

# PECONIC LAND TRUST



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

John v.H. Halsey is founder and President of the Peconic Land Trust, a nonprofit land conservation organization serving Long Island. The Trust's professional staff identifies and implements 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 400 projects. In partnership with landowners, communities, municipalities, and like-minded organizations, the Trust has protected 11,000 acres. 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. He is former Chair of the Land Trust Alliance/New York Advisory Board and 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. In 2014, John was honored by the Land Trust Alliance New York Advisory Board for outstanding leadership, spirit of innovation and generous support of New York's land conservation community at the 2014 New York State Land Conservation Summit; and the Long Island Imagine Awards recognized the Trust's Farms for the Future Initiative with its "Social Impact" award. In the fall of 2014, John will receive the first "Community Leader Award from the East End's local national public radio station, Peconic Public Broadcasting (WPPB, 88.3 fm).