

## PECONIC LAND TRUST



### **John v.H. Halsey** **President, Peconic Land Trust**

John v.H. Halsey is founder and President of Peconic Land Trust, a nonprofit land conservation organization based in Southampton, NY with stewardship centers in Amagansett and Cutchogue. The Trust's professional staff works with landowners, communities, and government to identify and implement alternatives to development that result in the perpetual protection of working farms and natural lands on Long Island. Since it was founded in 1983, the Trust has completed more than 350 projects, protecting nearly 9,000 acres through private conservation methods and its work with municipalities. The Trust is currently engaged in over 100 pending projects comprising several thousand acres that are key to defining the communities of Long Island and to preserving its rural heritage.

John serves on the boards of the North American Land Trust, Nassau Land Trust, South Fork Land Foundation, and the Southampton Youth Association as well as the Trustees Council of the Preservation League of New York State, and currently chairs the Land Trust Alliance/New York Advisory Board. He is also board member emeritus of the Long Island Community Foundation. Raised in Southampton, Mr. Halsey earned a B.A. in Sociology and Education at Dartmouth College and a M.S.W. degree in Organization, Planning and Administration from the School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley. In 1993, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Long Island University for his work protecting the heritage of Long Island, and also received the University's "2004 Distinguished Citizen Award." In 2005, he was honored by the nonprofit "Promote Long Island, Inc." with their "Spirit of Long Island" award for his work on behalf of Long Island's environment and preservation. In 2006, the Long Island Farm Bureau awarded him its Citizen Award for his on-going contribution to farm conservation