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## HUNTERDON LAND TRUST NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Flemington, NJ — The Hunterdon Land Trust is pleased to announce that Patricia Ruby has joined the organization as the new Executive Director. “Ms. Ruby’s background in environmental conservation and sustainability is an excellent match with the land trust’s work to preserve the natural beauty and resources of Hunterdon County” said Ron Monaco, President of the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Ruby comes to the Hunterdon Land Trust from the Sustainability Institute at The College of New Jersey where she served as program manager of the award-winning Sustainable Jersey program. “I am very excited to join the land trust team” Ms. Ruby said. “I grew up close to Hunterdon County and always enjoyed the family farms and beautiful landscapes that define the area and make me feel that I truly belong to this place. I am very fortunate that my career allows me to help communities maintain a high quality of life so that our children and grandchildren continue to enjoy the rural and historic character of Hunterdon.”

In addition to working with the Sustainable Jersey Program, Ms. Ruby worked with the Lamington Conservancy and the Raritan Headwaters Association (formerly the Upper Raritan

Watershed Association). She holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, where she focused on planning, policy and sustainable development.

Ms. Ruby is the Hunterdon Land Trust's second Executive Director, replacing Margaret Waldock who grew the organization from an all-volunteer effort to a staff of six. After eight successful years with the land trust Ms. Waldock accepted a position as the Director of the Environment Program with the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Ms. Ruby's first day at the Hunterdon Land Trust will be June 20<sup>th</sup>. "I am looking forward to building on the great work that Margaret Waldock and the rest of the land trust staff have done" says Ms. Ruby. "Not only do our natural landscapes offer us an escape, a place to get perspective and see how we are a small part of something much greater than ourselves, but they also provide us with clean air and water, fresh local food, and flood control. These lands help keep property values high, tax burdens low and support a rural economy."

Ms. Ruby loves to travel but feels lucky to have great outdoor adventures just outside our front doors. "I can't wait to start my new position with the land trust to ensure that we and future generations always have such opportunities."

Founded in 1996, the Hunterdon Land Trust is committed to preserving and protecting the rural landscapes and natural resources of Hunterdon County. The land trust works with landowners interested in preserving their land either through donation or sale of land or development rights and is grateful for the support of donors and partners who help preserve the natural beauty and resources of Hunterdon County.

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