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EXPLORE THE LOCKATONG CREEK WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

THE HUNTERDON LAND TRUST INVITES YOU TO A “DAY ON THE LAND” ON JUNE 18th
AS PART OF 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Flemington, NJ — The Hunterdon Land Trust invites you to a “Day on the Land”, a community event to welcome visitors to the land trust’s Lockatong Preserve in Delaware Township and to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the nonprofit land preservation organization.

The Day on the Land will take place, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 18th. Come explore the Hunterdon Land Trust’s Lockatong Preserve with local naturalists and see why this is a place worth protecting. The New Jersey Green Acres Program will also be on hand with special kid-friendly activities.

Interested in nature photography? At 9 a.m., Anthony Flamio of Delaware Valley Photo Tours will guide a group of up to 10 participants through the preserve to photograph the natural and historic beauty that exists in this diverse habitat. The tour will include basic photography instruction and guidance for those looking to brush up on their photography skills. “It’s a pleasure to live in a place as beautiful as Hunterdon County and have a gem like the Hunterdon

land trust's Lockatong Preserve in our backyard. So close to home, yet so far away," commented Mr. Flamio.

For plant and animal lovers, Leslie Sauer, a local naturalist and landscape architect and Joyce Koch, Land Trust volunteer and master gardener, will lead visitors on a 10 a.m. walk to learn about local plants and wildlife as well as the steps the Land Trust is taking to protect the natural beauty and ecology of the preserve.

Do you have a nature lover in your family? Kids and nature are the focus of the 11 a.m. hike. This family friendly walk will help kids explore the beauty and wonder of the natural world in their own back yards.

In addition to guided hikes, the New Jersey Green Acres program will offer fun and educational activities for young and old, including maps of preserved properties open to the public to explore and guides such as "Camping in State Parks and Forests". An important preservation partner of the Hunterdon Land Trust, the New Jersey Green Acres program is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Together with public and private partners such as the Hunterdon Land Trust, Green Acres has protected 650,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the State.

The Hunterdon Land Trust created the Llockatong Preserve after protecting several adjoining properties along the Llockatong Creek in Delaware Township. The preserve includes open fields, dense forest, and Mimi's Trail, a trail that takes hikers over two miles along the tranquil and scenic Llockatong Creek. "There's nothing like a walk in the woods to remind you of how special and beautiful Hunterdon County is. We hope that people come out to enjoy this

piece of the thousands of acres in Hunterdon County we have helped preserve and protect.” commented Margaret Waldock, Hunterdon Land Trust executive director.

All are welcome, but space on the guided hikes is limited. To register or for more information, please contact the Hunterdon Land Trust at 908-237-4582, visit www.hlta.org, or email the land trust at info@hlta.org. The guided walks are free for Hunterdon Land Trust members or \$5 for non-members and \$15 for non-member families. The event will be held rain or shine.

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. The land trust is celebrating 15 years of land preservation in 2011, and has officially changed its name to the Hunterdon Land Trust to more accurately reflect their role as your county’s land trust. To learn more about land preservation in Hunterdon County please visit www.hlta.org.

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