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The Land Conservancy to host author Ben Goldfarb at Trinity Episcopal Church on August 28th

The Western New York Land Conservancy will host author Ben Goldfarb to discuss his influential book *Crossings: How Road Ecology is Shaping the Future of our Planet*. His first book, *Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter*, was a breakout sensation in 2019. *Crossings*, his second book, is a critically-acclaimed study of how roads have fragmented and transformed habitats around the globe. The book's vital message reinforces the habitat restoration and permanent land protection work of the Land Conservancy here in WNY.

The free event will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28th at Trinity Episcopal Church (371 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY). The event will also be live streamed through Facebook and YouTube live.

An Evening with Ben Goldfarb is part of the Land Conservancy community's effort to advance a region-wide conversation about protecting forests in Western New York, and beyond, by creating the Western New York Wildway. The WNY Wildway is an ambitious long-term plan to protect and connect the largest of our region's remaining forests. The Wildway will allow plants and animals to roam across the land as they once did, to move as climate changes, and to expand their ranges and ensure their survival. It will also allow wildlife that have disappeared from our region to return home. This ethos is at the core of *Crossings*.

The event is free and open to the public, but donations to the Western New York Land Conservancy are always welcome. Copies of *Crossings* can be purchased in advance at Buffalo's Talking Leaves Books, which is partnering with the Land Conservancy. Books will also be sold at the event; a Q & A and book signing will follow.

This event is co-sponsored by University at Buffalo Department of Environment & Sustainability and Wendel.

Praise for *Crossings*:

“Goldfarb is perceptive about how roads tangle animals together with humans...*Crossings* is well-paced and vivid, an engaging account.” — Timothy Farrington, *Wall Street Journal*

“A powerhouse of a book, a comprehensive and engaging study of the many ways that roads damage natural habitats.” — David Gessner, *the Washington Post*

“Chronicles the enormous ecological damage caused by roadbuilding...Goldfarb guides the reader through an array of often heartbreaking stories, from the Los Angeles mountain lions so isolated by highways that they could inbreed themselves into extirpation to salmon populations smothered by tire pollution.” — David Zipper, *Bloomberg*

Crossings was named one of the best books of 2023 by outlets including the *New York Times*, *the New Yorker*, *Smithsonian*, *Science News*, and *Kirkus Reviews*, and has been selected as a finalist for the New York Public Library’s Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism, the Reading the West Award, and the Colorado Book Award.

The Western New York Land Conservancy is a regional, non-profit land trust that has protected more than 7,500 acres of land with significant conservation value in Western New York for the benefit of future generations. We envision a future in which forests, farms, meadows, and waterways are connected, cherished, and protected in Western New York. Our clean air, clean water, and fertile soils will equitably support the health and wellbeing of future generations of every living thing. The Land Conservancy is accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. For more information on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, or the mission of the Western New York Land Conservancy, please call (716) 687-1225 or visit wnylc.org.

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