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127 Acres Protected

Contiguity in the Conservation Landscape

By Jennifer Dunlap, *Land Protection Director*

If you attended our recent program, "The Endless Mountain: How the Kittatinny Corridor Provides Beauty, Value, and Life," featuring Manada Conservancy Founder Sally Zaino, you heard why contiguity is so critical to conservation. If you missed the program, check out the recorded presentation on Manada Conservancy's YouTube channel!

Recognized as one of the most climate-resilient landscapes in Pennsylvania and designated as a Global Important Bird Area, the Kittatinny Ridge and its contiguous forest cover provides ecosystem services essential to people and wildlife alike.

The Lenape people indigenous to Pennsylvania fittingly gave the Kittatinny its name, meaning "Endless Mountain." The Ridge stretches 185 miles across state and forms the first in a series of mountain ridges that make up the Kittatinny Ridge Conservation Landscape.

Within this landscape, the Doyle property spans the north side of Peters Mountain and into Powells Valley below, less than two miles from the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The property is part of a larger network of forests and agricultural lands that, together, create a connected and resilient landscape.

Terry and Valerie Doyle understand the value of keeping that landscape intact. Beginning in the early 1980s, they started connecting patches of the landscape in Jefferson Township on their own, purchasing one parcel at a time..

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A Letter From The Executive Director

Following our recent Plein Air community event, I had the pleasure of welcoming members onto Pronio Family Farm for a special reception. It left me thinking about how we communicate the

impact Manada membership has on the landscape of Dauphin County. The group included members of our Trillium Society, our highest level of giving, and Legacy Society, whose members have graciously chosen to remember Manada in their wills. At Pronio, I could share the impact of their support in a way I normally can't: by pointing to the landscape and saying, simply, "You helped protect land like this."

Standing in the middle of that beautifully maintained farm, which now also serves as a horse rescue, those members could see what land protection actually looks like. That property represents just 146 of the more than 4,000 acres Manada and its members have helped protect. This year alone, we have protected another 167 acres with another 261 expected by the end of the year. As we look toward Manada Conservancy's 30th year in 2027, each acre is one piece of a much larger mosaic of conserved land across Dauphin County. Even harder to see is everything required to make that protection possible.

Grants and public funding are tremendously important, but they generally support particular projects or activities. The day-to-day work that makes those projects possible like building relationships

with landowners, pursuing funding, coordinating partners, stewarding protected properties, and preparing for the next conservation opportunity is supported largely by our members. That is the value of membership.

A membership gift may not have the name of a particular farm or forest attached to it, but it gives Manada Conservancy the capacity to protect the next one. It means that when a landowner calls to discuss the future of their property, someone is here to answer. It allows us to care for the land already entrusted to us while pursuing opportunities to protect more and to keep those commitments for generations.

Our new strategic plan reflects that reality.

Membership remains a core source of support as we work to become an even more financially stable, healthy, mission-focused organization capable of sustaining and expanding our conservation impact. All four priorities point toward the same vision: more protected land and a community increasingly committed to conservation.

That evening at Pronio Farm made the connection visible. Whenever you're standing on a protected property, walking through one of our preserves, or just reading this newsletter at home, I hope you know that your membership helps make conservation possible. Thank you for being a member and being a part of this story.

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Autumn McEntee, Volunteer and Events Coordinator

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In August 2026, the Doyles took an important next step in protecting their land. They signed a conservation easement with Manada Conservancy that brought nine previously separate parcels—totaling 127 acres—under one conservation easement protecting the land in perpetuity.

Conservation easements are an important tool for preventing subdivision to conserve working lands and natural habitats. In this project, bringing nine legally separate parcels together under a single conservation easement helps prevent future habitat fragmentation while maintaining a larger, contiguous block of land that can support sustainable agriculture, responsible forestry, and wildlife habitat.

The Doyles' commitment demonstrates how

landowners and the members who sustain Manada's work help protect the larger conservation landscape. Keeping these 127 acres *protected and connected* helps ensure that this part of the landscape will continue to benefit future generations.



Terry and Valerie Doyle with Manada Conservancy staff and Ward Burton following the signing of their conservation easement.



The 127-acre Doyle property on Peters Mountain, now protected by a conservation easement.



Dick Williams - A Brief Remembrance

By Rich Zaino

Manada Conservancy thrives because of the passion, principles and thoughtfulness of its members, board, and staff. This past July, we lost one of our early Board members, Dick Williams, who helped us so much in the late 1990's and into the 2000's. We were still in the era of hand written account ledgers, and Dick, as Treasurer, carefully maintained our financial affairs. At our monthly Board meetings, not only would he remind us of our financial position, he also found ways to increase our revenue. Dick helped to organize special dinner nights at a casual local restaurant, with a portion of the proceeds to be given to Manada Conservancy. Often 25 or 30 of us would gather in small groups to enjoy the companionship of friends and raise a little money for a good cause.

Dick had many other loves beside land conservation, including his wife Pat (clearly the love of his life), birding (including working on the second edition of the PA Breeding Bird Atlas), running the butterfly house at the Hershey Gardens, teaching history at CD East high school, coaching track, and helping Pat to create a magnificent, entirely native planting of their home grounds, long before Dough Tallamy and others raised our awareness of its importance. He was a good man, and his loss will be felt by many.

Looking Ahead: Manada Conservancy's 2026–2028 Strategic Plan

By Logan Andrew Daly, *Executive Director*

Earlier this year, Manada Conservancy's Board of Directors and staff worked together to draft and adopt a strategic plan to guide our work through 2028. Rather than creating a long list of new programs or initiatives, the plan focuses our attention on the areas that will have the greatest impact on our conservation work and help us make the most of the support our members entrust to us.

At its heart, the plan is about making Manada a stronger and more effective conservation organization. Protecting more land, stewarding the properties already entrusted to us, and keeping those commitments for generations all require financial stability, strong internal systems, clear priorities, meaningful community relationships, and the organizational capacity to support that work.

The plan focuses on four priorities:

- **Financial Stability** – Strengthen membership, fundraising, recurring giving, and long-term donor relationships so the support of our members can sustain and expand our conservation work.
- **Organizational Health and Sustainability** – Improve our systems, clarify roles, and strengthen volunteer engagement so Manada can use its resources effectively and sustain its work over time.
- **Mission and Vision Alignment** – Keep our programs, decisions, and communications focused on the work that creates the greatest conservation impact.
- **Community Engagement** – Build stronger relationships with members, volunteers, partners, landowners, and our broader community while creating more opportunities for people to take part in conservation.

Together, these priorities move us toward the future described in our vision: *a community where protected land is abundant and conservation is widely practiced.*

As we approach Manada Conservancy's 30th year, this plan gives us a clear framework for becoming stronger, more focused, and more capable of protecting the landscapes entrusted to us along with protecting more in the years ahead. Our members have made Manada's first 29 years of conservation possible, and their support will be just as important to what comes next.

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A New Chapter with Autumn

By Anne Wain

We are thrilled to welcome Autumn McEntee to our staff as Volunteer and Events Coordinator. She will be developing a program that engages current volunteers, members, and the community at large to expand Manada Conservancy's reach and advance its mission.

Autumn's considerable experience with wildlife, nature, and conservation organizations will be opening doors—and a new chapter—for Manada Conservancy's reach and recognition in the community. She believes that cultivating relationships with like-minded local organizations can "provide excellent resources, opportunities, and access that we have yet to tap into."

High-quality opportunities for volunteer work are one of the "new and different outlets" she envisions for inspiring and welcoming active participation in support of Manada Conservancy's objectives. Autumn first crossed paths with Manada through word of mouth and following us on social media. The new position stood out as a fortuitous trail blaze on her lifelong journey of giving back to the community.

Born an only child to avid outdoor enthusiast parents, Autumn grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. Learning to respect and appreciate plants and animals in their ecosystems came naturally. "I've been hard pressed to find an outdoor activity that I don't enjoy," she tells us, adding that her greatest sense of accomplishment comes from introducing this outdoor world to others, especially youth. Autumn has worked for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, National Deer Association, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and the Wildlife Leadership Academy. She serves on the board of the Pennsylvania Trappers Association, and travels across the state and beyond to lead programs on such topics as fishing, trapping, and turkey calling. An avid naturalist, photographer, and birder, she has 146 avian species on her life list and loves to draw and paint all species of wildlife.

Members and volunteers can help write this new chapter by getting involved with Autumn's work to expand Manada Conservancy's conservation and education efforts!



Interested in getting involved?
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Autumn at amcentee@manada.org

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Flight Fest: Celebrating You and the Season

Our members make Manada Conservancy's work possible, and Flight Fest is our chance to celebrate you! Join us for our annual Member Appreciation Event on Sunday, October 25, from 3-6 PM at Cassel Vineyards of Hershey.

Spend the afternoon enjoying good food, wine and the company of fellow Manada members while celebrating the conservation work you help make possible. Members will receive access to a special \$7 wine flight, available exclusively during the event, along with a selection of locally sourced charcuterie.

The afternoon's featured experience will be an **up-close encounter with birds of prey** led by falconer Will Weyant of Birds of Raptor Place - Iron Talons. With more than 21 years of experience working with raptors, Will will introduce us to these remarkable birds and share how they live, hunt and contribute to healthy ecosystems.

Flight Fest is a **FREE event**, exclusively for Manada Conservancy members. Membership and pre-registration are required to attend. All ages are welcome. Guests must be 21 or older to purchase or consume alcohol and must present a valid ID.



Learn more and register

Pathway to Preservation: Leave a Footprint for Conservation

Looking for a meaningful way to support land conservation or share your love of Manada with someone else? For a \$35 donation, you or your designated friend will receive a Footprint Certificate celebrating your contribution to land conservation. Given as a gift, the certificate provides a meaningful way to share your commitment to protecting the beautiful, critically important landscapes of our area for the future.

Give a footprint. Make a difference. Help protect land for the future.

Each Pathway to Preservation contribution is designated specifically to support the acquisition of new conservation lands.

Give in your name

Celebrate your own commitment to land conservation.

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Share a meaningful conservation gift with a friend or loved one.

Learn more and leave a footprint!



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October 25, Flight Fest

3pm - 6pm | Cassel Vineyards of Hershey

80 Shetland Dr, Hummelstown, PA 17036

Manada Conservancy 's Annual Member Appreciation Event! Join us for an afternoon of wine, local food, and an exclusive up-close experience with falconer Will Weyant and the Birds of Raptor Place – Iron Talons

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November 12 | Rebuilding Ecosystems with Regenerative Agriculture

7pm - 8pm | Hershey Gardens Conservatory, Rose Pavillion

170 Hotel Rd, Hershey, PA 17033

Learn how farms are moving beyond sustainability with Lisa Blazure, a Soil Health Coordinator from Stroud Water Research Center. Free event, but registration is required.