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Happy Earth Day, friends!

At the Open Space Institute, we are in favor of every occasion that celebrates the land we love and the land we need! After all, conserving land and making it more welcoming and accessible is what we do — year-round!

Still, this annual commemoration offers the opportunity to reflect on the world around us, what we love most about it, and how best to protect it. The small actions we take to celebrate Earth Day — going on a hike, joining a park clean-up, or planting vegetables in your yard or a community garden — can serve as inspiration to be more mindful of how we protect and nurture the land, all year long.

We hope the following stories on OSI's recent work also serve as inspiration to deepen your relationship with the environment and your support for land conservation. OSI is grateful for your support and for all you do to honor the land we love, this Earth Day and every day.

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A NEW RESERVOIR TRAIL IN MORRIS COUNTY NEW JERSEY

A new outdoors destination in densely populated Morris County, New Jersey, will be enhanced thanks to efforts by the Open Space Institute and Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill. Previously off-limits to visitors, the Boonton Reservoir Protection and Trail Project will create a seven-mile-long, publicly accessible hiking trail on the 1,300-acre property and protect local water quality.

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PADDLING THROUGH HISTORY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

History-loving paddlers rejoice! A new county park on Open Space Institute-protected land will provide an additional access point for nonmotorized boats along the Lynches River in Florence County, South Carolina. The park improves access to the popular South Carolina Revolutionary Rivers Trail, a National Water Trail following the path of American Revolution-era battles.

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PRESERVING LAND AND HISTORY

The Open Space Institute and local partners have permanently protected land and announced a habitat restoration project in the historic Kinderhook Creek Corridor in upstate New York. A priority for both OSI and the National Park Service, OSI's work in the area will protect viewsheds for the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site and preserves the corridor's agricultural character.

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A BIG DEAL FOR A SMALL TOWN

As part of its work securing forests for carbon storage, the Open Space Institute's Appalachian Landscapes Protection Fund has helped a tiny Maine town permanently protect some of its most treasured natural areas. The conserved area includes a favorite local lookout with views of White Mountain, scenic riverfront acreage, and important carbon-absorbing forested land.

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OPEN SPACES FOR ALL PLAN FEATURED IN LAW JOURNAL

Open Spaces for All, a report from the Open Space Institute and New York Outdoor Recreation Coalition, was the feature story in the April issue of *Environmental Law in New York*. The report is one of the first state-level publications containing recommendations to improve accessibility and equity for an increasingly diverse audience of state park visitors.

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OSI INVITES CATALYST GRANT PROPOSALS

Land conservation and management are critically important components in addressing climate change. Through a collaboration with the Land Trust Alliance, grants are available to land trusts, nonprofits, and Tribes for climate-aligned land protection and forest stewardship plans. Learn about the Land and Climate Grant program and apply by June 8.

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