

Maxanne Resnick
Woodstock Land Conservancy's
Executive Director

A 23-year area resident, Ms. Resnick shares a passion for the beauty of this area and has a project management background along with a track record as an organizer and community activist which have served her well in her 1 ½ years as Executive Director of Woodstock Land Conservancy (WLC). Formed in 1988, WLC shortly thereafter galvanized 500+ Woodstockers to help save the iconic Zena cornfield. Over the years, WLC has helped preserve over 1,000 acres, including many key landholdings in Woodstock and the Eastern Catskills.

Ms. Resnick's professional experience includes roles in New York City government, fundraising, and several entrepreneurial ventures. She served as Project Manager in the initial two years of the development of Chelsea Market, New York City. Locally, she was a former co-owner of The Phoenicia Times and The Olive Press newspapers, and worked in sales at Solar Generation. Her volunteer projects include co-chairing the beloved "Meet, Greet, and Eat" foodie fundraiser and producing several large-scale music events for Onteora school district, where she also served a term on the School Board, including briefly as its President. Additionally, Ms. Resnick was instrumental in establishing, with its founders, the Phoenicia International Festival of the Voice, and she has been a member of the Woodstock Jewish Congregation for many years. She holds an A.B. in History from Brown University and a Masters in Real Estate Development from Columbia University.

Currently a Woodstock resident, Ms. Resnick is personally familiar with the challenges of land stewardship as a longtime owner of one of Shandaken's larger properties, and with a personal understanding of the challenges that climate change and extreme weather events pose as experienced in Hurricane Irene's flooding in and around Phoenicia and local communities. Our area's scenic beauty inspires her daily. She enjoys hiking, cycling, skiing (having raced competitively in high school at Highmount) and advocating for all of our regional recreational opportunities and for practices which insure that we protect our natural environment for those who follow behind us. She believes in the importance of community and connection, and invites people to reach out to her for conservation conversations and inclusion in our volunteer projects.

Woodstock Land Conservancy strategic initiatives under Ms. Resnick's leadership include:

- Land Acquisition and Natural Resource Protection for WLC's service area, including atop Mt. Guardian
- Stewardship of public preserves, which include Snake Rocks, Sloan Gorge, Zena Cornfield.
- Advocacy for Catskill Mountain Rail Trail, 11.6 mile Ashokan Rail Trail and the Kingston Linear Park;
- Public opening of Israel Wittman Sanctuary, 123-acre forest in Fall 2017;

- Increasing familiarity with area's water resources, both internally and to the public. Citing and addressing issues which impact water quality, water quantity and flooding.
- Working collaboratively to address climate change impacts.
- Continuation of monthly "First Saturday's on the Trail" programming, which includes bird walks; kayaking; meditative forest walks; learning about history of local quarrying and more and co-collaboration with Transition Woodstock on Winter Film Series.
- Co-production with Catskill Center of the annual BioBlitz at the Thorn Preserve bringing together scientists, volunteers and local students in a weekend study of its habitat;
- Community Events, including Longyear Farm Day (October 21, 2017)
- Just completed formal Accreditation application to become a fully accredited member of the national Land Trust Alliance.