



The Latest News & Events from Natural Lands Trust

40,000 Acres and Counting...

Late last year, Natural Lands Trust reached an important milestone: we now have 40,000 acres under our permanent care. That's 40,000 acres that we either own and manage or have under conservation easements or other restrictions.

How big is 40,000, you ask?

- More than four times the size of all the park land in Philadelphia
- Eleven times the size of Valley Forge National Park
- Room enough to hold nearly 2,000 Citizens Bank Parks

The 40,000 acres include a network of 40 nature preserves - totaling nearly 21,000 acres - that spans two states and 12 counties.



In addition, we have preserved tens-of-thousands of acres more through partnerships. No matter how we went about it, every acre saved has been made possible by the generosity of public partners, foundations, and of course our loyal members.

With your continued support, we'll keep the numbers growing!

Upcoming Events

Spring Clean-up at Crow's Nest Preserve

Saturday, April 2

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

It's time for a little spring cleaning and we need your help. Join us in our efforts to clear invasives along the trails.

Stay for the whole morning, or for just a few hours! Children and groups of any size are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Please wear boots or shoes that can get muddy, and bring work gloves and pruners or loppers, if you have them.

Pre-registration is required. Please [email Dan Barringer](#) or call him at 610-286-7955.

Arbor Day Tree Planting at Sadsbury Woods Preserve

Saturday, April 30

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Did you know that over a 50-year lifetime a tree generates \$31,250 worth of oxygen, provides \$62,000 worth of air pollution control, recycles \$37,500 worth of water, and controls \$31,350 worth of soil erosion? With your help, we'll plant 1,400 trees at our Sadsbury Woods Preserve at this event, so it's easy to calculate the long-term impact of our efforts! (To save you the math, that's almost \$227 million.)



Join us for a the whole morning, or for just a few hours. Children and groups of any size are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Please wear boots or shoes that can get muddy, and bring work gloves and a shovel, if possible. We'll be digging holes, planting seedlings, and placing protective tree tubes around the trees.

This event made possible through partnership with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, TreeVitalize, PA Department of Environmental Protection, and Chester County Conservation District, and Natural Lands Trust.

Pre-registration is required. Please [email Mandy Santiago](#) or call her at 610-353-5587 ext. 266.

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Signs of Spring

It's as if, once we flipped the calendar page to March, spring began to arrive in earnest.

Red-winged Blackbirds and spring peepers are calling to one another from the wetlands, delicate alder catkins are dancing on the spring



breezes, the red maples have swollen buds, and skunk cabbages are pushing up from the leaf litter.

Soon, spring ephemerals like trout lily, bloodroot, May apples, and Dutchman's breeches will decorate the woodlands.

How many Natural Lands Trust preserves have you visited? This is the perfect time of year to explore properties that you've never been to before! [Visit our website](#) for a list of preserves, grab a pair of boots (as the trails can be muddy this time of year), and get on out there!



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