



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Elliott Hillback, IRLC President

For some reason it always seems easier to write the Spring President's Report for our newsletter. I think it's a special combination of factors. First and foremost, Winter is over and the magic of Spring is now happening all around us. Throughout the Indian River Watershed, in, on and around our 18 beautiful lakes, along the winding Indian River and in the beautiful woodlands that blanket the striking geological features of our area, the cycle of life starts again.

I'm sure each of you are planning your outdoor events and activities with family and friends. We hope you will enjoy our 13 miles of trails, join us for some or all of our new extensive array of interesting and fun educational events. A subset of these are specifically focused on families with children. (For more info see the full story in this newsletter and/or check our website)

It is hard for us to believe, but the Indian River Lakes Conservancy will soon turn 19 and enter our 20th Year! We are excited about the variety of our new programs and activities, with lots more to come. For the Summer of 2018 we are starting to plan a special Celebration including a 20th Birthday Bash!

Protect - Learn - Enjoy - Forever

A number of years ago the IRLC adopted those four simple and clear Keywords that define our Mission. They still apply! Below I will summarize a few current activities and programs in each area.

Protect: Our first priority is to preserve river and lake water quality by encouraging land use practices

that support healthy lakes and protect property values.

We are now looking at the whole Indian River Watershed with a particular focus on improving and protecting Water Quality in our streams, in the Indian River and in our lakes. During the third year of our major long term focus on water quality we plan to expand and strengthen the comprehensive Indian River and Lakes Water Project. We are also in the planning stages of two working meetings over the summer. We will invite the leadership teams of all the lake associations plus experts and regulators from relevant local, county and state agencies. The dates and topics will be announced soon.

We will continue to monitor and steward the 2,277 acres of uplands and important wetlands we own and add appropriate parcels after a thorough review.

Learn: Our programs focus on the natural world and also human interaction with, and impact on the natural world. We hope to help people of all ages understand ways that they can have a positive impact on the Indian River Watershed.

We have designed and are about to launch our first comprehensive program of Educational and Experiential Education events including 5 Summer Science Digest Programs, 5 Family Nature Outings, 2 special hikes (Early Morning Birds, and Wild Edibles), 1 or 2 guided paddles, 2 Water Leadership Workshops (as mentioned above), and last but not least, a Redwood Community Celebration.



Most of these events will be held at IRLC's Redwood Hill (now solar powered) Trailside Learning Center. (We will continue our very successful Adult Winter talks at the DePauville Library). You can see the complete schedule for the summer program on our website.

A couple of events Margie and I are particularly excited about attending include: Laurie Rush's "Traces of Our Ancestors: The Archeology of Jefferson County" on June 15th, and "The Wondrous World of Dragonflies and Damselflies by Meena Haribal of Cornell University on June 29th. What piques your interest? Please sign up early so we know how many folks we should expect.

Enjoy: We want to encourage as many people as possible to enjoy a walk, to photograph nature's beauty, to personally observe Eagles nesting, to search and listen for elusive birds, to paddle, to snowshoe, to cross country ski, to just get "out there" and do your thing in the Natural World.

We are constantly expanding and improving our trail network

In the last year we have added 3.5 miles of trails at Baker Woods of which 3 miles are great for cross country skiing and snow shoeing and we look forward to our first major cross country event. You can see a recent NCPR/WDT article on our website.

New "bog bridges" are being installed in Baker Woods this Spring by Board Member Matt Carney and a team of other volunteers

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About the IRLC

Formed in 1998 to conserve critical lands in the Indian River Watershed of Northern New York, the IRLC is a non-profit land trust with 501(c) (3) tax exempt status operating in a manner consistent with the published standards of the Land Trust Alliance, a national organization.

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As we go to press we expect the last and final approval from the State to authorize bidding and construction on the Redwood Hill All Access trail.

We are simplifying and expanding our trail monitoring and stewarding activities so that walkers like you could quickly and easily make us aware electronically of any damage or maintenance issues, missing signs or the need to refresh the supply of trail maps or sign in logs, etc.

We will also continue our guided Walks and Paddles including the very special Millsite Lake Moonlight Paddle. Mark August 7 on your calendar right now. There is nothing like seeing the moon rising over the lake with 40+ kayaks gliding through the sparkling water

Forever: Our mission has no end date, it really goes on in perpetuity!!

In many ways this is our most complex responsibility! We have committed to steward the lands we own and the waters we protect in perpetuity. That means we must continuously focus attention on building and maintaining a sustainable organization.

Welcome to Dan Peterson (Redwood) and Steve Wardell (Plessis) who have recently been elected to our Board. Short introductions of both are elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are proud that of the 1,360 Land Trusts in the United States your Indian River Lakes Conservancy earlier this year became one of only 372 that are Accredited by The Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

We have begun the process to hire a full-time paid professional Executive Director to take on the increasingly complex role of managing a successful, growing, multifaceted organization like the IRLC. We have been offered a six figure multi-year gift to support this position and the gift details are currently being finalized. The Executive Director job description is now on our website or is available at our office. If you know someone who might be a strong candidate for the

job ask them to contact the office or any member of the Search Committee: Mark Scarlett, Kathy Kazakoff, Denise Robertson or myself.

Once our Executive Director is on board we plan to do a thorough revision of our Strategic Plan since it is six years since we last updated it and a lot has changed. We will ask you for your inputs at various stages of this process.

Our IRLC always needs more active volunteers: please find a way to have some fun, to learn, and to make a real difference by getting personally involved. We also need your financial support: please make a gift today. We need people like you who care about this place we love to select your own personal way to make a difference in the Indian River Watershed NOW! It will be fun and personally rewarding while making a big difference in our small, unique part of the world.

In the end, this is all about "A Place We Love", a place that is truly unique in the world.

I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to be IRLC President for the last six years. Particular thanks to all who have served on our Board during that time, but also served in our earlier years and helped build the foundation we have grown on. Thank you to all our members and donors, thanks to everyone who has ever helped us in any way. Thanks for your ideas, your energy and your generosity. With your support we have already made a major impact on the Indian River Watershed including the Indian River Lakes – and yet, we can do so much more, we have so much more we must do. Please find your own way to make a difference in The Place We Love!

Thank you.
Elliott Hillback, President

The mission of the Indian River Lakes Conservancy is to preserve the natural character of the area, with a focus on protecting clean water, fish and wildlife, and the scenic vistas along the shores of the lakes and the Indian River and to educate ourselves and the community about the natural habitat in which we live.

Baker Woods Preserve: A Natural (Bridge) Place to Explore

by: Matthew Carney

We recently completed our first winter of skiing and snowshoeing on the Baker Woods Preserve trails. Plentiful snowfalls were punctuated by unprecedented thaws, but ski conditions were generally good and we were able to identify areas in need of further clearing and leveling. Winter enthusiasts made good use of the trails and, in late winter, Indian River Lakes Conservancy (IRLC) board member Mark Scarlett and I were joined by David Sommerstein of North Country Public Radio for an evening ski to Beaversprite Pond and beyond. David produced a signature "Audio Postcard" to commemorate the trip. Check it out on NCPR.

Last November the IRLC received approval from the DEC to install plank

bridging across some of the wettest areas of the trails. These bridges should be completed by the end of May and will greatly improve the hiking and early winter skiing.

Meanwhile, our stretch of the Indian River headwaters is swollen from snow melt and April showers making it perfect for paddling over beaver dams. Stalwart BWP supporters Ed Robertson, Jake Sell Hicks, Dublin and I recently took advantage of the near perfect conditions to enjoy an early paddle on the river and explore the seldom trekked Baker Woods Preserve land south of the river. We hope that you will join us for a paddle or hike soon.



Ed Robertson (foreground), Matt Carney and Dublin take an early spring paddle on the Indian River.

Photos by: Jake Sell Hicks

A fun-loving group of hard working volunteers helped build a bog bridge, install a boot cleaning station and much more at BWP on April 29th.



A watershed is a lot like a human body in many ways. It is made up of the earth, and the water flows are somewhat like the body's inner cardio-vascular circulatory system. Like the blood of a human body the water of a watershed intermingles. When a part or parts of the flow are degraded the whole organism is weakened.

The arrival of Easter and the renewal of spring made me think that a good way to express and celebrate our faith in our future and to honor the creator's work would be to take the actions needed to protect and preserve it. I am also reminded of the words of author, Wendell Berry: "Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you." The same could be said for those across the lake or pond.

IRLC is offering a second wave of voluntary septic system assessments

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We Can Make a Difference - Water Update 2017

by: Ed Robertson

Our Indian River Watershed, a sub-watershed of the Oswegatchie and St. Lawrence watersheds, features a large number of creeks, streams, ponds and 17 fabulous lakes. The source of the Indian River flows from within a large sugarbush in Croghan, Lewis County. The Indian then meanders more than 100 miles north-west then north-east to the bottom of the basin where it outflows into the Oswegatchie River at the boundary between the Towns of Depeyster and Oswegatchie at the north end of Black Lake in St. Lawrence County. From that confluence the Oswegatchie runs a short distance to the St. Lawrence and it on to the North Atlantic Ocean.

Lake Bonaparte, Indian Lake and Narrow Lake in the headwaters area are the only three lakes in the watershed above the high-falls in Theresa. In Jefferson County below the high-falls are Red and Muskellunge Lakes which lie east of the river. West of the Indian River, Lake of the Woods outflow drains into a large 1000 plus acre wetland and makes its way to the Indian

River south of Hansen Bridge near and across the river from Muskellunge Lake. Crystal, Mud, Sixberry and Millsite Lakes all flow down into Butterfield Lake which in turn drains through Black Creek about 20 miles to Black Lake. A bit farther to the west, Clear Lake flows through its outlet to Jewett Creek then north to where it joins Black Creek north of Butterfield.

Grass Lake is bisected by the Jefferson St. Lawrence County line and drains north through Grass Creek to Black Lake. In St. Lawrence County, Pleasant Lake drains into the Indian River and the Hickory Lake and Mud Lake outlets drain into Fish Creek on its way to Black Lake near Big Island.

Hyde Lake drains into the Perch River and the Moon, Payne, Sherman and Yellow Lake outlets make their way directly to the Oswegatchie River near Oxbow.

Payne lake was once called Vrooman Lake and Butterfield was named Grand Lake, thus the Grand Lake Reserve. I must be wrong about some of this... please send corrections!

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for cottage owners who are curious or concerned about whether their septic system is functioning properly. The effort this year would aim to line up as many upgrades as possible and to schedule the redesigns and installations to increase the buying power for all participants. IRLC will assist with bringing the parties together and partially subsidizing the project. The engineering community and system installers will work at negotiated rates and install systems using conventional or modern designs that will result in fully treated and disinfected water discharged back into our lakes and river. Owners will get a properly functional septic system, cleaner lake or river water and peace of mind. Engineers and installers will get fair compensation and experience with modern designs that overcome the challenges posed by local unsuitable soil conditions.

IRLC is also working on putting together a pilot program to install a "cluster" septic system in a problem area of the river or one of the lakes. We are looking for a group of neighbors who know they have septic system problems. Four to ten cottages in close proximity would be best. IRLC would seek grant funding to cover costs of site acquisition, equipment and labor

to install the wastewater treatment system. Each cottage owner would pay for a pump station, piping to the main line and a share of maintenance costs. The Town of Theresa has identified 40 suitable locations for the project on the lakes and Indian River in Theresa.

Finally, IRLC is working with the Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners Association, the Town of Alexandria, NYS DEC and DOH with assistance and guidance from Assemblywoman Addie Jenne's office to find the source of the excessively high concentrations of coliform flowing from the Route 37 area near the Mud Lake spillway down into Butterfield Lake.

It is very encouraging that individuals are doing their part to help clean up the lakes and river. By not using fertilizer on lawns or gardens anywhere near the water, by growing shoreline vegetative buffers to consume nutrients and prevent sediment eroding into the water and by upgrading septic systems properly we are making a real difference. Keeping well water drinkable and the lakes and river swimmable and fishable is critically important to the economic future of the communities in our watershed. Thanks to everyone for all you are doing.

IRLC to Offer New Summer Programs

IRLC is excited to offer its first set of regular public programs in the Trailside Learning Center at Redwood Hill Preserve. Solar power installation has been completed this spring and the Center has been outfitted with chairs, tables and a projector screen to support education programs.

Two sets of programs have been planned. The Summer Science Digest speakers' series will feature talks by scientists and other professionals on a variety of nature related topics. Each presentation will include a discussion period to enable participants to ask questions and interact with one another. Offered two Thursday evenings per month in June, July and August, these programs are a great opportunity for adults to nurture their minds and meet new people.

A Family Nature Outing series has been planned to get parents and children outdoors and learning about nature together. These programs are designed to be highly interactive and are generally suitable for people of all ages. Scheduled for several Saturdays this summer, these outings provide a chance for families to spend quality time together doing something new and interesting outside.

Several guided hikes will be offered this summer and new paddling programs are in the planning stages. Check out the full list of summer programs on page 5. Visit our website to get more information and to register for programs.

Volunteer

Do you have a special skill or knowledge to share? Would you like to lead guided hikes or paddles? IRLC is looking for speakers, teachers, and guides for public programs. Contact us if you'd like to share your knowledge and enthusiasm with others as a volunteer!

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The Indian River is narrow and bordered by extensive wetlands in its upper reaches. Photo by Mark Scarlett

Don't miss out!

Are you getting our emails about upcoming events? You can make sure that you don't miss a thing by subscribing to the IRLC email list. Just send an email to indianriverlakes@gmail.com with "Join List" in the subject line.

We Did It! IRLC Earns Accreditation

IRLC is pleased to announce it achieved national recognition by earning accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. There are over 1,360 land trusts in the United States, of those only 372 have become accredited demonstrating their strong commitment to professional excellence and to maintaining the public's trust in their work.

IRLC Chair Elliott Hillback said, "Three years ago we realized the need to increase our focus on building a truly sustainable organization. We hired a mid-level staff person and committed ourselves to the two year process to become accredited. We are excited and proud to have reached that goal! The accreditation process certainly helped us strengthen our organization in many

ways. As a result, we are now taking our next big step toward sustainability by initiating the process to hire a full-time Executive Director for the Conservancy."

In the nineteen years since its founding, IRLC has been actively engaged in an array of important conservation initiatives, with a primary focus on:

1. Preserving river and lake water quality by encouraging land use practices that support healthy lakes and protect property values;
2. Conserving vulnerable wetlands, shoreline, and upland habitat that help sustain that water quality;
3. Promoting environmental studies and education programs that



enhance our understanding of the watershed and its biological diversity; and

4. Providing public access on protected lands that offer recreational and learning opportunities that enrich our appreciation of this special place.

The IRLC provided extensive documentation and underwent a comprehensive review as part of its accreditation application. The Land

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Summer Program Schedule

June

10	9:00 am	Wildlife Habitat Management Workshop at Redwood Hill Preserve
	10:00 am	Wild Edibles Walk at Grand Lake Reserve
15	6:30 pm	Summer Science Digest – Traces of the Ancestors, Archaeology of Jefferson County presented by Dr. Laurie Rush at Redwood Hill Preserve
17	8:30 pm	Family Nature Outing – Quarter Moon Night Hike at Redwood Hill Preserve
24	10:00 am	IRLC Annual Gathering at Redwood Hill Preserve
29	6:30 pm	Summer Science Digest – The Wondrous World of Dragonflies and Damselflies presented by Meena Haribal, Cornell University, at Redwood Hill Preserve

July

13	6:30 pm	Summer Science Digest – Consider the Trees: Ancient Trees of Jefferson & St. Lawrence Counties presented by Susan Gwise, Cornell Cooperative Extension, at Redwood Hill Preserve
15	10:00 am	Family Nature Outing – Learning to Paint Nature presented by Jan Byington and Cheryl Simeone at Redwood Hill Preserve
27	6:30 pm	Summer Science Digest – Saving the Lost, Strayed and Stolen – Wildlife Rehabilitation in NNY presented by Sue-Ryn Burns and Katherine Nelson at Redwood Hill Preserve
29	10:00 am	Family Nature Outing – Birds of Redwood Hill Preserve – A Family Bird Walk presented by Marcie Jacklin and Tim Serber at Redwood Hill Preserve

August

5	10:00 am	Family Nature Outing – WSI – Wildlife Scene Investigators at the Redwood Hill Preserve
7	8:00 pm	Millsite Moonlight Paddle with TILT at the Millsite Lake boat launch
10	6:30 pm	Summer Science Digest – NY's Great Lakes Watershed Program presented by Emily Sheridan, NYSDEC, at Redwood Hill Preserve
12	5:00 pm	Celebration of the Lakes at Bella-Brooke Vineyards
19	10:00 am	Family Nature Outing – Reptiles & Amphibians of Northern NY presented by Angelena Ross, NYSDEC, and Glenn Johnson, SUNY Potsdam, at Redwood Hill

Indigo Bunting - Stunning Summer Songster

This inhabitant of shrublands, old fields and wood edges brightens our landscape from May to September. While the brilliant blue adult males fade to paler hues by fall the behavior of this active small finch always entertains. When many summer birds avoid the mid-day heat, the enthusiastic bright blue males sing their ringing two part song from the highest perches available within their territory. An observer who follows this vibrant overture is often treated to a good view of the gaudy blue songster that is well worth the effort.

Indigo buntings are fairly late spring migrants at our latitude. The males usually precede the females by a few days beginning in mid- May. Most local pairs have settled on territory by late May and early June. Migrants traveling farther north may continue passing through well into June. The breeding range of this species generally extends through the eastern United States and Canada south of the Boreal forest. In addition most occur east of the 100th meridian. To the west of that demarcation line, they are replaced by similar closely related species such as the Lazuli Bunting.



As with many long-distance songbird migrants breeding in North America, reproduction is a "get it done" affair. The female chooses to settle in a male's territory within a couple days of arrival. She builds the woven cup nest usually within a few feet of the ground. In rapid fire order the normal clutch of four eggs is produced and she incubates them for usually 11-13 days. He is still

busily singing and defending territory, while no doubt hoping there are still unmated females that can be impressed with his charms.

If the nest is not predated or otherwise disrupted, young will hatch. This species is very subject to loss of nest and young because of its habits of breeding in areas with limited cover. They are a favorite host of the Brown-headed Cowbird. This brood parasite lays its eggs in nests of smaller birds. Cowbird young develop faster than those of their host and wind up getting all the food while other young starve or are pushed out of the nest to die. Cowbirds were once restricted to the Great Plains but human activities have allowed them to invade many other parts of North America. They are now a serious problem for Indigo Bunting and many other shrubland and forest nesting songbirds.

Assuming success, young Indigo Buntings fledge from the nest in 9-12 days. The male has now reengaged with the brood and helps with feeding and protecting the young. While young were fed a heavy insect diet in their early days of life, berries and other plant foods are a part of the omnivorous diet of the species. The young are often still seen food begging from their parents but they are fully capable of getting their own sustenance by one month of age. A well-stocked summer bird feeder will entice the whole family into close-up view in anticipation of a good meal.

At our latitude pairs may raise a second brood during any given year, particularly if weather and food conditions are favorable. This also is often the case in breeding areas farther south where it occurs in most years. Young from the first brood have been observed helping feed their younger siblings so it is possible their parents reproductive output could reach double figures in any year. Throughout this elongated breeding cycle the adult male continues singing and defending territory using all the prominent perches



present that show off his fine plumage.

Eventually even this energizer bunny songster tires as the season ebbs and the annual molt begins. From mid-August into September we are visited by the image of the "Calico Bunting" as the male turns from blue to approximate his mate's brown color. Individual males often look very comical to our eyes as their unkempt splotchy plumage bears little resemblance to the dashing bird about town of early June.

The rigors of annual adult molt past and the young clothed in plumage similar to their mothers all begin the trek to the wintering grounds. Some are aloft by late August but most depart our region in September continuing though early October. They are gone by mid-October here. The primary wintering ground for this species is in Central America and the Caribbean. A few remain north to Florida and Texas but most spend October through March on Latin wintering grounds. Come early April they will start the flight north to once again brighten our summer world.

Gerry Smith is a senior Northern New York ornithologist and consulting ecologist. Gerry is a devoted friend and advocate for grass roots land trusts and the dedicated volunteers who share his love of nature. You can read other Charismatic Birds of the Indian River Lakes Region articles on our website at www.IndianRiverLakes.org.

Welcome Our New Board Members

Dan Peterson

In 1988, as a young man from Butte, Montana, I enlisted in the U.S. Army. After basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, I attended school at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland where I received training as a heavy equipment mechanic and recovery specialist. After graduating in June 1990 I was assigned duties at A Company 710th Maintenance Battalion, Fort Drum.

During my military career I traveled both stateside and abroad, spending several months in Germany and South Korea. The experiences and influence of military service have been very rewarding and educational.

In March 1991, while stationed at Fort Drum, I met my future wife Shannon, a young lady from La Fargeville. We were married in November that same year and we have just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. I ended a rewarding and challenging military career in 1992 and Shannon and I started a family.



Dan with sons Jesse (l) and Justin (r).

We moved to Redwood in 1996 with our 3-year-old son Josh and his brother Justin on the way. Over the next few years our family grew adding Houston, Jesse and Mecia to our happy home in Redwood. Shannon and I have raised our 5 wonderful children here in Redwood over the last 21 years, enjoying the several lakes, trails and rivers. Our family has many fond memories of camping, boating, swimming and hiking locally. I have always been humbled by realizing

that every day I enjoy the beauty and benefits of this wonderful area that many people travel great distances to enjoy!

I have been to 42 out of 50 states and various countries abroad. During my travels, I have encountered many beautiful and unique areas. In my opinion, Redwood is a very special place! I was honored to be invited to join the IRLC in 2017, and a group of very successful and accomplished directors. I hope to help this organization accomplish its goals which truly benefit all of us.

Steve Wardell



Steve lives in Plessis with his wife Tricia and their two children. He owns a business, Clean Waters, which supplies products and services to municipalities that help them produce clean water and wastewater. He is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys the plentiful lakes in the area. Steve is also very active with the local boy scout troop where his son is a member. In his spare time, Steve likes to hike, fish, paint and is a “pretty bad golfer.”

“I am excited to be part of the IRLC. As a local, my family and I have enjoyed the IRLC’s land and trails immensely. The IRLC’s mission is important; to protect our precious natural resources for future generations.”

e-Newsletter

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Accreditation

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Trust Accreditation Commission awarded accreditation, signifying its confidence that IRLC’s lands will be protected forever, providing opportunities for recreation, learning and enjoyment for generations to come.

“It is exciting to recognize the Indian River Lakes Conservancy with this distinction,” said Tammara Van Ryn, Executive Director of the Commission. “Accredited land trusts are united behind strong ethical standards ensuring the places people love will be conserved forever. Accreditation recognizes that IRLC has demonstrated sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship.”

About the Land Trust Accreditation Commission

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission inspires excellence, promotes public trust and ensures permanence in the conservation of open lands by recognizing organizations that meet rigorous quality standards and strive for continuous improvement. The Commission, established in 2006 as an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, is governed by a volunteer board of diverse land conservation and nonprofit management experts. www.landtrustaccreditation.org

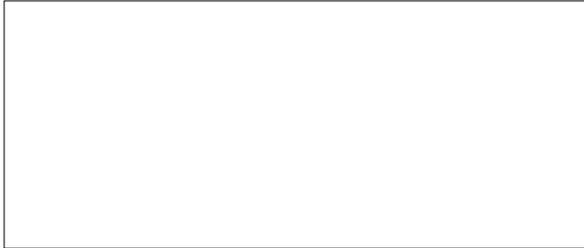
About the Land Trust Alliance

Founded in 1982, the Land Trust Alliance is a national land conservation organization that works to save the places people need and love by strengthening land conservation across America. Based in Washington, D.C., and with several regional offices including one in New York, the Alliance represents about 1,000 member land trusts nationwide.

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Save the Dates

New Summer Programs

Turn to page 5 to see the exciting new program schedule for this summer. Programs for adults, programs for families, art programs, hikes, paddles....something for everyone!

Celebration of the Lakes Saturday, August 12, 2017

Don't miss out on our annual gala celebration this year! Reserve your tickets online now! www.indianriverlakes.org



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