



# West Pikeland Land Trust

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2016 has been a busy year for the West Pikeland Land Trust!



As you travel through the township, look for the new signs we recently installed at over a dozen properties throughout the township. These signs designate the properties as “**conservation area**” and recognize the efforts of the property owners who have protected their land from future development and preserved valuable open space. The West Pikeland Land Trust is proud to have facilitated protection of over 300 acres of open space since the Open Space Referendum in 2007 and we thank you for your commitment to the cause!



Another success story is the opening of the new **Hickory Trail**. This new hiking and riding trail traverses the upland fields between Street Road and Elbow Lane and provides an easy connection to the Binky Lee Preserve and the Dogwood Trail near Pikeland Rd. Improvements include clearing the trail heads, a new kiosk and signage.

Finally, to allow more people to discover our trails, we recently contracted with the Natural Lands Trust to produce a new **Trail Map** showing all publicly accessible trails throughout the township. In addition to trails on protected properties, the map will show key destinations and points of interest, like Historic Yellow Springs, and identify trails, like the historic Horseshoe Trail, that provide links to other destinations in the region. The new trail map should be available in early 2017.

Please help us continue our mission to protect even more open space in the township and improve trails on conserved properties for future public enjoyment by making a tax-deductible contribution to the West Pikeland Land Trust this year. With your support, we can continue making progress towards our vision of creating a community-supported “Open Space Network” of trails connecting protected public and private land, parks, historic sites, and recreational areas in West Pikeland.



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To donate, simply use the enclosed envelope. Or, visit our website, [www.wplandtrust.org](http://www.wplandtrust.org) to conveniently contribute on-line. Remember, to maximize your contribution, please contact your employer to see if they participate in a matching funds program.

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Also, if you are interested in preserving open space in West Pikeland Township, consider joining our Land Trust Board or Open Space Advisory Committee. Kindly provide your contact information on the enclosed envelope or e-mail us at [info@wplandtrust.org](mailto:info@wplandtrust.org) and one of our board members will be in touch.

Again, thanks for your generosity and support!

Sincerely,

Michael W. Groman  
President, West Pikeland Land Trust