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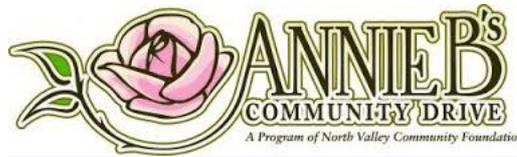
### Upcoming Events:

Thursday, August 22nd - Land  
Trust Membership Appreciation  
Social

Saturday, October 12th - Lower  
Deer Creek Falls Hike (8:30am -  
4:30pm) - Leave Chico Park &  
Ride on Hwy 32 - Call the Land  
Trust at 530-894-7738 for more  
information

[Saturday, September 14th - River  
Partners 5k Mud Blast](#)

### Summer 2013 Newsletter



Now is your chance to make a contribution to the Land Trust through the Annie B's Community Drive! If you would like to support all the hard work of the Land Trust, please click [here](#) and check the box for '[Northern California Regional Land Trust Fund](#)' to make a donation online. Donations made by 5pm on September 30th will include a 10% match made by the North Valley Community Foundation.

All monies raised for the Land Trust through Annie B's Community Drive will go towards the creation and protection of a living legacy of open spaces, fertile farms and rangelands, healthy watersheds, and the biodiversity, cultures, and economies they sustain.

Thank you for your support!

### Harvest Dinner Under the Stars



Join us for our third annual Harvest Dinner Under the Stars on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the historic Llano Seco Rancho. In addition to a delicious, locally-sourced candlelight dinner, guests will enjoy a ranch tour, live music, wine, beer, and a raffle.

For sponsorship and/or ticket information, please click [here](#).

For more information contact Angie at (530) 894-7738 or [angie@landconservation.org](mailto:angie@landconservation.org)

### Welcome the Land Trust's New Executive Director

We are pleased and excited to introduce our new Executive Director, John W. Hunt. John joined the Land Trust in March with a strong

[Saturday, September 28th - 19th Annual Salmon Festival](#)

[Saturday, October 5th - The Land Trust's Third Annual Harvest Dinner Under the Stars](#)

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### Staff:

**John W. Hunt**  
*Executive Director*

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*Office Manager*

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**Noelle Ferdon**  
*Director of Local Food Systems*

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background in working with the wild and agricultural lands of Butte, Glenn, and Tehama counties...we are fortunate to have him!

John has lived in the North State for over 20 years, where he has worked as a natural resources professional and project manager for more than 15 years. In this time, John has partnered with private landowners, agencies, and community organizations to conserve, manage, and enhance resources on farm, range, timber and wild lands throughout Northern California. Working with diverse partners, including farmers, ranchers, sportsmen/women, and agency personnel has given John a deep appreciation for the value of respect and communication in identifying common and complementary goals. To achieve these goals, John believes the most important resource we have is the human resource.



Though John considers real world experience the most valuable part of his education, he is also a wildlife biologist and botanist with a Master's Degree in Biology and certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Having the privilege to raise his son, River, in the North State has only deepened John's appreciation of our region's open spaces, resources, and the communities reflecting this landscape. In reflecting on living in the north valley, John commented, "When I was a kid, my parents had an aerial photo from 1925 showing our neighborhood and a river that ran near my parents' house. Surrounding this river were thick braids of riverine forest giving way to pasture, farmlands, and surrounding hills and mesas. That river now navigates shopping malls, highway overpasses, condos, and golf courses. There is no longer any agriculture, clean water, mesa foothills...and certainly no good places for a kid to fish. I am constantly reminded how lucky I am to be able to raise my son here".

John is excited to be working with the Land Trust, our regional conservation partners, and our community to conserve working and wild lands in our region. Please join us in welcoming John to our Land Trust community.

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### New Conservation Easements



The Land Trust is pleased to announce that three large, private properties totaling approximately 364 acres within the Little Chico Creek Watershed are now permanently protected through conservation easements with funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board's Oak Woodlands Conservation

Program.

The Land Trust will hold the conservation easements on the properties that create a linkage to already-protected land totaling approximately

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170 acres owned by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The successful completion of this project means that oak woodland, annual grassland, mixed chaparral, valley-foothill riparian habitat, spring-fed wetlands, approximately one river mile of riparian habitat, and several sensitive species and habitats, including Butte County Checkerbloom, Foothill Yellow-legged frog, and Northwestern Pond Turtle will be protected forever.

## Local Food Systems Update

The Local Food Systems program here at the Land Trust has had a busy spring and summer! After months of preparations, we



released the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the North Valley's Local Food Guide. The guide is a beautiful display of our region's rich bounty and vibrant activity supporting local food. Highlights include listings of many of the farms and ranches in the region who sell their products locally, descriptions of all our Buy Fresh Buy Local members, articles about creative projects and perspectives on local food, a seasonality chart and more. We are continuing to distribute the guides throughout Butte, Glenn and Tehama counties. If you haven't picked one up or would like to take a bundle to your school, office, church or have other suggestions for distributing the guides, please let us know!

In other news, we are getting excited about the Online Food Hub currently being developed by our Local Food System program. A feasibility study was completed in October 2012 evaluating the level of need within Butte, Glenn, and Tehama counties for a food hub facility servicing small and medium-sized growers in the Tri-county region. The feasibility study was made possible by a generous grant through Rabobank's Community Development Fund with support from 3CORE Economic Development Agency. The LFS program was also awarded a grant in October of 2012 by the USDA's Farmers' Market Promotion Program (FMPP) to build a website that facilitates market growth and opportunity by providing food brokering capability and information about farms, crop availability, and buyer/grower needs for growers and buyers in California's North Valley. The online Food Hub will serve as a tool to allow buyers like restaurants, specialty food retailers, distributors, independent groceries and other wholesale buyers to find more locally grown products, while also serving to assist growers with accessing new markets and expanding business.

If you are interested in getting involved with Buy Fresh Buy Local, North Valley, the Food Hub or both, please contact Noelle Ferdon, Local Food Systems Director for the Land Trust at [noelle@landconservation.org](mailto:noelle@landconservation.org) or 530-894-7738.

## Other News

Are you a landowner interested in potential financial incentive programs to help conserve or enhance your land and/or natural resources?

Contact us at 530-894-7738 or [nclt@landconservation.org](mailto:nclt@landconservation.org)



Are you interested in volunteering?

The Land Trust's Outreach & Fundraising Committee is looking for fresh ideas and lots of energy to help plan, organize, and carry out events, hikes, and other fun activities!

Contact Angie for more info:  
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Future Generations***

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The Land Trust works with willing landowners and project partners to identify and pursue available and developing incentives for conserving land and its resources.

We are looking for landowners interested in a wide array of programs to conserve land and resources on:

- Rice ground and wetlands
- Waterways and floodplains
- Range and woodlands
- Prime agricultural land
- Forest and timberland

The Northern California Regional Land Trust was founded in 1990 and incorporated as a nonprofit tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service to assist Northern California landowners and public agencies in the voluntary protection of land and other natural resources.

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The Land Trust is looking for interesting, useful, and/or fun items, events, services for raffle prizes at our third annual Harvest Dinner Under the Stars. If you have something you would like to donate in support of the Land Trust's work, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Angie Carpenter, at:

[angie@landconservation.org](mailto:angie@landconservation.org) or 530-894-7738



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