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### **Firm Sees Move To Buy Land**

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BETHLEHEM—The Bethlehem Land Trust’s 6th annual auction, Farms, Fields, and Forests, will take place Saturday, Nov. 20, the weekend before Thanksgiving.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the land trust.

Items in the silent and live auctions range from very practical—fuel oil and garden mulch—to the fun and luxurious—a plane ride over Bethlehem, theater tickets, rounds of golf and more.

“We’ve had tremendous support from town residents, who are offering their services and connections to help the land trust meet its goals,” stated Stuart Rabinowitz, auction chairman and trust vice president in a release.

The purpose of the event is to raise funds for land acquisition. The Bethlehem Land Trust now owns 220-plus acres with easements on another 36-plus acres, all permanently protected by the trust. Although impressive, this is a very small percentage of land compared to surrounding land trusts who hold larger percentages within their towns. The first land acquisition was the 81-acre Bellamy Preserve, located in the heart of town. The “Preserve” is Bethlehem’s “Central Park” and offers through varied ecosystems trails for residents and their canine companions to enjoy.

The land trust is now exploring land in town with an eye on acquiring additional property to preserve Bethlehem’s natural heritage for future generations to enjoy.

Anyone interested in buying tickets to attend the fund-raiser, making a financial contribution or finding out more information about donating property is asked to call Mr. Rabinowitz at 203-910-3836. Seating is limited and tickets are \$65. per person.

The Bethlehem Land Trust, established in 1980, is a nonprofit organization.