In the book, *Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril*, editors Kathleen Dean Moore and Michael P. Nelson write that, “scientists continue to provide evidence that environmental degradation and consequent global climate change are profoundly dangerous to humans and to other life on Earth.” They make the statement, as we do at Otsego Land Trust, that we are connected in a reciprocal relationship with the lands and waters that sustain our health and our lives.

As a conservation organization, OLT understands that climate change is an enormous conservation challenge. Our work protecting forest and farmlands, wetlands, open space, and wildlife habitat makes a positive contribution to mitigating the negative damage of climate change.

Please explore this page for information on climate change and conservation and to see how members of the OLT community are making a positive impact on protecting the earth that sustains us now and for future generations.

“It is so exciting to see the generation of clean energy, and to know I am not taking anything from the environment. I cannot believe my good fortune to call this awe-inspiring property my own. Nor all I want is to preserve it and leave it better than when I came.”

— Conservation Easement Owner, Patricia Gambitta
Climate change is already here...

The Land Trust Alliance (LTA) understands that land protection helps to mitigate climate change and slow it down. The LTA also understands that we need to plan for and be resilient to the changes already occurring.

OLT is doing our part. The Blueway properties link land and water to educational programs for the surrounding communities.

To address climate change, we need to learn about, understand, and care for our environment.

OLT connects people to nature and helps us all to remember to be responsible to nature, as nature sustains our own lives.

Read the Pope's stance on Climate Change

The project, through analyzing global research demonstrates there is a worldwide consensus of climate change. The Consensus Project's mission is to communicate the overwhelming scientific agreement on anthropogenic (human caused) global warming to the public at large. They do not endorse any specific political party or agenda, nor any specific set of policies. The project seeks only to educate and inform. Learn more about the Consensus Project here.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the leading international body for the assessment of climate change. It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization in 1988 to provide the world with a clear scientific view on the current state of knowledge in climate change and its potential environmental and socio-economic impacts. Click here to learn more.
Southern Tier Solar Works (STSW), a program of the Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition (BRSC), is launching Solarize Southern Tier East (SSTE), the second volunteer-led community initiative in our region to bring solar energy to our area. Check out what SSTE is up to.

Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cooperstown Regarding Climate Change

Our Mission

The Otsego Land Trust conserves our natural heritage of woodlands, farmlands, and waters that sustain rural communities, promote public health, support wildlife diversity and inspire the human spirit.

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