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## EXPLORE OSI'S GREENWAY PLAN THROUGH NEW MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE

The Open Space Institute's "Growing Greenways: West of Hudson Greenway Trails Vision Plan," announced earlier this year, is already making meaningful progress. Now, you can explore the Growing Greenways project through multimedia storytelling with OSI's newest StoryMap. With photos, video, and interactive maps, delve into OSI's plan to connect eight trails spanning more than 250 miles across three counties — bridging gaps within and between communities, supporting regional connectivity, and connecting people more deeply to the landscapes they love.

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## RETURNING INDIGENOUS LAND IN NEW JERSEY

The Open Space Institute and its partners are celebrating the repatriation of ancestral lands in southern New Jersey to Indigenous ownership and stewardship. The project, led by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, facilitates the creation of the 63-acre Cohanzick Nature Reserve, which will include a vibrant heritage center and nature trails.

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## LEADING THE WAY FOR LAND PROTECTION TO ABSORB CARBON

Recognizing the critical role local land trusts play in advancing natural solutions to fight climate change, the Open Space Institute and the Land Trust Alliance have joined forces on the Land and Climate Grant Program. Now in its third year, the program recently awarded \$450,000 to organizations across the nation.

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## SAVING FORESTS FOR CLIMATE IN TENNESSEE

Portions of a stunning gorge in eastern Tennessee are now permanently protected, thanks to a grant from the Open Space Institute's Appalachian Landscapes Protection Fund and the TennGreen Land Conservancy. Whites Creek Gorge encompasses pristine forests for carbon emission storage and provides habitat for sensitive and threatened species including the eastern hellbender salamander.

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## PROTECTING LAND FOR CLEAN WATER IN NEW JERSEY

Conserved with support from the Open Space Institute's Delaware River Watershed Initiative, a preserve in New Jersey's Pinelands will safeguard the land's ability to filter water flowing into the Delaware River Watershed. Protection of 690 acres by the NJ Conservation Foundation has doubled the size of the Huber Preserve, which is also a haven for prairie warblers.

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## SHOWCASING OSI'S LEADERSHIP AT NATIONAL LAND TRUST EVENT

The Open Space Institute brought a wealth of expertise to this year's Land Trust Alliance Rally, the nation's only annual gathering of the land trust community. Rally was attended by a record-breaking in-person audience and OSI's staff led Rally sessions on topics including maximizing forest carbon benefits in land conservation and best practices for watershed protection.

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## FAHNESTOCK PARK IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

Visitors to Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park will soon enjoy safer passage across one of the park's picturesque streams, thanks to the Open Space Institute. OSI is leading construction of a 65-foot-long bridge and work to stabilize the streambank, in an area that was damaged by Hurricane Irene, through landscaping and reintroduction of native plants.

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