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Dear Friend,

With summer officially upon us and nature beckoning, it's time to lace up our hiking shoes, fill a water bottle, and get outside.

Summer is always a busy time for OSI. It's the season for ribbon cuttings and celebrations – and time to visit prospective new land protection and trail projects.

Our work is year-round. And we rely on year-round donor support to protect the land we need and the land you love. Please consider making a gift as part of our [mid-year appeal](#).

To see the positive impact we are making with your support, I invite you to take a look at OSI's most recent [Annual Report](#), which is available [here](#) and in the stories highlighted below. In this publication, you will find updates about OSI successes to secure clean water, fight climate change, improve outdoor recreation options, provide habitat for wildlife, and strengthen our communities.

It's through the support of friends like you that OSI can accomplish so much – and yet our work is more urgent than ever.

Please [make a gift today](#) to support OSI's protection of land for people, for wildlife, forever.

My best wishes for good health and a great summer. I look forward to seeing you on the land.

Kim Elliman
President & CEO

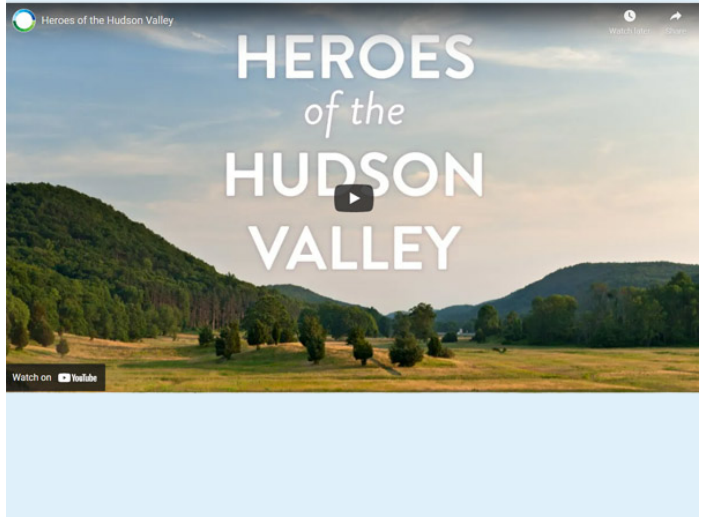
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FUNDING FORESTS FOR OUR FUTURE

Stretching 1,500 miles from Alabama to Canada, the Appalachians are critical for carbon storage. Last year, OSI launched its Appalachian Landscapes Protection Fund (ALPF) to safeguard this landscape against unplanned development, unsustainable forest management, and extractive energy practices. Initial lands conserved through the ALPF will offset the emissions of 3.5 million gas-fueled cars.

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HEROES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

For more than 40 years, OSI has aided in the protection of more than 80,000 acres in New York's Hudson Valley. A new video spotlights OSI's conservation work in the region at places like Minnewaska, Schunnemunk, and Fahnestock State Parks, making these and other protected lands more welcoming. The video also highlights the impact that strategic, long-term focus has had on some of the area's most iconic and cherished landscapes.

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A WATERSHED MOMENT FOR SC

In rapidly developing Jasper County, OSI secured a crucial property, linking some of the largest ecologically intact regions on the East Coast. This \$16M acquisition represents one of the largest conservation investments in South Carolina history and is serving as a catalyst for further watershed conservation in this significant region.

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THE GREATEST GIFT

In 1637, Mohican inhabitants of Papscaanee Island were forced off their ancestral home by Dutch settlers – starting a painful resettlement odyssey. Last year, more than two decades after OSI protected the property from industrial development, ownership of this hallowed place was returned to the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Community.

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MAKING RAIL TRAIL HISTORY IN NJ

Working with a host of local partners, an OSI-led advocacy campaign led to the single largest conservation investment in New Jersey history. The Essex-Hudson Greenway project will establish a linear park through the most densely populated and developed region in the nation, forever changing the way millions live, recreate, commute, and experience the outdoors.

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LAND FOR WILDLIFE AND PEOPLE

In the face of development pressure and climate change, OSI's strategic approach to land conservation facilitates and connects green corridors, to the benefit of humans and wildlife, alike. This approach is especially evident in New York's Hudson Highlands and Saratoga County, where regional partnerships are building and strengthening links between newly and existing conserved lands.

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