizations here and help them achieve their goals. One of his favorite comments was, “I’m doing the people’s business.”

Thank you, Brad, for everything you did for the Lake County Land Trust and all of the other nonprofits, agencies and individuals in Lake County. You will be missed; may you rest in peace.

Charitable contributions in Brad’s memory and honor are encouraged to the Lake Family Resource Center, 5350 Main Street, Kelseyville 95451.



**Brad Onorato**



# Water tank murals atop Rabbit Hill grace Middletown from each direction

*Middletown Art Center spear-headed the water tank project*

If you have driven through Middletown lately you may have noticed the normally hard to find Rabbit Hill pops out like a masterpiece with the completion of the Water Basket Murals on the Callayomi County Water District's water tanks. These eye-popping murals are the result of a collaboration between Middletown Art Center (MAC), the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California, and the Callayomi County Water District, with funding from the partners, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), Calpine, and Lake County Tribal Health. If you haven't seen them yet, you really should take a ride down Highway 29 and from the north end of town, where the Middletown Cemetery is, you won't be able to miss these spectacular new works of art.

According to the MAC website they went through a thorough call for work, and jurying process to select the designs for the murals on the tanks. They had 20 applicants and 2 rose to the top after multiple screenings and community voting.

The larger tank is a design by Trelesa Barlatta, Middletown Rancheria Tribal Member and a descendent from the Chappo and Knight families of Middletown Rancheria. She took her inspiration from the quail that are deeply significant to her people and a pattern from an ancestor's basket currently housed at UC Berkeley, there are triangular arrow-head patterns and also on the top of the tank a pattern that represents flying geese and the sky.



**The water tank on LCLT property that will be painted with donated funds.**

The smaller tank design is by Lorraine Trianna Ruida. Originally from Colombia, Lorraine has lived in California for 6 years. She drew her inspiration from her research and states her mural design is "a collective



**The painted tanks seen from a distance.**

canvas that unites the communities' profound respect for the land and its rich heritage, weaving a narrative that links past and future while inspiring shared guardianship of our history and habitat."

There was a third design that was in close competition with the second design selected. It was created by Darina Simeonova and as luck would have it, there just so happens to be a third water tank on Rabbit Hill that is on Lake County Land Trust property. This water tank is owned by CAL FIRE and can be seen as you drive north from the south end of Middletown.

CAL FIRE had expressed interest in painting their tank in collaboration with the Lake County Land Trust with MAC's help, which we were also interested in. So when the selection process for the larger tanks was completed, MAC's Artistic and Executive Director, Lisa Kaplan contacted us and asked if we would be able to fund the painting of the third water tank together with CAL FIRE with Simeonova's draft design, so that there would be a cohesive theme and aesthetic on the hill. The Lake County Land Trust Board of Directors voted unanimously to fund the project. Recently the clean energy company, AES Clean Energy, donated \$10,000 to LCLT towards painting this remaining tank on the hill; the Sierra Club Lake Group donated \$1,000 towards the project, as did Sue Morton of Lakeport. Many thanks to these donors.

# Spring, Summer and Fall birds at Lake County Land Trust's Kuulanapo Preserve in Lakeport

By Roberta Lyons with observations and photos by Dave Woodward

Dave Woodward made 18 visits to the Lake County Land Trust's Kuulanapo Preserve near Lakeport between May and September of 2024 to observe and document bird activity. He identified more than 40 species of birds on most of those visits and sometimes more than 50. Highlights of the season and new to the preserve's species list were House Wren, Hermit Warbler, Vesper Sparrow, Northern Parula and Sage Thrasher. The wren was seen on July 31 by both Dave and Darlene Hecomovich in a stack of fence wire at the corral, which was a reminder that manmade structures can also be good habitat for birds. The sparrow, the parula and the thrasher are all rarities anywhere in the county, in fact the Sage Thrasher is a first Lake County record. The species has never been found anywhere else in the county. The list for the preserve now stands at 178 native and six introduced birds for a total of 184 species.

## Clear Lake

One thing fairly regular monitoring has shown these past three years is that there is a lot of year-to-year variability in the numbers of water-associated birds that find suitable habitat at the preserve both along the shoreline of Clear Lake and just offshore in the lake. With high water levels in Clear Lake this year, there were no mudflats or open shoreline available for birds that feed or rest on land. The number of fish offshore is unknown, but perhaps lower this year than others. Pelicans, cormorants, herons, grebes and shorebirds were all present, but in very low numbers. One exception would be Black-crowned Night Herons which were regularly seen in flight. According to Dave, the most interesting shorebirds this year were seven Willits photographed in flight on July 8, only the second observation of the species at the preserve. Other shorebird observations were limited to Greater Yellowlegs, Least Sandpipers and Killdeer. Mallards and Wood Ducks were numerous in the lake and females of both species were seen with clutches of young during summer.

## Forested areas

Bullock's Orioles, Western Kingbirds and Western Wood-Pewees, all presumably nesting birds, were numerous through spring and well into summer. The first

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**Ash-Throated Flycatchers used the nest boxes at the preserve.**



**A Pileated Woodpecker.**



**Osprey are almost always seen at the wetland preserve.**





**Brown-headed Cowbird being fed by an Oriole, an example of parasitic bird behavior. The Cowbird lays its eggs in other birds' nests so they don't have to raise them.**



**This Sage Thrasher on the Kuulanapo Preserve has never before been seen in Lake County.**



**A lovely Hermit Warbler in the prime shrub habitat.**

## Rare avian visitors spotted at the preserve

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signs of fall migration occurred in early July with the return of Black-headed Grosbeaks and Western Tanagers, species that had not been present since spring migration.

Last year, a group of female and immature Lazuli Buntings lingered in the trees and grass near the corral in mid-August. This year male and female buntings were present in the same area and also in trees along the eastern channel between July 12 and 26. The Northern Parula, an eastern North American warbler, was also photographed in a tree along the channel on Sept. 24.

The most interesting day of summer was Aug. 18, the day after a strong south wind brought migrating songbirds down into the treetops at the preserve. Dave saw more migrants than he could count, but he photographed one Hermit Warbler and identified six Black-throated Gray Warblers, one Townsend's and two Yellow Warblers, two Warbling Vireos and one Willow and two Western Flycatchers. Sept. 10 was another great day for observing migrants. Dave and Jerry White walked the newly extended access on the riparian corridor along the eastern channel and saw eight Yellow, two Black-throated Gray and two Yellow-rumped Warblers, two Common Yellowthroats, two Warbling Vireos, and three Willow Flycatchers. Of interest earlier in summer were an immature Brown-headed Cowbird being fed by a female Bullock's Oriole on July 8 and a Pileated Woodpecker being harassed by Acorn Woodpeckers on Aug. 11.

### **Grassland**

The most numerous summer birds were Song Sparrows, American Goldfinches Western Meadowlarks, Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Yellowthroats. Tree Swallows and one pair of bluebirds were entering all of the nest boxes along the road to the corral early in summer. Ash-throated Flycatchers later nested in one of the boxes in July. There were over 100 migrating Violet-green Swallows and smaller numbers of Barn Swallows flying over the grassland on multiple dates in late August and early September. The Sage Thrasher and the Vesper Sparrow were both photographed while feeding in the grassland on Sept. 23 and 29, respectively. Savannah Sparrows returned to winter at the preserve beginning Aug. 25 and the first White-crowned Sparrow was seen on Sept. 10.

### **Raptors**

Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered and Red-tailed

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## Other species including raccoons and turtles found at Kuulanapo Preserve

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Hawks, Osprey and White-tailed Kite were commonly observed. The high count for Osprey was eight, all in view at the same time on July 26. Bald Eagles were seen on three dates early in summer and American Kestrels on four dates late in summer. A Cooper's Hawk and a Sharp-shinned Hawk were landed in trees on June 29 and Sept. 10, respectively.

### Other species

Mule Deer, Western Gray Squirrels and Red-eared Pond Sliders were common. Most of the turtles were on the road or parking areas digging holes to bury clutches of eggs. Other observations included Coyotes howling from the direction of Manning Creek, a River Otter swimming in Clear Lake near the outlet of the eastern channel, a Raccoon on the shoreline at the eastern view platform, a Striped Skunk at the third gate, a California Ground Squirrel at the corral, a California Red-sided Garter Snake on the road in the grassland and Western Fence Lizards near the corral and the third gate. Bullfrogs and Pacific Chorus Frogs were seen or heard at multiple locations near the lake and the channel.



**An American Pipit.**



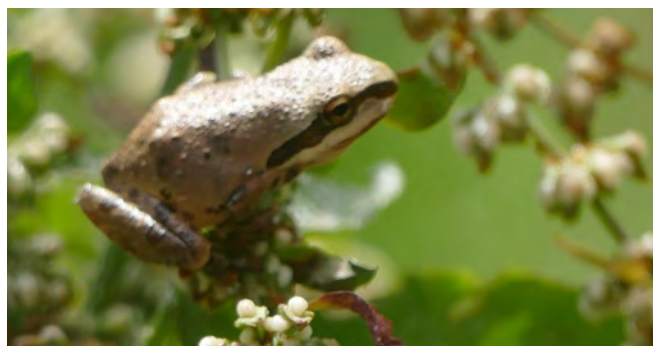
**A Sharp-shinned Hawk on the lookout for prey.**



**A Northern Parula is a rare sighting in Lake County.**



**Red-eared Pond Sliders are frequently seen.**



**Pacific chorus frogs are abundant at the preserve.**



**Mammals are present at the Kuulanapo Preserve along with the many species of birds.**

# President's Message

By  
Val  
Nixon



**Val Meyer Nixon**

Not only has the Land Trust been protecting land, but we have been creating an awareness of the importance of conserving land together. We have nurtured partnerships with many different entities and created more opportunities for people to visit and appreciate the land that we are conserving.

I can't express the joy of guiding a group of people onto the Kuulanapo Wetland Preserve and watching them enjoy the beauty of the landscape and grasp the importance of what they are supporting. When supporters come out to tend the land at Rodman Preserve, they experience the immensity of the task that lies before us and realize the reward of doing something about it.

Working with CAL FIRE and the Middletown neighborhood that surrounds Rabbit Hill to create a fuel buffer between their homes and the unique chapparal environment on Rabbit Hill has been an educational opportunity for them and for the Land Trust. We met to explore the problems and find solutions for keeping a neighborhood safe from the threat of fire while appreciating the unique landscape where they live.

As LCLT works together with the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians to restore the Kuulanapo Wetland Preserve we will employ some of the latest conservation technology and also be guided by the ancient proven practices of the 1<sup>st</sup> people of Lake County.

It is with the generous support of Sue Morton, the Sierra Club Lake Group and AES Clean Energy, that the third water tank at Rabbit Hill will get a makeover to reflect the traditions of the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians. This project was brought to the Land Trust by Middletown Art Center who has collaborated

## Reflecting on Partnerships and Accomplishments

Fall is such a beautiful season. We watch as the leaves turn color and drop, the birds migrate to or through Lake County, and it becomes a time of reflecting on the past year. For the Lake County Land Trust, it has been a busy and rewarding year.

with the LCLT on several art projects on this serpentine knoll.

AES Clean Energy is also generously supporting a long sought after upgrade of the Rodman Nature Center. This will enhance the Rodman Preserve visitors experience with interactive displays and explanations of the natural habitat seen on the self-guided nature trail.

As the days get shorter and the year comes to a close, I can reflect upon the efforts of the Land Trust to conserve land and share the importance of the natural and cultural resources of Lake County. I can also appreciate what I learn from all of our partners and supporters as we work together to do this important work.

I hope you are enjoying the beauty of Fall. I look forward to seeing you on the trails.

**Val Nixon, President  
Lake County Land Trust**

*"A dream becomes a goal when action is taken toward its achievement."*

*Bo Bennett, PhD, Entrepreneur, Author*



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David Woodward was presented with the Lake County Land Trust's "Supporter of the Year," award for the work he does identifying and recording birds and other wildlife at the Land Trust's Kuulanapo Preserve in Lakeport. Congressman Mike Thomson also honored him with a Congressional certificate. Pictured are Thomson; David Woodward; LCLT board member, Roberta Lyons and LCLT president, Val Nixon.

## Lake County Land Trust holds another successful annual dinner at Boatique Winery

The Lake County Land Trust's annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Boatique Winery brought together friends and supporters to enjoy an evening of fellowship and education with the theme of "Conserving Nature Together."

Congressman Mike Thompson presented a Congressional certificate of recognition to the organization's Supporter of the Year, David Woodward of Lakeport.

Sharron Zoller, past state president of California

Women for Agriculture and member of the Lake County Chapter of CWA, delivered an educational talk on agriculture and its importance to maintaining open space and preventing urban sprawl, noting the "Shared Values of California's Agriculture and Land Conservation."

President of the Land Trust, Val Nixon, updated the audience of over 160 supporters on the latest LCLT

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**Pictured are Donna Mackiewicz, a Lake County Land Trust volunteer; Michael Huynh of AES Clean Energy; Val Nixon, LCLT president; Cathy Koehler, board member; Merry Jo Velasquez, Vice President; and Roberta Lyons, board member.**

## **Accomplishments celebrated at annual dinner**

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news, including the approval of several grants and an important donation from The AES Corporation. LCLT vice president Merry Jo Velasquez discussed a recent creek restoration grant awarded to the Land Trust that will help restore an important hitch migration area of Manning Creek near Lakeport.

Nixon introduced the AES Clean Energy representative, Michael Huhyn, who had traveled from Colorado to attend the dinner. AES recently donated \$20,000 to the LCLT to paint a mural on a water tank on the Lake County Land Trust's Rabbit Hill in Middletown and to upgrade the Rodman Nature Center near Upper Lake. The mural painting on the other two tanks on the hill are a project of the Middletown Art Center (MAC) with multiple collaborators and partners.

The appetizers and buffet dinner featuring local products was prepared by Rosey Cooks Catering; Paul Kemp arranged the sound system for the event. The silent auction brought some enthusiastic bidders with Boatique Winery wines enjoyed by the crowd.

Congressman Mike Thompson, when presenting the

Congressional certificate to Woodward, lauded the Land Trust for its many accomplishments, saying he was always impressed with how every time he attended a Land Trust event he heard about even more projects that were underway or completed in Lake County.



**Checking out the Silent Auction, which is always a draw bringing enthusiastic bidders. See more photos next pages.**



# LCLT Annual Dinner



Erica Lundquist, LCLT board member and volunteer, Melissa Kinsel.



Cobb resident, John Hess, and Lakeport resident Gillian Parrillo and Kelseyville resident Mark Boyle.



Guests enjoyed the buffet table.



A crowd of over 160 people gathered. Photo by Danny Wind



Abby Leutholdt pours wine at the event.



Congressman Mike Thompson, speaker Sharron Zoller and LCLT President Val Nixon.



# LCLT Annual Dinner



Harry Lyons and Randy Krag were on parking duty that night. Thanks to you both!



Guests check in for the evening at Boatique Winery.



Sharron Zoller presented information on the importance of agriculture and relationship to Land Trusts.



Land Trust supporters, Ed Robey and Linda Lake.



Kathy Toy and her mom, Lesley Troy enjoyed the dinner and silent auction.



Paul and Jackie Farley are long-time Lake County Land Trust supporters. Photo by Danny Wind.

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# David Woodward honored as Lake County Land Trust's "Supporter of the Year"



David Woodward

By Roberta Lyons

Since 1999 the Lake County Land Trust has honored a "Supporter of the Year," a recognition that honors individuals who have contributed to the Land Trust in an outstanding way. This year's recipient is Lakeport resident, David Woodward, who for almost three years has been monitoring birds and other wildlife at the Land Trust's Kuulanapo Preserve near Lakeport.

Dave has counted 184 species overall at the preserve, well over half the total Lake County number. He visits the preserve several times during each season, counts and records the birds he sees and also photographs them. His work has provided valuable knowledge regarding the importance of wetland preserves to the ecology of this area.



David Woodward, LCLT's Supporter of the Year, is now identifying insects at the Kuulanapo Preserve; pictured here with a group viewing butterflies.

With a bachelor of science in Entomology from UC Davis, Dave worked for the County of Lake's Vector Control District for over 30 years. During that time he traveled to all areas of the county conducting mosquito and gnat research studies.

During those travels Dave became interested in the birds of Lake County. His research took him out on Clear Lake, where he viewed the grebes, herons, cormorants and other species, and to Oak woodlands to encounter birds associated with forested habitats. Since the Kuulanapo Preserve has both of those habitats, it is no wonder that so many birds, including rare sightings for Lake County, have been seen there.

After years of studying and photographing, Dave perfected his skills and has used them to benefit the Lake County Land Trust.

Dave and his wife, Mary Beth, have a long history of love of nature and nature experiences. In the 1970s they camped in many national parks and continued to travel in retirement. They have now visited all 50 national parks in the lower 48 states, plus Hawaii and Alaska. "We look for birds wherever we go," Dave noted.

Dave was honored at the Oct. 26, 2024, Land Trust annual dinner where the organization presented him with a beautiful plaque. He was also recognized by U.S. Representative Mike Thompson with a Congressional certificate honoring him and his years of service to the Lake County Land Trust.



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us preserve nature and wildlife.

## Sponsorships for the 2024 Annual Dinner

### Bald Eagle Level

- Roberta and Harry Lyons
- Susan King

### Red-Tailed Hawk

- Congressman Mike Thompson & Janet Thompson

### Black Bear

- Blue Wing Saloon and Café; Tallman Hotel

### Grey Fox

- Law Office of Dennis A. Fordham

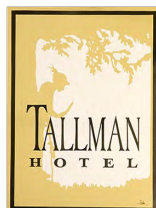
### Grebe

- John Wise and Evelyn Wachtel
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- Boatique Winery and Abby Leutholdt
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- Sharron Zoller
- Congressman Mike Thompson
- Melissa Kinsel, Kathy Windrem, Wilda Shock, Donna Mackiewicz, Angela De Palma Dow, Randy Krag and Harry Lyons

### Special Thanks to our Business Sponsors:



### Many thanks to our silent auction donors!

The silent auction held as a feature of the Lake County Land Trust's annual dinner always brings enthusiastic bidders. Many thanks to everyone who donated an item, including:

- Henry Bornstein and Gae Henry – Pontoon boat ride and lunch in Anderson Marsh
- Merry Jo and David Velasquez – Special Southwest dinner at their home in Lakeport
- Pierre Cutler – Framed image of Clear Lake and Mt. Konocti
- Fritz and Mischell's Jewelry – Sterling silver and turquoise earrings and necklace
- Congressman Mike Thompson – Wine, olive oil and flag flown over U.S. Capitol
- Tom Scavone – Beautiful handmade gun rack and amazing hand-crafted "bird house," folk art
- Merry Jo Velasquez – Wine basket of favorite Lake County wines
- Nichola Selph – Unique handmade necklace
- Ben Van Steenburgh III – Matted print of Clear Lake's iconic Great Blue Herons
- David Menasian – Beautiful photograph of a Bufflehead duck
- Bob Benson – Unusual Micronesian Ivory Nut carved bowls
- Karlene Carter – Fun handmade quilt
- Sheila O'Hara – Gorgeous hand-woven placemats
- Tess McGuire – Felted handmade hat
- Roberta Lyons – Framed Lake County vegetable labels
- Cathy Koehler and Paul Aigner – Wildflower walk and picnic lunch at the UC Davis McLaughlin Reserve

- Lianne Campodonico – Lake County grown olive oil
- Karen Weston – Framed art by Tommy Gilliam
- Kathleen Scavone-Three lots of hand thrown pottery

# Gifts of stock are a great way to support the LCLT, as well as saving on capital gains

There can be significant tax advantages for giving appreciated stock as a contribution to the Land Trust (LCLT) and we have the ability to accept stock donations. The tax on the gain in appreciated value will be avoided if a stock is

contributed to the LCLT since the Trust is a 501c3 qualified organization. The full value of the stock on the date of contribution can be used as a charitable deduction on your Federal income tax.

## Your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is also a great way to donate!

These advantages can make your contribution be even more effective in supporting the work of the Land Trust. Another opportunity to donate to the Land Trust is through your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. If you direct some of that RMD to the Land Trust, there is no tax on that either. We recommend that you consult your tax advisor for the specifics of your

situation, but please let us know if you would like to make a contribution of stock, or some of your RMD to the Lake County Land Trust. You can reach the Land Trust at (707) 262-0707, email us at [lclt@lakecountylandtrust.org](mailto:lclt@lakecountylandtrust.org) or contact President, Val Nixon at (707) 331-8321 or email her at [4val944@gmail.com](mailto:4val944@gmail.com).

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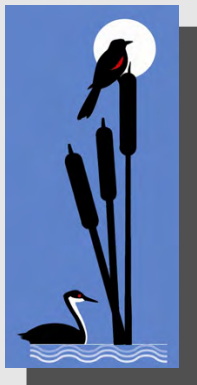
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Some LCLT supporters have chosen to support our mission through planned giving—including LCLT in a will or trust—or making another kind of legacy gift. Their foresight and yours, should you choose to join them, ensures the strength and the sustainability of the Lake County Land Trust.

Your planned gift to LCLT will ensure that conservation efforts continue to preserve and enhance vital biodiversity, improve the health of our ancient lake, allow wildlife to flourish, and encourage sustainable economic growth.

Whether you are taking those first important steps toward planning your estate or are in the process of updating your estate plan, please consider including the Lake County Land Trust in your plans.

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## Vision Statement

**Dedicated to preserving Lake County's natural resources through conservation, education, and cooperation.**



**Walks are now open every Saturday morning at the Rodman Preserve! Join us!**

## Who We Are

The Lake County Land Trust is a local, 501 (c) (3) charitable nonprofit organization directly involved in protecting important land resources. These include: wetlands, wildlife habitats, parks, forests, watersheds, riparian stream corridors, lakeside areas, and trails. The trust is also concerned with property that has unique scenic, cultural, agricultural, educational, or historical value.

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Margaret Harper

Finance and bookkeeping:  
Nicola Selph

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Vice-President Merry Jo Velasquez  
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Secretary Erica Lundquist

Board Members: Roberta Lyons,  
Catherine Koehler and Eric Woychik

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