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## OSI LAUNCHES THE NEW APPALACHIAN LANDSCAPES PROTECTION FUND

Accelerating and unprecedented climate change is the greatest challenge of our time, posing equal threats to nature and people. Our forests are a critical support to help adapt to and mitigate climate change. The Appalachian Mountain region, stretching 1,500 miles from Alabama to Canada, includes massive stores of forest carbon, absorbing 1 million tons of air pollution each year.

The Appalachian forest faces significant threats from encroaching development, poor management, and mineral and energy extraction. To ensure that this landscape continues to support plants, animals, and people, in the face of a changing climate, OSI has launched the Appalachian Landscapes Protection Fund. An \$18 million effort will provide capital grants to protect 50,000 acres in key focus areas along the Appalachian Range.

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## HELPING LAND TRUSTS ACHIEVE CARBON GOALS

A new guide created by OSI urges land trusts and policymakers to harness the potential of land protection to meet the challenge of climate change. "This new publication provides a path forward for the next generation of climate-conscious conservation," says OSI Executive Vice President Peter Howell.

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## OSI HISTORY SHOWCASES RESILIENT LANDSCAPES

OSI's Resilient Landscapes Initiative offers an in-depth look into efforts to incorporate cutting-edge climate science into land protection. The report reviews OSI's seven-year effort to help land trusts conserve land most likely to support sensitive plants and animals, even as climate changes.

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## PLAN FOR TRAIL CONNECTIVITY IN NY'S ORANGE COUNTY

Working with local partners, OSI has unveiled a comprehensive plan to advance conservation, outdoor recreation, and economic opportunities in fast growing eastern Orange County. The Highlands West Trail Connectivity Plan provides a blueprint to create a regional trail network connecting six state parks in the region

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## EXPANDING THE OCMULGEE MOUNDS HISTORIC NATIONAL PARK

Once home to the ancient Mississippian civilization and their descendants - the Muscogee Creek people - the Ocmulgee River spans 17,000 years of Native American culture. Today, OSI is joining forces to further protect this threatened landscape and the history it holds.

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## PATTERNS & PARADIGMS



SEASON 2 EPISODE 05

Land Use & the Climate for Change  
with Kim Elliman

THE PATTERN PODCAST

## PROTECTING LAKE CHAMPLAIN

OSI's acquisition of land in the Eastern Adirondacks protects it from future development and helps safeguard clean drinking water for local communities. The property is located within the watershed of Lake Champlain, which supplies drinking water for more than 145,000 people.

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## PODCAST ON LAND USE IN HUDSON VALLEY

In February, OSI's President and CEO Kim Elliman appeared on a Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress podcast: "Land Use & the Climate for Change." The discussion touched on OSI's legacy of creating and protecting some of the region's most popular parks and making land more welcoming for diverse users.

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