

Our Partners

Protection and preservation of the house and property is a result of a cooperative effort of several partners including the Greene Land Trust, Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Important funding for the house restoration was provided by the Catskill Olana Mitigation Fund, the Iroquois Pipeline Operating Company, LEAF grant program, the Athens Community Foundation, and the NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Our Plans

The house serves as a place for historic and environmental education, and small social events.

The Greene Land Trust manages the Brandow Point Unique area for habitat protection and public access for passive recreation and an “adopt a natural resource” agreement with DEC.

Phase 1 of the restoration was completed in December 2013. This included replacing windows and siding, rebuilding the south room, and the installation of new electric, plumbing and heating. The west porch was rebuilt in 2018-2019. Additional work on the second floor and the original kitchen in the cellar will be completed as funding becomes available.

How You Can Help

- Become a member of Greene Land Trust
- Become a volunteer at the Willows
- Assist with work days at the Willows
- Help with educational programs
- Donate to renovation campaigns for the house

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The Greene Land Trust is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. A copy of the Greene Land Trust's latest annual report may be obtained, upon request from the Land Trust at 270 Mansion St. Coxsackie, NY 12051 or from the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10271.

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The Willows at Brandow Point



480 Rt 385
Athens, NY 12015



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The Willows is a historic farmhouse built around 1788 and listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places as the William Brandow House. It sits high above the Hudson River surrounded by the **Brandow Point Unique Area** owned by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The house and surrounding 65 acres is known as the **Willows at Brandow Point**.

The House

The Willows is a relatively large home for the period and is built in the Hudson Valley Dutch Georgian style. It retains much of its historic character including two original split Dutch doors and original staircase.

The property was owned by the Brandow family for nearly 200 years. The Brandow family came to the Hudson Valley with the 1710 Palatine German immigration. William Brandow purchased the property from Annake Witbeck in the late 1700s. There is evidence that William's father Johannes had leased the property prior to the purchase.

The house and farm were later owned by the Coxeters who raised turkeys and operated a bakery in the small building next to the house. The Coxeter family sold the house and the land to Scenic Hudson who then sold most of the land to the DEC. The house and 2.5 acres was sold to the Greene Land Trust in 2009.

The Property

The property is owned by the NYSDEC and runs between State Route 385 and the Hudson River for nearly ½ mile. It includes fields and woodlands providing habitat for many creatures and has been designated by the DEC as a "unique area." The Hudson River frontage features important freshwater tidal wetlands.

Mowed trails begin behind the kiosk and offer several options for walks in the woods and fields and access to the river. **Please stay on the trails to avoid poison ivy and limit exposure to ticks.**

