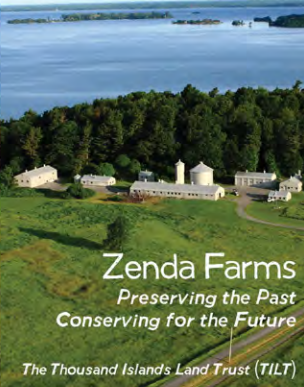


Zenda Farms Preserve is a... Celebration of Open Space, Sustainable Agriculture & Outdoor Recreation



ZENDA FARMS PRESERVE

TRAIL GUIDE



Zenda Farms
Preserving the Past
Conserving for the Future

The Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT)



Markham.
to his friend and business associate, John
left the greatest portion of the property
a 160 in 1891 leaving only the historic
of the St. Lawrence, which was lost to
single style home located on the
Meth and Olive Youngs lived in the
operators in the state.



In 1915, James Heckert, a celebrated Shakespearean actor,
purchased the waterfront property just west of the village of
Cayuga. Heckert named the new home after the 1915 movie of
The Prisoner of Zenda in which he played a starring role.
In 1939, New York industrialist Mervin Young purchased the
home. He soon acquired the adjacent farm and additional
acres. Youngs
totaling 754
acres. Youngs
eventually
Zenda Farms that was still
in agricultural use.

Origin of Zenda Farms

Lois-Jean and John MacFarlane Trail

Opened in 2011, this 1.35 mile trail was made possible by the generosity of Lois-Jean and John MacFarlane, a grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and supporters like you!

This trail is open daily from dawn to dusk and visitors are welcome year round.



In 2012, TILT started an Arbor Day tradition of planting trees on the Preserve with the help of youngsters from the region.



young
after grassland nesting birds have safely raised their
are hatched by a local farmer, but not until late summer.
original landmarks, grasslands and woodlands, the fields
Orwell. TILT has acquired over 400 acres, including the
in agricultural use.
Zenda Farms that was still
acquire of the original
that would help TILT
Mascott began the process
benefactors Mervin Young and Ted
ages to TILT. In 2001
Markham donated 107
In 1937, Lois-Jean and John



TILT Acquires Zenda

Zenda Community Garden

TILT and Thousand Islands Young Leaders Organization (TIYLO) started the Zenda Community Garden in 2009. Applications for garden space are accepted in early spring of every year along with a \$25/family fee.



Gardeners are responsible for:

- Planting starter seeds and watering on a daily basis
- Attending group planning meetings
- Spending a minimum of two hours per week planting, watering, or weeding in the garden (during growing season)

In 2013, a "Kids Korner" section was added to the garden, with the help of local scout troops.



of the MacFarlane
Trail first started
for TILT's work in
2003. The wetlands
were restored with
Doris Unlimited and
Arts in Habitat New
York (TALNY)
added Zenda Farms
to TALNY's
Register of Very
Special Places.



Since 2002, TILT has partnered with SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, providing space for their Environmental Science Station (ESS), in support of their research. In 2017, TILT and ESS established a new facility off
Farms and Food Tour.
Featured on the 1000 Islands
Trail on the 1000 Islands
explaining its original use,
marked with a sign
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KidsTrek and Zenda as an Education Center

Every year, TILT offers a variety of exciting Thousand Islands-based outings and activities called TILTreks & Talks: KidsTrek and TILT Kids Camp. The purpose is to "encourage living, learning and conserving" among seasonal, and year-round, residents and visitors of the river communities.



Made possible by the Fresh Sound Foundation and Northern NY Community Foundation, high school and college students are seasonally employed to help manage TILT's trails and preserves.



TILT's future plans for Zenda Farms Preserve:
- Preserve Zenda as a symbol of Cayuga's heritage.
- Continue to maintain the grounds and trail.
- Foster education related to the region's agricultural practices, cultural heritage, ecology and the environment.
- Support sustainable agricultural production and local producers.
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Conservation Partnerships & Management

The Importance of Open Space

Open space is essential to water flow and air quality to the scenic character of an area, and to the quality of life for the wildlife, and people that inhabit the Thousand Islands region.

The Annual Zenda Community Picnic

The Community Picnic is a festive celebration of open space and a great way to start the summer season along the river. All are welcome.



Partnerships at Zenda Farms Preserve

Partnerships with local agricultural producers bring best management practices and education opportunities to Zenda.

- Coyote Moon Winery is offering Zenda Farms® Wine
- Homestead Heritage Cheese is aging Zenda Farms® Cheese in the Creamery
- North Country Beekeepers maintain hives on the Preserve



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During Emergence at Zenda Farms Preserve, 1000 Islands Land Trust, Cayuga, NY 13054. From development Cayuga, 1881-1915. The Entrance is traveled by many who access from the walking trail.



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Working to conserve the natural beauty, diverse wildlife habitats, water quality and outdoor recreation opportunities of the 1000 Islands region, for present and future generations!



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Managing for Diversity

The Zenda Farms Preserve features several different types of wildlife habitat including grassland, wetland, old field and forest. The Preserve is adjacent to New York State's French Creek Wildlife Management Area also an important wetland habitat and fishery. The variety of habitats attracts a diverse group of birds, both resident and migrant, mammals, insects, reptiles and amphibians.

Grasslands

Grasslands and open meadow are essential habitat for many species of birds including declining species like Eastern Meadowlarks, Bobolinks and Henslow's Sparrows.



Pasture

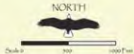
A local farmer grazes beef cattle here.

Restored Wetland

This area known as a glacial pothole, was restored as a wetland habitat in 2009 by TILT and Ducks Unlimited. The restoration included a water control structure that allows TILT to raise and lower water levels to achieve an optimum habitat for waterfowl and shore birds.

COVERTYPES

- GRASSLAND
- PASTURE
- OLD FIELD
- FRESH-WATER EMERGENT
- OPEN WATER
- FOREST
- POTHOLE PONDS
- PRESERVE BOUNDARY
- TRAIL
- TRAILHEADS
- STORYTELLER SIGNS



Zenda Farms Jamesway Building Complex and Gravel Parking Area

Pothole Ponds

These small emergent wetlands provide vital habitat for abundant insect life, which in turn provides a food source for birds and amphibians.



Forest

Zenda Woods has a variety of maple, oak and pine trees. These trees provide important edge habitat, and food for a variety of species including owls. Owl species seen at Zenda include Great Horned Owls, Screech Owls and the endangered arctic Short Eared Owl which is more abundant in years when the meadow vole population is high.



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Preserve Rules: Please stay on trail • Trail is for walking, biking & skiing • No motorized vehicles
• No hunting • No camping, dumping, fires or collecting flora & fauna • Dogs must be leashed May 1 - Aug 1

The Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization created in 1965 to conserve the natural beauty, diverse wildlife habitats, water quality and outdoor recreation opportunities of the 1000 Islands region, for present and future generations!

TILT is supported by donations from people who care about the Thousand Islands region of the St. Lawrence River. Our conservation work is only possible through the generosity of our supporters.

Donations of land conservation easements and financial resources to TILT are tax deductible under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. To find out more about donating land, creating a conservation easement, or including TILT in your will, please call us at 315-686-5345.

Please attach below & mail with payment to the address above.

Yes! I would like to support TILT and help conserve Zenda Farms Preserve:

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- Partner _____ \$250
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