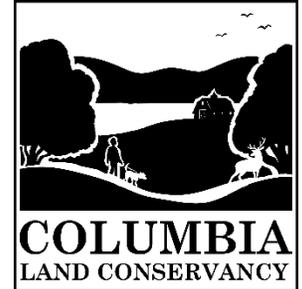


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COLUMBIA LAND CONSERVANCY ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT

Troy Weldy joins the organization September 28

CHATHAM, NY, September 8 – The Board of Trustees of the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) is very pleased to announce that they have completed their search for a new leader. Troy Weldy has been named to take on the new title of President. Weldy, a long-time leader in conservation and land management, will succeed Peter Paden, who is retiring after 14 years heading up the organization.

“We are delighted that Troy will be joining us,” says Mark A. Levy, Chair of CLC’s Board of Trustees. “With his extensive background in conservation and land management, Troy is well suited to carry forward the work under our recently adopted strategic plan and to build on CLC’s many successes as a national leader in the land trust community.”

For over 20 years, Weldy has held leadership roles with The Nature Conservancy at the State and North American levels, working closely with government agencies and partners. Most recently, as Director of Lands at The Nature Conservancy of New York, Weldy has been responsible for the organization’s conservation strategies, natural climate solutions, land management, land stewardship, and land protection activities. In previous roles at The Nature Conservancy, Weldy served as North American Director, guided the Eastern New York Chapter’s reorganization, and led the business development of a new forest carbon program.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the Columbia Land Conservancy,” says Weldy. “I am looking forward to working with our staff, Trustees, and partners to inspire our community to more deeply connect with, care about, and protect the natural world.”

Weldy’s extensive involvement in the conservation community has also included serving on the boards of the New York Flora Association and the Invasive Plant Council of New York State and authoring numerous technical reports, journal articles, and other publications. He received an M.A. from the College of William & Mary and a B.S. from Butler University, both in Biology.

Weldy will assume his responsibilities at CLC on September 28, 2020. Paden will continue with the organization through the end of the year to assist with the transition.

CLC was assisted in its search for its new President by Kittleman & Associates, a national executive search firm.

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For more than thirty years, the Columbia Land Conservancy has worked to inspire our community to more deeply connect with, respect, and protect the natural world. We work with partners and volunteers to improve the health of the land, ensure a thriving farm economy, create environmental education opportunities, provide access to outdoor experiences, and support municipal leaders in conservation-minded decision making. For additional information, call 518.392.5252 or visit clctrust.org.