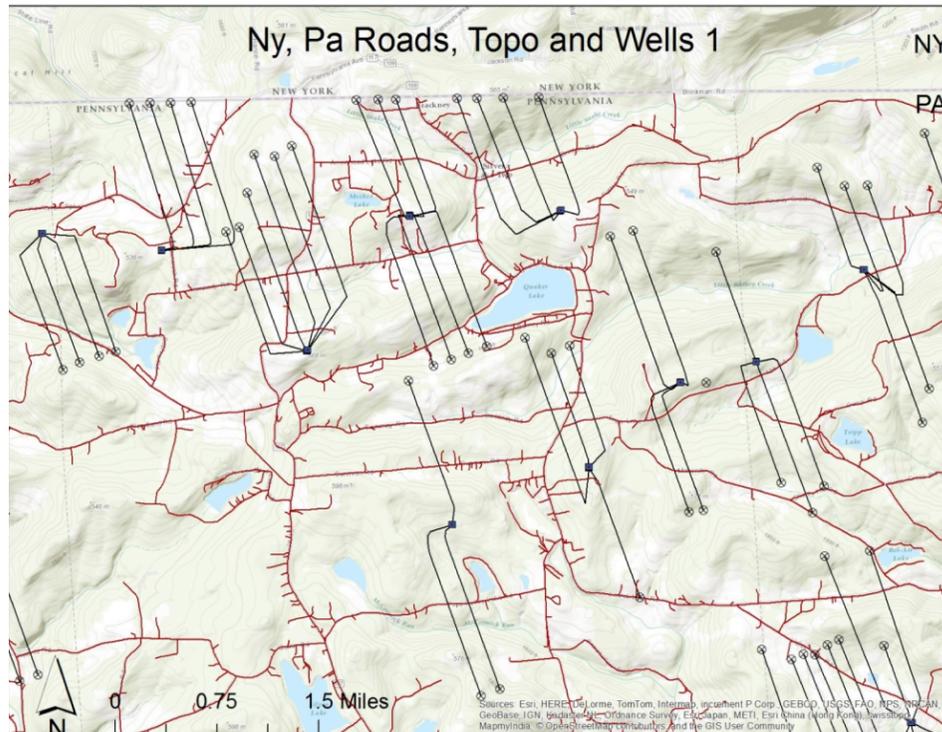


More to Come...

Ongoing EL Rose and Binghamton University Collaboration

Geological Sciences Professor Joe Graney's ongoing work with the EL Rose Conservancy involved compiling and visualizing subsurface drilling information from marcellusgas.org. Drilling plat maps were obtained for 182 horizontal laterals from 36 drill sites in Franklin, Silver Lake, Bridgewater, Forest Lake, Liberty, and Choconut Townships in Susquehanna County through financial support from the EL Rose Conservancy. Drilling plat maps for an additional 167 horizontal laterals from 34 drill sites in Franklin, Silver Lake, Bridgewater, Forest Lake, Liberty, Choconut, and Apolacon Townships in Susquehanna County were obtained through financial support from Binghamton University. Joe was the Advisor for Independent Studies by Environmental Studies undergraduate student Ralph Zagba (in Fall 2014) and Geography undergraduate students Zach Jaffee (in Spring 2015). The students compiled the horizontal drilling well lateral projections and other data layers using ArcGIS. This information will assist EL Rose members in visualizing the extent of drilling activities near EL Rose properties in Susquehanna County, PA. An example of the information for activity near Silver and Quaker Lakes is found below.



From Cornell.....

Through our collaborative efforts in 2015, we continued to expand and enhance our collective knowledge about local and regional ecology, and the status of animal populations throughout the region. We expanded biological survey, inventory, research and monitoring efforts for both aquatic and terrestrial organisms, and addressed both existing and new invasive species issues. Through regular programming at the Montrose Adult School, we engaged the broader local community in learning about the local environment and conservation actions they can take on their own lands, and participating in wildlife inventory and monitoring programs. We incorporated Cornell undergraduate students into all aspects of our work with the Conservancy, in an effort both to provide them with hands-on experience and to bring their skills and knowledge to bear on regional environmental issues.

Specifically, the Cornell Conservation Education and Research Program collaborated with the Edward L. Rose Conservancy to focus on seven overarching issues including: 1) using previously established forest inventory plots to gauge the impacts of hemlock woolly adelgid on infested hemlock trees; 2) researching the effects of hemlock woolly adelgid treatment on forest salamanders; 3) conducting hemlock woolly adelgid surveys, monitoring, control, education, and research; 4) expanding data collection for amphibians and reptiles through participation in the North American Amphibian and Reptile Monitoring Program and the Pennsylvania Amphibian and Reptile Survey; 5) surveying Conservancy properties for the invasive emerald ash borer, recently found in Susquehanna County; 6) assessing and monitoring water quality and fish populations in Silver Lake, and 7) providing education and outreach opportunities to Conservancy members and the broader public through public presentations, newsletter articles, and a new Facebook page created by the Cornell interns.

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A Message from the President...

From Keith Chadwick - VP

The mission of the E.L. Rose Conservancy is to actively protect natural resources through donated land and conservation easements. Currently, we have five easements in place and two more actively pending. It is an interesting undertaking, but the end result makes it all worthwhile.

From a marketing/public relations perspective, we worked hard in 2014 to get the word out about who we are and what we do. Having a physical office and presence at 241 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801 staffed part time has given the Rose Conservancy more exposure. We rely on memberships (a short application and payment form is available on-line at elrose.org, and all donations of any size are welcomed, important, and valued by our organization. We are governed by a voluntary board of directors who not only donate time, but also their expertise and dollars. Visit our webpage to learn more. You can also follow us on Facebook. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please provide us with your e-mail or mailing address, again by visiting webpage. Past newsletters are available on the site, along with information about conservancy easements, events, and research which you might find interesting and useful.

Please continue to get the word out about who we are and what we do. We rely on our members and friends, and I thank you for your continued support.

THIS IS OUR MISSION: To protect natural resource through land and water conservation, provide sanctuary for wildlife and preserve natural beauty.

When the founders of the Edward L. Rose Conservancy developed our mission statement, it was meant to be short, to the point and straightforward. To this day, it stands the test of time although it is sometimes confused with other similar but different organizations.

During the course of the past year, our Executive Director left to take a full time job opportunity. As a result, the Board of the Conservancy decided to operate with an office assistant and input from our partners at Binghamton University and Cornell University. We are pleased and thankful to Joe Graney and Kristi Sullivan respectively for their contributions and look forward to continuing our association.

The Board has made a decision to pursue a strong position in marketing our value to the residents of our local communities, Susquehanna County in Pennsylvania and Broome County in New York State. To this end we are working with Sara Soden Armstrong whose work you will see in subsequent Conservancy publications as well as on internet sites.

We are currently working on a new conservation easement with a Pennsylvania resident who is anxious to protect his land for future enjoyment. You are urged to contact us if you are interested in discussing an easement on your property. We will be happy to talk with you regarding your aspirations and concern for your land.

Because we are nationally "accredited" by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, we have demonstrated that we follow the best practices, have met rigorous quality standards and strive for continuous improvement.

Only about eight percent of all Land Trust organizations are accredited. Let us serve you and help protect our limited natural resources. We are legally incorporated to do business in both Pennsylvania and New York and we stand ready to assist land owners who want to protect their land for generations to come. You can take added comfort by knowing that you are working with a trust organization and that we are here to help you. We appreciate your continued support in carrying out our mission and look forward to working with you in the future.

Patty Bloomer

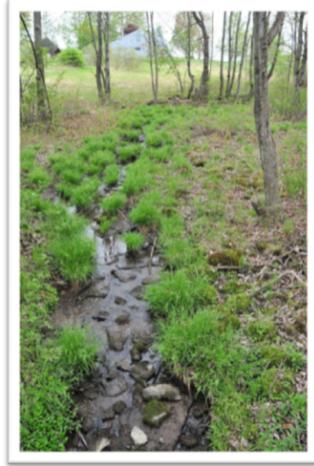
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Report of the Stewardship Committee....

Our owned properties, Highpoint Preserve, Greenwood Sanctuary and the Longford Lake Preserve are being monitored as required and are maintained and utilized. It was noted in Conservancy Currents, a PALTA publication, that EL Rose is #14 out of 71 organizations in terms of Total Acres held by Pennsylvania Land Trusts.

The Conservancy made a substantial donation toward the upgrade and repair to South Lake Rd. which is a part of the Highpoint Preserve, but the project was primarily funded by the residents and completed last summer. The annual trail clearing event at the Preserve was held on the last week of April. Thank you to Tim Matthews, Anthony Palombaro, Joe Graney, John Normile and Jim Haley for assisting in that effort. The Butterfly Garden has become a bit more wild than intended, but KennaLou Mills has agreed to organize the maintenance of the garden with the intent to keep it functioning as a lovely rest spot and butterfly attractive garden but with as much natural control as possible. Upcoming projects include completion of the boundary marking initiated last year to include the westernmost and south property lines. Cornell Dept. of Natural Resources continues to develop and monitor test plots throughout the property. Greenwood Sanctuary is professionally maintained by Jesse Wells, a neighbor to the property and caretaker for the previous owner. The significant maintenance and upgrades to the barn in previous years have helped to ensure that it is well preserved for many years to come. However, a significant amount of bat activity in the barn has necessitated a cleanup effort this summer. Cornell Dept. of Natural Resources continues to develop and monitor test plots in Greenwood and continues to monitor the effect of the treatment performed last year on hemlocks in the Sanctuary infected by the wooly adelgid.

The Longford Lake Preserve has not seen any major initiatives this year, however the deer enclosure project continues to demonstrate the negative effects of their overpopulation on the ability of trees to germinate and flourish.

All of our present conservation easements held on private properties are being fully monitored as required. The Committee is working with Wally and Dana Woods on a new conservation easement on their 34 acre property on Meshoppen Creek south of Montrose. We are being assisted by Nancy Wottrich of McNaught and Wottrich Environmental Consulting Service in developing this easement. At the present time Atty. and board member Jim Haley is attempting to negotiate with Cabot Oil and Gas to remove surface rights from a piece of the property. We hope that we can make this easement a reality by this Fall.



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