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PINES AND PRAIRIES LAND TRUST

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Spring is in the air and so is our accreditation renewal!

BY MELANIE PAVLAS

Happy Spring everyone! I don't know about you, but we're ready for more sunshine and some warmer weather. While waiting for that, I am spending a lot of time getting our renewal application ready for the land trust accreditation program. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of our policies and programs. Our original accreditation in 2014, spurred Pines and Prairies Land Trust into maturation and provided us the tools necessary to last in perpetuity and create a more transparent and responsible organization. We can't wait to advance our work even further.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment about PPLT, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments on Pines and Prairies Land Trust's application will be most useful by April 1st.

Upcoming events:

MONARCH NATURE CLASS
MARCH 28

AUDUBON HIKE @ CRR
MARCH 30

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 7-13

WILDFLOWER NATURE CLASS
APRIL 25

YEGUA KNOBBS
OPRN PRESERVE DAY
MAY 11

LIFE ALONG THE RIVER
NATURE CLASS
MAY 23



Second Saturday Service Day at Yegua Knobs Preserve

BY COURTNEY YOUNG

On Saturday February 9th, volunteers braved the cold and rain to reach Yegua Knobs Preserve but were pleasantly surprised when they arrived to find sunshine instead. Volunteers broke into two teams to tackle unmarked trails and a vanishing fence line.

The fence team undeniably earned their blisters, installing hundreds of feet of barbed wire fence along the boundary of YKP to keep roaming cattle from intruding on sensitive habitat. They pounded t-posts, strung wire, clipped, and tied their way across the eastern border of the preserve.

The smaller sign team installed trail markers at six trail intersections in the preserve and mastered the art of the straight hammer swing. They can't wait for the next field day at YKP on May 11th for our signs to be put to the test by wandering hikers.



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