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Hope comes with new climate legislation, better enforcement, and state funding

By Greg Bowen, Executive Director

“Internationally, everyone’s waiting for someone else to do something,” said Sen. Paul G. Pinsky (D-Prince George’s), the Senate’s chief architect on SB 528, as reported in the Washington Post. “People are on the sidelines watching history rather than attempting to shape history... Clearly, we can’t get it through Congress. And that’s a mess. So. I think it calls on the states to take action.” Maryland’s climate bill is very ambitious. It calls for net-zero carbon emissions by 2045, while it moves to decarbonize buildings, and addresses environmental justice issues.



MD Climate Action Solutions Act of 2022 - Victory Rally - CCAN Action Fund.

Included is a Climate Catalytic Capital Fund to:

1. reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enable the adoption of measures to combat climate change impacts;
2. facilitate the electrification of the transportation sector and the use of sustainable alternative fuels in aviation;
3. enable improvements in energy management and efficiency to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the building sector;
4. expand the deployment of clean energy generation and energy storage capacity;
5. target the implementation of energy and weatherization measures for low- to moderate-income households;

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From the President's Desk ...

Success!

On June 6th, the American Chestnut Land Trust and Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) settled on the largest unprotected parcel remaining in the Parkers Creek watershed. The Yoe property is a 156-acre farm near Prince Frederick. As a result of the settlement, RC&D holds a Maryland Rural Legacy conservation easement on the property, protecting the land in perpetuity. ACLT purchased the farm, with the easement, to manage it using the best sustainability approaches and to eventually provide public access trails. Concurrently, ACLT bought the historic home that was originally part of the farm.

The Yoe family first approached Greg Bowen, ACLT Executive Director, in September 2019, indicating their desire to sell the property to ACLT. The initial talks were positive and it became clear that the Yoes and ACLT had similar goals. When I walked the boundaries of the property in December of 2020 I realized that this property would be a marvelous addition to ACLT's long-standing mission to protect the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds. My walk revealed a deep silent forest, several meadows and a major tributary of Parkers Creek making for a diversity of habitats. The property is also a beautiful example of a classic Calvert County farm that is visible from Calvert's major highway, MD 4. John and James Yoe represented the family at the settlement. They indicated some sadness in selling the farm, but that they are very pleased that it will never be developed and future generations will be able to enjoy the land as they have. They thanked RC&D and ACLT for making this happen.



Yoe Property settlement - Pictured, L-R: Rick Lloyd, Yoe Family Attorney, John and James Yoe, Property Owners, Dave Farr, ACLT Board President, Greg Bowen, ACLT Executive Director, and Steve Oberg, ACLT Attorney

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This purchase would not have been possible without the Maryland Rural Legacy Program. Their mission is to provide funding to preserve large, contiguous tracts of land and to enhance natural resource, agricultural, forestry and environmental protection while supporting a sustainable land base for natural resource-based industries in designated Rural Legacy Areas. This property is adjacent to three other preserved properties. The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners requested that the property be added to the Rural Legacy Area, so that it would be eligible for preservation. We are grateful to the Board, its staff, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for facilitating this purchase. We are also grateful for the owners who maintained the land in pristine condition for over a century.

RC&D sponsors or helps administer the Rural Legacy Program in St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles counties and holds easements on over 2,500 acres of land. According to Caroline King, Program Director, "Southern Maryland RC&D was pleased to be a part of this process. Each of the conservation easements we hold play an important part in fulfilling our land preservation and environmental protection goals, but it is especially rewarding to know that the public will be able to enjoy access to the beautiful Yoe farm. We look forward to working with ACLT on stewardship of this property for future generations."

Ecologically speaking, the Yoe parcel is significant. According to an Ecosystem Service Assessment by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on its GreenPrint website, the property provides over \$356,000 per year in ecosystem services such as stormwater attenuation, carbon sequestration, food production, nutrient uptake, ozone removal, groundwater recharge, wildlife habitat and biodiversity potential.

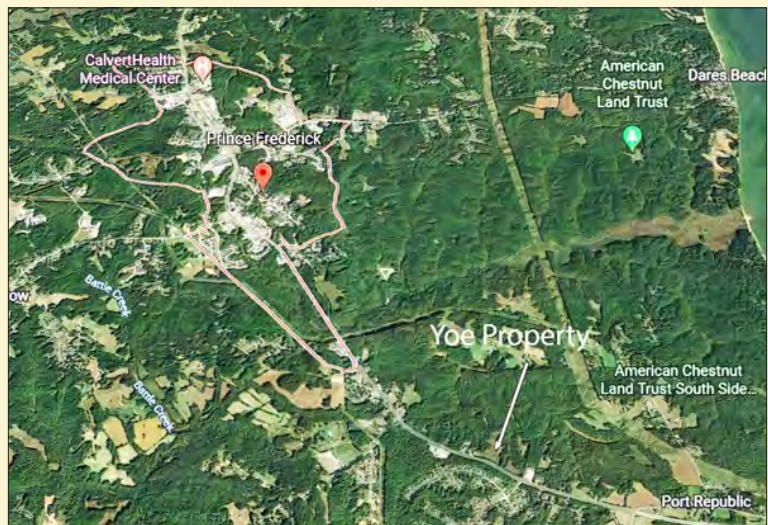
But let's not forget the role of the ACLT members whose efforts and contributions were essential in completing this land purchase. This is another outstanding indication of the commitment of ACLT members in the preservation of the Parkers Creek watershed. It is a joy for me to be part of such a committed group of people.

Over the next year, ACLT will develop a management plan for the property, including a forest stewardship plan and a plan for public access trails.

David Farr, President



Meadow on Yoe property. Photo by David Farr



Google Earth Image. Prince Frederick boundary is outlined and the Yoe property location is labeled.



Aerial photo. Route 4 is shown and Yoe Property is outlined.

Around ACLT

Doing More Sooner, at a Large Landscape Scale!

By Greg Bowen, Executive Director

In 2018, at the Annual Meeting we asked the membership what you wanted the Board of Directors to include in the next five-year plan. One very popular goal that you recommended was that we expand our conservation message and strategies throughout Southern Maryland. In 2019, the Board adopted a five-year plan that does just that. Since then, we collaborated with the Maryland Environmental Trust to form the Southern Maryland Conservation Alliance, which is under our leadership.

All of this couldn't have been more timely considering the surge of residential sprawl in Southern Maryland, the loss of critical habitats for fisheries, birds, and wildlife, and the more obvious signs of climate change, such as: sea level rise and more intense storms on the east coast, more extreme fires in the west, and the melting icecaps.

Ta-da! And now we have a five-year grant from an anonymous donor to hire grant employees and increase our efforts to address climate change, not only in our two watersheds, but in the five-county Southern Maryland, while we also work to connect more people to the land with hiking and biking trails.

The grant does not replace our own fundraising efforts to support current work. In fact, we still have to raise enough money to match the \$100,000 contribution to fund the current staff and projects shown in the operating budget. The good news is that such a big number is possible. Our members have donated \$100,000 three of the last five years and our budgets have stayed in the black. ***The bottom line is that the anonymous donors are only asking that we keep up our current effort to keep our staff and projects going while they fund the new projects.***

With our new capacity grant, we will be able to:

Attenuate & Mitigate Climate Change

Raise awareness, expand water quality initiatives, maximize carbon sequestration, reduce emissions, and combat invasive species.

Support Southern Md Conservation Alliance

Continue to work with member organizations of SMCA, form and support "friend's groups" to advocate for regional watershed protection.

Connect Protected Lands

Plan wildlife corridors and hiking/biking trails connecting ACLT properties and local communities.

So here we go! All of our original efforts to conserve and preserve the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds AND our new efforts in large landscape conservation and addressing climate change will move apace!

American Chestnut Land Trust Calendar of Events

July through December 2022

Details available on the ACLT Web Site
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July

13 – Full Moon Hike (Members Only)
TBD – Early Morning Hike

AUGUST

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27 – Guided Early Morning Hike – Farewell to Summer

SEPTEMBER

10 – Full Moon Hike (Members Only)
17 – Sip & Save – Annual Beer-Tasting Event

OCTOBER

1 – Parkers Creek Challenge
9 – Full Moon Hike (Members Only)
23 – Chili Cook-Off

NOVEMBER

5 – Guided Hike – Fall Foliage
8 – Full Moon Hike (Members Only)

DECEMBER

3 – Annual Wreath and Greens Sale
8 – Full Moon Hike (Members Only)



Quirky Turkeys

By Clara Brill-Carlat, CCC Intern

In mid-April, a volunteer and I spotted a nest of 11 large, speckled eggs at the base of a tree at ACLT. The mother was nowhere to be seen, perhaps scared off by the sound of our footsteps, and I wondered what type of bird would lay such big eggs and leave them unprotected on the ground. I soon found out that the eggs belonged to a wild turkey, a common species that can be found in parts of Canada, Mexico, and every U.S. state except Alaska (All About Birds). Sadly, the eggs we had seen were later abandoned by their mother, which can occur if the mother is threatened or disturbed during her incubation period (New Hampshire Fish and Game). Nevertheless, the discovery of the nest sparked my curiosity about wild turkeys.

There are five subspecies of wild turkey found in North America, although the only one found in Maryland is the Eastern wild turkey. Adult males, called gobblers, weigh between 18 and 22 pounds and have brightly-colored red or blue heads, while adult females, called hens, weigh approximately half as much and have duller coloration. Wild turkeys often travel in flocks of about 10 to 30 birds but are more likely to be found in smaller groups or as individuals during the breeding season. Although they can reach up to 50 miles per hour in flight, they are not graceful flyers and primarily travel on foot except to roost in trees at night (Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)). They prefer forest and meadow habitats, which allow them to eat a balanced diet of seeds, nuts, berries, grass, and insects (Audubon). Baby turkeys, called poults, particularly rely on the meadow habitats as a source of insects, which make up the majority of the poults' diet (DNR).

During the breeding season in the spring and summer, male turkeys attract and mate with multiple hens each and then congregate in all-male flocks, leaving the hens to protect their nests and raise the poults. Because the nests are on the ground, eggs are sometimes eaten by predators including raccoons, skunks, foxes, snakes, and possums (All About Birds). Hens lay one egg each day, typically for a total of 9 to 12 eggs,

and only begin incubating them once the last egg is laid (DNR). The eggs then hatch after an incubation period of approximately four weeks, and the poults are able to fly short distances one to two weeks later (Audubon). After flying – and incubating – solo during the breeding period, multiple hens will sometimes join together and travel in a large family unit with all of their poults (All About Birds). Even though the poults develop quickly and are cared for by their mothers into the fall, they are still vulnerable to predators and harsh weather, and less than half typically survive their first few weeks (DNR). Once wild turkeys reach adulthood, their predators are limited to larger creatures like coyotes, raccoons, great horned owls, and people (All About Birds).

About a century ago, the wild turkey population in North America was diminished due to habitat loss and over-hunting. The population has rebounded since then such that wild turkeys are now common enough to be hunted in every U.S. state where they are found (All About Birds), although they are not hunted at ACLT. In Maryland, the breeding season begins in March and lasts until July, so if you encounter a nest, be careful not to disturb the eggs or the hen (DNR). As you hike at ACLT this summer, listen for gobbling sounds or the sound of large birds moving not very subtly through the underbrush. You just may see a wild turkey and her poults!

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Left: A nest of wild turkey eggs spotted at ACLT in April 2022.

Upper Right: A wild turkey poult.

Lower Right: A female wild turkey.

Photos from “All About Birds”, A Cornell University web site.

6. optimize the economic, health, social, and environmental value of community-scale infrastructure for resilience and energy equity;
7. allow for the deployment of cutting-edge, advanced clean energy technology; and
8. provide for the creation of a Maryland green bond program.

Tightening Enforcement - HB 649

The Bay Journal reports that “Spurred by some glaring [enforcement miscues](#) in the past year, lawmakers passed legislation requiring the Maryland Department of the Environment to increase inspections of facilities that discharge wastewater to the state’s rivers and streams. The legislation, which like the climate bill became law without Hogan’s signature, also requires penalties for noncompliance and directs regulators to update dozens of so-called “zombie” permits that have allowed facilities to continue operating for years with outdated treatment requirements.

The introduction of the bill was preceded by delayed and weak enforcement at the state’s two largest wastewater treatment plants in Baltimore, “plus illegal discharges at the [Valley Proteins](#) poultry-rendering plant on the Eastern Shore, which has been operating on a permit that hasn’t been updated since 2006.” Said the Bay Journal. Chesapeake Legal Alliance said that “We could not be more excited or proud to have helped a broad coalition of advocates pass a law that has done more to reinvigorate the role of the Clean Water Act in Maryland than any other bill in decades.”

Reducing Forced Sales of family lands by development interests. SB 92 – Maryland Heirs Law Uniform Partition Act.

The Maryland Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act addresses a problem faced by many middle to low income families who own real property: dispossession of their land through a forced sale. For many of these families, real estate is their single most valuable asset. Rural African American families have been hit especially hard, but the issue can affect anyone who inherits land from a relative and takes title as a tenant-in-common with other heirs.

This Heirs Property Act preserves the right of a co-tenant to sell his or her interest in inherited real estate, while ensuring that the other cotenants will have the necessary due process to prevent a forced sale: notice, appraisal, and right of first refusal. If the other cotenants do not exercise their right to purchase property from the seller, the court must order a partition-in-kind if feasible, and if not, a commercially reasonable sale for fair market value.

SB 86 Department of Natural Resources – Lease Agreements – Trail Access Provision

Summary: Requires leased DNR trail lands to be kept accessible for trail users and first responders. This bill was changed at ACLT’s re-

quest, thanks to our friends at Forever Maryland, who worked hard with the legislators to make it clear that the bill wouldn’t call for a cleared border around each state leased property.

John Griffin who is the Program Manager at the Chesapeake Conservation Partnership and Former Secretary of the DNR reported that the Maryland Legislators gave:

- Full Funding of Program Open Space (\$306.3M for FY 23)
- Local Parks and Playgrounds (\$85M for FY 23)
- Funding for Chesapeake and Coastal Bays Trust Fund (\$46.6M in FY 23)
- Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund (\$115M for FY 23)
- Great MD Outdoors Act (SB0541) (\$107M FY 24)

With the availability these funds, conservation groups should seize the day and conserve and preserve as much land as we can.

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ACLT's Friends Forever Society

By Robyn Truslow, Board Member and Chair-Administration & Fundraising Committee

Many long-time members know Admiral Jim Greene who served on the board from 1996 to 2012. Jim got the Land Management Endowment started at ACLT and he was asked to share his motivation for this and for including ACLT in his estate planning.

We might not be able to live forever, but our impact can. My passion for Parkers Creek began when I was 10 years old. At sunrise, I'd grab the crab net and march along the beach to catch dinner. Most often, I ended up at the delta of the creek because I knew that's where I could catch plenty. Sometimes I got an extra bonus because I'd help the pound net fishermen and they would reward me with a 15-pound striper.

I grew up loving the water, joined the military and became a naval officer. Even away at sea, I often thought of Parkers Creek but I had no idea about the wonderful people who were in the formative stages of creating an organization to protect this watershed. When I returned, I discovered ACLT and engaged as much as I could in the work, serving on the board for many years. The north side of the creek became my special mission since there were fewer people involved on that side. I am astounded now by what people have done over the years and am honored to have been a part of it.

Being on a board is one thing, but it takes money to do the work ACLT has done. If we as members, board members and trail-lovers commit long-term to this land, we can save it for our children, our grandchildren and their grandchildren. I helped start the Land Management endowment so that staff could focus on trail maintenance and land conservation rather than fundraising. The trails, the water, the land...they have all played a role in improving the physical and mental well-being of our community. I see it in my own children and theirs. I see it in my and Susan's relationship...ACLT brought us together and we support it together. The joys of Parkers Creek I experienced as a child will continue for future generations...my life story will continue through a legacy gift to ACLT. Join me in making this commitment to ACLT and our future world.

Why do you support ACLT? Because you know that every gift to ACLT combats climate change? Because you love the cardio workout of ACLT's switchbacks? Because you find peace under the canopy surrounding Parkers Creek? Are you enchanted by the eagles and herons you see when kayaking the creek? Are you inspired by the industrious beavers? Do you feel the pride in paying it forward? Consult your financial advisor about the best way for you to include ACLT in your estate, or heck, just write it into your will yourself. Ask yourself, "What legacy do I want to leave the world?"

ACLT appreciates the support our members provide us through gifts of their time, talent and treasure. We would love to welcome you to our Friends Forever Society if you have included ACLT in your estate planning, perhaps as a beneficiary of a retirement fund or life insurance policy or just a line in your will. If you have, please let us know either by a phone call, email or completing the form which can be found on our Friends Forever web page: bit.ly/ACLTFriendsForeverSociety.



Jim and Susan Greene —photo provided by family.

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already remembered us in your will
... and Thank You!

“Never, Never, Never Give Up”

by Greg Bowen, Executive Director and
Miriam Gholl, Community Relations Manager

As many Calvert County residents know, this quote served as the late Senator Bernie Fowler’s message about the restoration of our waterways. But the message seemed to have been more urgent in the last few years. Clearly, he did not want the fight for the restoration of the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay to die with him.

In a blog that I co-wrote with Randi and Peter Vogt, we noted that it is time for us to take up the mantle (see: www.acltweb.org/index.php/remembering-bernie-fowler). Others agreed. A few months back, Dr. Tom Miller pulled together representatives of three organizations, plus his own, the University of Maryland’s Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL), to keep the flame alive by continuing Bernie’s annual “wade-in” on every second Sunday in June. Those organizations were: ACLT, Morgan State University’s Patuxent Environmental and Aquatic Research Laboratory, (PEARL), and Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.

Bernie had unique skills that we must embrace and replicate. He could recall and describe in vivid detail what the waters were like when the estuary was at peak production; a time when the Patuxent was called one of the healthiest on the East Coast. He could effectively engage people into his cause. Randi Vogt and I noted in our blog that we were called into the planning profession based on his passionate entreaties to join in. He could be tough when it was called for, such as when he led the lawsuit against the state and the northern counties. Twice again he used lawsuits to force compliance with the Clean Water Act, in collaboration with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. While he won in court each time, the resulting changes have not yet restored the waterways. We need to be able to describe what our watersheds would be like if they are restored. We need to stand up for better regulations and better enforcement and we also need to take more actions at the local level.

2022 Wade-In Wrap-up

This year’s wade-in was held on June 12th at Jefferson Patterson Park and was very well-attended considering that morning’s rain. Several speakers



Group Wading into Patuxent River-Photo by Miriam Gholl.

gave impassioned speeches urging us all to continue to fight Bernie’s fight for clean water and for the health of the environment as a whole. Many recollected Bernie’s uncanny ability to be kind while at the same time forceful when he felt that not enough was being done. Dr. Walter Boynton, Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) and current ACLT Board Member, remembered how Bernie asked him to always explain the science clearly, but to never “dummy it down” for him or anyone else. Charles County Commissioner President Reuben Collins recalled how welcoming Bernie was when he attended one of the first wade-ins, close to 35 years ago, when it was held on the Charles County side of the river. He pledged to do what he could to carry on Bernie’s work to improve the health of the river.



Wade-In Organizers L-R Tom Miller-CBL Greg Bowen-
ACLT Patricia Samford-JPPM and Scott Knoche-PEARL-
Photo by Sarah Brzezinski-CBL

Calvert County Commissioner President Buddy Hance echoed those sentiments, reminiscing about the river of his childhood and lamenting over the disappearance of marshes where cattle once grazed. U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer, a long-time friend and fellow advocate reinforced the urgency of not allowing Bernie’s legacy to end.

A poignant moment came when Bernie Fowler, Jr. passed on the straw hat that Bernie Sr. traditionally wore during the wade-ins to his son Cody, who was dressed in overalls and sneakers just like his grandfather wore. Attendees then made their way down to the shore and after joining hands, waded in to a depth of 39” before Cody’s sneakers were no longer visible. This measurement is not the best on

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record, and certainly is nowhere near the nearly 50" of Bernie's childhood, but it is also not the worst, and much better than the levels seen in the late 1980's when the wade-ins began.

Continuing Bernie's Legacy

There are several projects afoot to improve water quality.

The team that jointly held the wade-in this year (ACLT, CBL, JPPM, and PEARL) has pledged to hold the wade-in each year.

ACLT is setting up "friends" groups for watersheds in Calvert and throughout the Patuxent River watershed. So far, there are "friends" groups in the watersheds of Hunting Creek, St. Leonard's Creek, and Mill Creek.

The Southern Maryland Conservation Alliance (SMCA) is working with US Fish and Wildlife to better protect native plants and animals.

We have begun discussions for SMCA to partner with scientists at CBL, PEARL, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) to better understand why the Patuxent and other tributaries of the Bay are not recovering more quickly. We hope that subsequent discussions and research will lead to discovering and land measures can be taken to maintain and improve water quality.

And of course, we are working to ramp up land preservation, the most lasting and effective long-term measure to protect our watersheds.

With these grassroots steps, we believe that we can build the science and the local support to address the tough water quality issues in the Patuxent River and our part of the Chesapeake Bay.



Above: Dr Walter Boynton-Professor Emeritus-UMCES and ACLT Board Member-Photo by Sarah Brzezinski-CBL

Top Right: L-R Cody Fowler, Charles Co Commissioner Pres Reuben Collins and Bernie Fowler Jr-Photo by Sarah Brzezinski-CBL

Lower Right: US Congressman Steny Hoyer dons a Fowler's Followers t-shirt at wade-in-Photo by Sarah Brzezinski-CBL

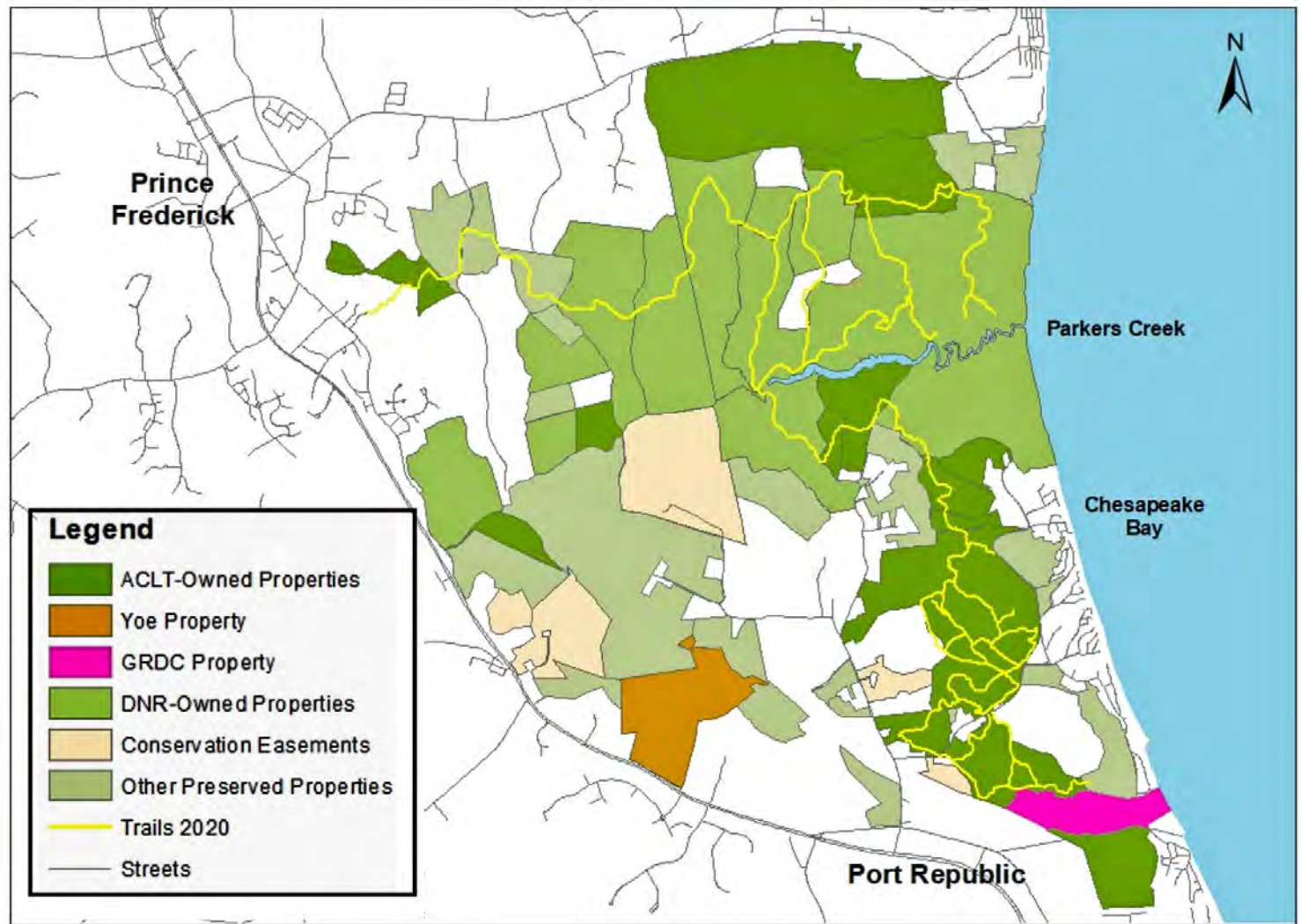
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to ensure the safety of attendees by
providing adequate space and air
circulation, etc. More details to come.





2021 Map of Preserved Land in the Parkers Creek and Governors Run Watersheds. The Yoe Property was added in 2022.

Updated Map of Preserved Land

By Greg Bowen, Executive Director

The Yoe property extends a line of protected lands adjacent to or paralleling MD 4. It is the fourth corner of the Parkers Creek Preserve, and with the purchase of this property, we can now monitor the watershed along the longest stream that feeds into Parkers Creek.

Also, we will now be able to start identifying a means to build a trail that will parallel the North/South trail on the western side of the Preserve. One of the most pleasant surprises about the property is the chain of pretty meadows along the south side of the property. A trail through these meadows, will be most appealing particularly in the spring.

Finally, with this purchase, we are protecting a piece of our cultural heritage. The Yoe family has been a positive force in the County for over a century and the family farm today is very similar to the way it looked one hundred years ago. The Yoe family, and the general public, will be able to experience the woodlands, the fields, and the creek as it was when small-scale farming was clearly the dominant land use in the County.

Protect Rural Land Today!

Climate Change is a very scary thing and so is the loss of rural areas as suburban sprawl consumes more of our landscapes. There is no time to wait.

Do you or someone you know own a piece of rural land that is 20 acres or larger in size that you (or they) are interested in preserving in perpetuity by selling, donating, or placing an easement on it?

If so, please contact Greg Bowen at gbowen@actweb.org. If ACLT can't help, he might know someone who can.

Thank you for your support

New Members

ACLT welcomes the following new members since the Spring 2022 Newsletter:

Alisa Anania
Brian & Virginia Anderson
Greg Brown
Jessica Brown
Maggie Brown
Ryan Cuccia
Joyce Darrell
Kathy & Jim Delio & Family
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Kathryn Mead
Ron & Jenny Meldau
Mary Morgan & Brendan & Alexis Patullo
Matt and Britt Murphy & Family
Cathy Robertson & Dean Bulford & Family
Lauren Sharrock
Jeffrey & Merikay Smith
Mari-Ann & Sean Sweeney
Glenn Thompson
Frederick Tutman
Ashley Woodside
Laura & Shawn Younger

Memorial Donations

Thank you to the following who made a memorial contribution since our last newsletter:

In memory of **Kathryn Simmons**

Cochrane:

Donald & Judith Dahmann

In memory of **Robert Yuill:**

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