



MANADA

CONSERVANCY

185 Acres Protected

Connecting Critical Lands in the Kittatinny Ridge Conservation Landscape

On August 7, Manada Conservancy completed the acquisition of 185 acres in Middle Paxton Township. Contiguous with Dauphin County's Fort Hunter Conservancy and State Game Lands 211, the inclusion of this property fills a gap among already-protected lands.

Stretching over the top of Second Mountain of the Kittatinny Ridge Conservation Landscape, the view extends as far as the eye can see with the Susquehanna River and beyond to the south and Peters Mountain to the north. The property's mountain springs feed Fishing Creek which empties directly into the nearby Susquehanna River, the predominant freshwater source for the Chesapeake Bay.



Board visit to property

A critical connecting piece within the greater landscape, the woodland parcel supports a wide variety of wildlife habitat within a Global Important Bird Area.

Protected forever from future subdivision and development, the property adds to



the contiguous forest cover necessary to accommodate migrating wildlife and sequester carbon. Along with larger wildlife like black bears, bobcat, and deer, the property is also home to a rare woodland orchid, Pawpaw trees, which host the Zebra Swallowtail butterfly, and features rocky outcrops suitable for the threatened Allegheny woodrat.

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Message From Our Board President

Thirty Years of Action And The Power of One

At Manada Conservancy, we know that meaningful conservation begins when people come together. Thirty years ago, a small group of individuals did just that, uniting around a shared vision to protect and connect the natural resources of our region and to create a ripple effect that would extend far beyond local borders. That vision became Manada Conservancy.

Today, their legacy is visible in the thriving habitats, preserved land, and healthy streams of Dauphin County.

Honoring a Founding Visionary

Among those early visionaries is Sally Zaino. Her story is a powerful reminder of the impact of one: one thought, one action, one individual who can shape the course of a community and leave a lasting legacy. For nearly three decades, Sally has worked tirelessly, not only to conserve land, but to build meaningful relationships and foster a lasting conservation ethic in our community. As the last founding board member to transition off the board, her departure marks a significant milestone. Her leadership has helped shape Manada into the strong, mission-driven organization it is today.

The Natural Wisdom of Succession

Succession may not always be top of mind, but it has been a guiding principle for our founders since the very first conservation project. They knew protection had to mean forever. In nature, succession unfolds with quiet purpose. We see it vividly in each season giving way to the next—an elegant order shaped by the rhythm of change, the quiet strength of time, and the continuity that binds one cycle to the next.

Nowhere is this more beautifully expressed than in the Kittatinny Ridge. Stretching across our region, its layers—Blue, Second, Third, and Peters Mountains—stand as a testament to strength built over time. Each ridge exists in relation to the others, molded by ancient forces, rising in sequence through their shared resistance to erosion. At any given moment, you may see only the mountain directly before you, but you can be assured the others are just behind it: present, steady, and enduring.

Succession is not replacement; it is reverent continuation. It is how resilience is written into the land, and how Manada continues to grow stronger—carrying the original vision forward, just as the forest floor carries the memory of canopies past.

With Gratitude and Confidence

We are profoundly grateful to Sally for her enduring service and steady vision, as we are to all of our founders. And we celebrate all those who have stepped forward, and who will continue to step forward, to build on the foundation they helped to lay. Because of them, and because of everyone who chooses to act, the next 30 years of conservation in Central Pennsylvania are already in motion.



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Clawson *An Incredible Year of Progress*

It's been a busy and productive year at the Clawson Preserve! Thanks to the hard work of dedicated partners and volunteers, we've made significant strides in restoring this beautiful natural space. Our Stewardship Director, Shawn Jacobs, hosted 15 volunteer workdays! From invasive species removal and uncovering Founders Grove, to planting native trees and planning new features like a wildflower garden and picnic area, 2024 and 2025 have been full of impact.

Here's a look at what's been accomplished so far!



Nearly **2 acres** of invasives cleared



125 Native trees and shrubs were planted in areas where Multiflora Rose was removed

Volunteers who made this happen!



Veolia's 2024 workday launched the first restoration efforts



Milton Hershey School cleared invasives and uncovered Founders Grove in 2024, returning in 2025 to continue the work



Veolia's 2025 workday



Hershey Company Tech Team 2025 workday



2025 Schneider Electric workday



2025 Sunset Grove with plants from our own nursery

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Designated as a Conservation Landscape by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Ridge and the surrounding mountain corridor have been a high priority for protection for years by many conservation organizations including The Nature Conservancy, Audubon Mid-Atlantic, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and fellow land trusts throughout Pennsylvania. Because of its valuable natural resources, high economic value through working forests and farms, recreational opportunities, and two military installations, the landscape received federal recognition in 2024 as the Kittatinny Ridge Sentinel Landscape.

Stay tuned as plans unfold to build upon the existing network of multi-use trails and continued forest stewardship.

In addition to the steadfast support of Manada Conservancy members like you, this project was made possible thanks to financial assistance from The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, through the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, The Nature Conservancy, The Alexander Boyd & Jane Starke Boyd Charitable Foundation, and the generosity of private donors.



Kittatinny Ridge Conservation Collaboration

We're excited to share that Manada's participation in collaborative conservation efforts on the Kittatinny Ridge was recently mentioned in A.T. Journeys, the official publication of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. The article spotlights the ongoing efforts to protect the Kittatinny Ridge, one of Pennsylvania's most critical ecological corridors and a key migration route for birds and wildlife.

The piece emphasizes the importance of partnership in preserving this vital landscape. We're proud to stand alongside dedicated organizations like the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and fellow land trusts throughout Pennsylvania in this shared mission.

You can read the full article here:



Manada Conservancy's Summer Native Plant Sale

ONE SHOPPING DAY ONLY

Thursday, August 21
from 5-8 PM

at our Native Plant Nursery
328 N. Crawford Road, Grantville, PA 17028

Featuring keystone and summer-blooming
perennials for bees, butterflies, birds, & more.

The plant availability list is online at
www.manada.org.



This event is a fundraiser to support
the land preservation and environmental
education efforts of the Manada
Conservancy, a nonprofit land trust
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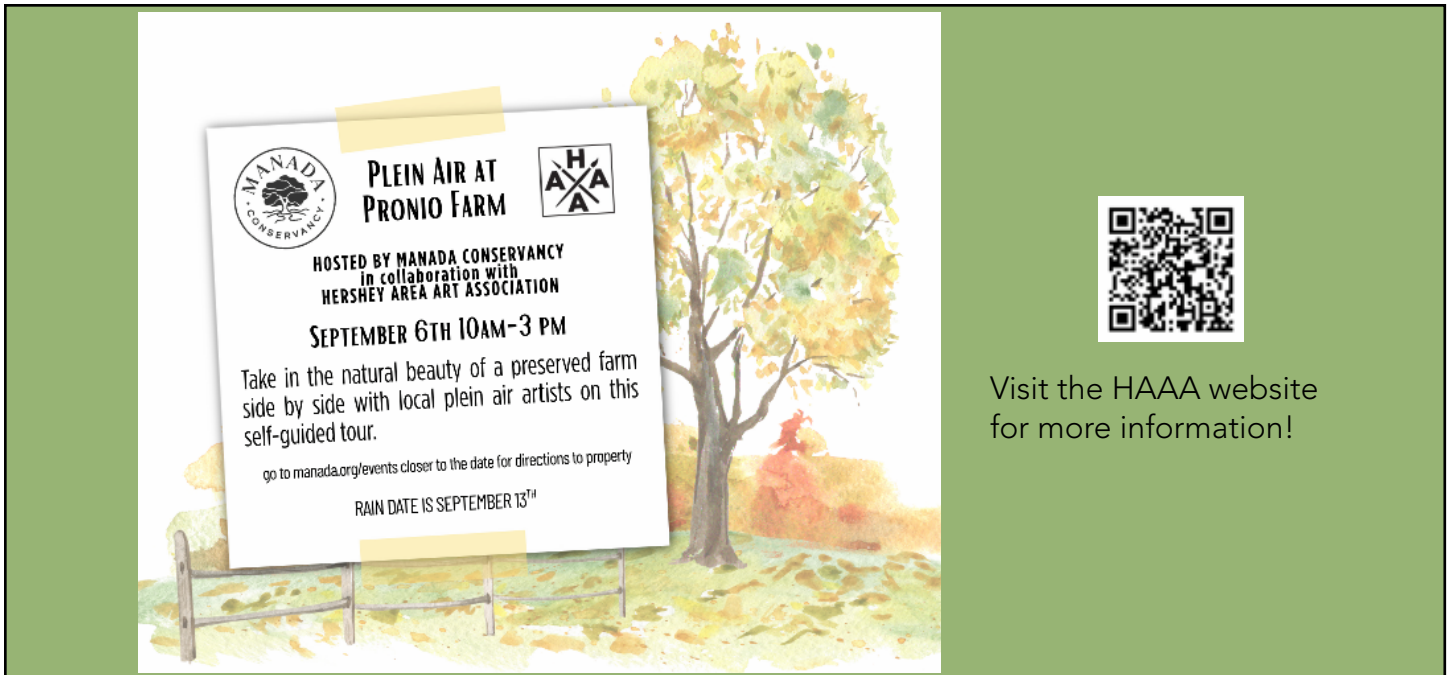


Members-Only Ice Cream Social

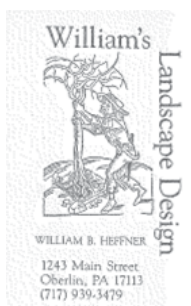
Join us for a sweet celebration in your honor!

Sunday, August 24, 2025 | 2-4pm

The Inn at Westwynd Farm
1620 Sand Beach Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036



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☐ RENEWAL MEMBER

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS

The theme for Manada Conservancy's 2025 educational programs is "All About Habitat." Here are some of the programs and events we're working on.

Check our website, Eventbrite page, your inbox, and future newsletters for details about these and other events!

August 21, Fall Native Plant Sale 5pm - 8pm | 328 N. Crawford Road

Visit our website for this year's selection of native perennials. There is no presale this year and some varieties sell out quickly, so shop early!

August 24, Members-Only Ice Cream Social 2pm - 4pm | The Inn at Westwynd Farm

September 6, Plein Air at Pronio Farm 10am - 3pm | More information to come!

Watch for our emails with more information regarding this event! Check the website for the Hershey Area Arts Association for more details regarding this unique plein air opportunity!

September 18, Barn Owl Conservation 7pm - 8pm | Location TBD

Stay tuned for more information about this event presented by Dan Mummert with the Pennsylvania Game Commission about Barn Owl Conservation.

November 6, Saving Nature at Home 7pm - 8pm | The Hershey Story Museum

Learn how to create a sustainable home environment and protect nature right from your doorstep!

Thanks to our education program sponsor!

