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KINGSTON LAND TRUST AWARDED \$2,500 GRANT FROM ULSTER SAVINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FOR RESTORING AFRICAN BURIAL GROUND

(Kingston, NY) The Kingston Land Trust has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation to support their restoration process of the Pine Street African Burial Ground in Uptown Kingston. They are collaborating with another nonprofit, Harambee, as well as the community to restore the site, which includes an existing building, and open it to the public as a regional center for education and reflection. A future aim is to repurpose the building as an interpretative visitors' center.

"These funds will allow us to host community discussions, educational events, and cleanups on this land, kicking off the process of restoration and planning for this future visitors' center. These efforts will set the stage for a long-term community healing process to take place," said Julia Farr, Kingston Land Trust Executive Director. "We are grateful for the grant that Ulster Savings has provided us with in helping us accomplish this goal," she added.

The Kingston Land Trust is a nonprofit organization that protects environmentally and socially significant land for the common good. In addition to traditional land conservation, they make urban land available for uses that have a public or ecological benefit and encourage participation and stewardship through innovative community engagement.

The Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation was formed in 2003 to assist the local community in areas of housing, education, and human services.

For more information about the Kingston Land Trust, please visit them online at kingstonlandtrust.org.

Photo Caption: The Kingston Land Trust receives a \$2,500 check from Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation. Pictured (from left to right) Greg Shaheen, Conservation Coordinator, Kingston Land Trust; John Finch, Ulster Savings Bank EVP/COO; Julia Farr, Executive Director, Kingston Land Trust; and Ted Griese, Operations Manager, Kingston Land Trust.

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