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COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR

JANUARY 2026

Jan-Dec – 12 Hikes in '26 Double Hiking Challenge – Hike once a month, every month plus hike a total of 40 miles to commemorate ACLT's 40th Anniversary

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb 7-14 – Valentine's "Hike for Your Heart" Unguided Hikes (All Day) on all trails
15 Sun – Mardi Gras Guided Hike (10am-12:30pm) Trails: Ridge, Flint & Laurel

MARCH 2026

7 Sat – ACLT's Annual Meeting & Luncheon (10am-1pm) – Location TBD
9-20 – St. Patrick's Day-Themed "Story Walk" (all day) at Griffin Meadow Trail
14 Sat – St. Patrick's Day "Leprechaun Hunt" (10am-3pm) – North Side Trailhead; optional hike around Griffin Trail
28 Sat – Spring Ephemeral Guided Hike #1 (10am-1pm) – Horse Swamp to Bay Overlook

APRIL 2026

11-25 – Earth Day-Themed "Story Walk" (all day) at Griffin Meadow Trail
12 Sun – Spring Ephemeral Guided Hike #2 (10am-1pm) NS Trail: Horse Swamp to Bay Overlook
19 Sun (No Rain Date) – Earth Day 5K Run/Hike (9am) – Parkers Creek Loop

Full calendar: www.acltweb.org/events

ACLT Selects a New Executive Director

Dear ACLT Community,

I am excited and honored to write to you as ACLT's new Executive Director. Many of you already know me because I have served as ACLT's Land Manager for the past 11 years prior to moving into the Executive Director role. My time as Land Manager has resulted in me coming into this new position with an existing love for the land, people, and mission of ACLT.

I bring to this role extensive knowledge and experience in environmental stewardship, sustainable public access, and scientific research, as well as a Master's degree in Applied Ecology and Conservation Biology. I have played an integral role in ACLT's fundraising, land acquisition, and outreach programs, and have managed and mentored many ACLT staff members over the years. I have also lived in Calvert County for over a decade and am active in various community groups, so I have many connections with community members and conservation organizations that will be helpful to the work of ACLT. I am also excited to announce that my shift to Executive Director has resulted in Clara Brill-Carlat being promoted to Land Manager.

I know 2025 was a year of many changes for ACLT, and I believe my extensive legacy knowledge of the organization will be a great asset as we make the transition into 2026. I look forward to leading us into the next great era of ACLT as we celebrate 40 years of success this December.

Sincerely,
Autumn Phillips-Lewis

Remembering Dan Boesz

By ACLT Board Member Mark Smith with contributions from Sustaining Member Paul Dennett and Board Treasurer Cheryl Place

The American Chestnut Land Trust lost one of its founders and dearest friends on November 6, 2025 — Daniel "Dan" Boesz, who passed away suddenly at the age of 82.

Anyone who hiked ACLT's trails over the years likely encountered Dan or at least caught a glimpse of his trademark bright orange shirt and hat as he came along the path. A dedicated daily hiker, he covered nearly seven miles most days, always pausing to greet fellow walkers. Within moments, he would share his enthusiasm for "this amazing place" and encourage others to become members and supporters.

Dan was one of ACLT's earliest and most steadfast champions. He served on one of the organization's first Boards and gave generously to ensure its success. His commitment continued throughout the decades, from helping to secure land acquisitions to supporting projects such as the preservation of the historic Holly Hill barn. Yet his contributions extended far beyond the financial. Dan worked tirelessly to maintain and improve the trails, building and repairing walkways, clearing downed trees, and removing invasive plants. (cont. pg. 3)



Daniel Lester Boesz, May 21, 1943-November 6, 2025



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From the President's Desk ...

Thanks to Dan

Dan Boesz was one of ACLT's earliest and most committed supporters. He served on one of its first Board of Directors and contributed generously to ensure the organization's success. Upon hearing of his passing, I realized I had lost a dear friend who had been a vital source of support for both me and ACLT.

Losing someone as significant as Dan makes us reflect on the future. As a non-profit organization, the ACLT depends on the enthusiasm of its members. To ensure our financial stability while expanding our membership and reaching new communities, we must continually strive for active engagement from our members, the board, and staff. Let's work together to move the ACLT forward and build on the foundation laid by our early members.

Dave Farr, President



Above, Dan poses with a plaque at Holly Hill Barn recognizing his contribution to the project to shore up the historic structure and build a new structure around it. Below: Dan working on a trail. Photos by Mark Smith

Around ACLT

Decoding Decades of Water Quality Data in Parkers Creek

By Mary Hoover, Regional Conservation Partnership Coordinator

Introduction

If our streams could talk, what would they tell us? Perhaps they'd gush over the busy beaver activities taking place upstream. Or maybe they'd lament the overgrowth of algae, suffocating their resident fishes and macroinvertebrates. Unfortunately, our streams cannot speak in the same way humans can. However, they can communicate with us in other ways, and it is our job as stewards of the land to listen. For decades, the American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT) has been listening to the streams of Parkers Creek by collecting extensive water quality data. Our longest-running monitoring program, the mainstem monitoring program, has been ongoing since 1998. With nearly three decades of monitoring data in hand, we now have a time series from which we can discern statistically meaningful trends. This article explores the recent analysis of several key parameters in Parkers Creek: nitrate/nitrite, ammonium/ammonia, chlorophyll a, phosphate, and total suspended solids. Together, these parameters help us interpret what our creek has to say about its health and the effectiveness of our conservation efforts. (*cont. pg 4*)



Early sampling by Ted Graham, ACLT volunteer

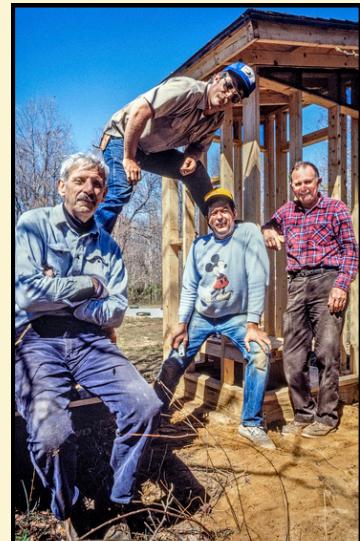
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Together with his wife, Tina, Dan also brought his warmth and hospitality to ACLT's community life. Their elegant dinners, donated for fundraising auctions, became legendary among those fortunate enough to attend. The evenings were marked by laughter, great food, and shared purpose.

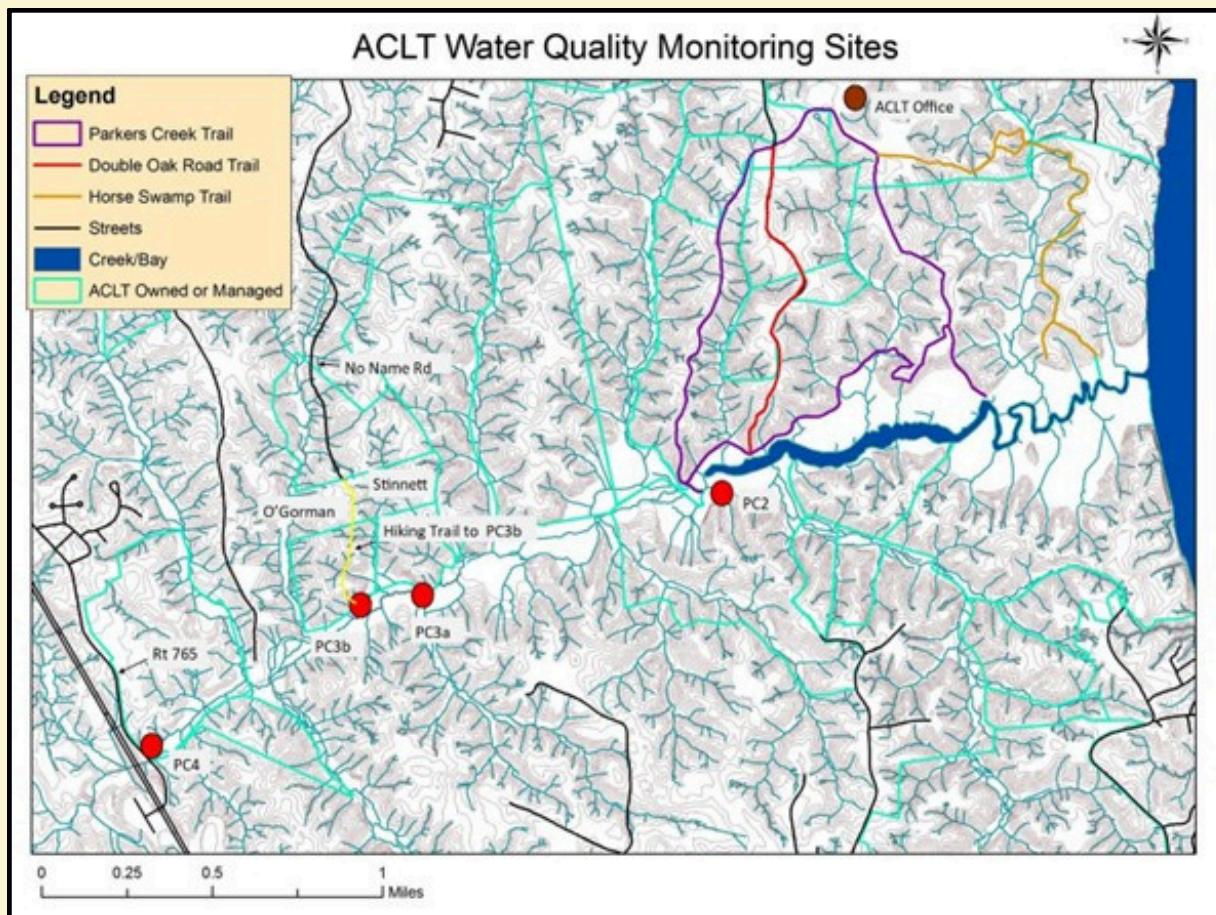
Dan's energy, generosity, and deep love for the land inspired everyone who knew him. The trails he helped maintain stand as a lasting part of his legacy, as does the vibrant, caring community he helped nurture.

As ACLT member John Little reflected, "Dan was a lucky man because he never grew old." He was energetic, vigorous, full of stories and laughter, ever ready to learn and teach until the last day of his life.

In his memory, we invite you to walk the trails he cherished so deeply. Picture Dan in his bright orange, moving at a brisk pace with a big grin, and take a moment to appreciate the beauty and peace he helped preserve. Read Obituary here: <https://rauschfuneralhomes.com/service/daniel-lester-boesz/>



Pictured, Top: Dan with John Little & Mark Smith on the Double Oak Barn porch. Bottom, Left: Dan with Greg Bowen at the 2021 Sip & Save. Right: Dan Boesz (center) helping build the ACLT privy, March 1990. Left to right: Dan Priest, John Hollowell (above), Boesz, and Arnie Petty. This site is near what is called the South Side trailhead today, but in 1990, ACLT had not yet acquired land north of Parkers Creek. Photo by Carl Fleischhauer.



Background

The mainstem monitoring program began in 1998 to track stream health over time. By collecting samples each month, we hoped to understand how Parkers Creek responds to seasonal patterns, changes in land use, and our own land management and conservation efforts. One major concern is the ongoing development of the Prince Frederick town center—the largest town center in Calvert County—which could have downstream impacts on water quality. Regular monitoring is crucial for catching potential problems early on.

While the program started with monthly sampling, it later transitioned to a quarterly schedule due to cost and volunteer capacity. The map above shows the locations of all sites monitored throughout the years. In 2011, site PC3A was replaced with PC3B. Today, three sites are monitored quarterly: PC2 (furthest downstream, by the raft), PC3B (midstream), and PC4 (furthest upstream).

As stated, some of the key parameters we monitor include ammonium/ammonia, nitrate/nitrite, phosphate, and total suspended solids. These represent some of the most common forms of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment, which are the three main sources of pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. We have also

studied chlorophyll a, a pigment found in algae that can indicate algal bloom conditions.

Ammonium (NH_4), ammonia (NH_3), nitrate (NO_3), and nitrite (NO_2) are all forms of nitrogen. In small amounts, nitrogen is a necessary nutrient for aquatic life. However, in excess, it can produce algal blooms, reduce oxygen levels, and harm aquatic species. Monitoring these compounds helps us detect nutrient pollution that may come from land use sources, like septic or runoff from developed areas.

Phosphate (PO_4) is a form of phosphorus, another nutrient essential to life but harmful in excess. Like nitrogen, high levels of phosphorus can stimulate overgrowth of algae and lead to harmful blooms.

Finally, total suspended solids (TSS) indicate the amount of sediment suspended in the water. High TSS can reduce water clarity, block sunlight from reaching aquatic plants, and clog fish gills, to name a few deleterious effects. High TSS often suggests erosion in streams, but it can also come from surrounding runoff.

Results

Before diving into the specifics of what we found, it's worth mentioning some good news: over nearly 30 years of monitoring, the overwhelming majority of water quality data from Parkers Creek has remained within the “good” threshold for each parameter. This is an impressive achievement, especially given the continued development pressures in the Prince Frederick town center. While we do see some statistically significant upward trends at certain stations and times of the year, most of the data indicates a healthy and happy creek. This is a major testament to ACLT's stalwart conservation efforts

and the resilience of the green sanctuary we've built together with your support. That said, a few trends stand out, and we will explore those in more detail below.

The table below summarizes the “hard” and “soft” trends found at each station, over each sample month. Hard trends, denoted by the darker green and darker pink, are considered statistically significant.

Station ID:	PC 2				PC 3B				PC 4			
	MAR	JUN	SEP	DEC	MAR	JUN	SEP	DEC	MAR	JUN	SEP	DEC
NH4/NH3	-	↗	-	-	↑	-	↓	-	↗	↑	↑	-
NO23	↑	↑	↑	↑	-	↗	-	-	↗	-	-	-
Chl-a	-	-	-	↑	-	-	-	↑	-	-	-	↗
TSS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PO4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	↓	-	-

Statistical significance is determined by calculating a probability value, or p value, and values < 0.05 are considered significant. Soft trends, denoted by the lighter green and pink, are not yet statistically significant, but are hovering right around the cusp and could become significant in the future if the trend continues. Soft trends have a p-value < 0.1 . Increasing trends are represented by upward arrows, and decreasing trends are indicated by downward arrows.

Nitrogen is a key nutrient for aquatic ecosystems. However, too much nitrogen can tip the ecosystem balance, causing algal blooms that deplete oxygen and harm aquatic life. Our mainstem monitoring program tracks a couple of prevalent forms of nitrogen: ammonium/ammonia (NH4/NH3) and nitrate/nitrite (NO23). A quick glance at the table above shows that both forms of nitrogen saw the most increasing trends out of all the parameters.

At PC2, the most downstream site, NO23 showed a strong upward trend every season. There was also a slight increase in NH3/NH4 during summer, but no significant changes in other seasons. At PC3B, NO23 softly trended upward in the summer, and NH3/NH4 showed a spring increase but a decrease in the fall, suggesting seasonal variability rather than an overall trend. At PC4, the station furthest upstream, NO23 showed slight spring increases, and NH3/NH4 trended upward in spring, summer, and fall.

These nitrogen trends are relatively modest and do not yet appear to be driving major shifts in algal growth or oxygen levels. However, particularly at PC2, these trends may indicate early signs of nutrient enrichment. Despite increasing trends, nitrogen concentrations remain within the “good” range, and Parkers Creek continues to support a healthy aquatic ecosystem. Continued monitoring will help us track whether these concerns persist, allowing us to adjust our management practices as needed.

Legend:	
↑	increasing hard trend
↗	increasing soft trend
↓	decreasing hard trend
↖	decreasing soft trend
-	no trend

Chlorophyll-a is a pigment found in algae, and it's commonly used as an indicator of algal growth in surface waters. Across the board, chlorophyll-a trends were relatively stable. We saw no significant upward or downward movement, which suggests that the stream's algae levels haven't significantly increased over time and that nutrient-driven algal blooms remain largely under control. However, a few exceptions stood out: a statistically significant upward trend at PC2 in December; a similar December increase at PC3B, and a soft increase in December at PC4. Although increasing in winter at each site, Chlorophyll-a levels remained mostly under 20 $\mu\text{g/L}$, the level above which algal blooms typically occur.

Total Suspended Solids (TSS) measures the amount of particulate matter, like soil and sediment, floating in the water. High TSS can cloud water, block sunlight from aquatic vegetation, clog fish gills, and carry other pollutants. In the mainstem of Parkers Creek, TSS was the most stable of any parameter. Across all stations and seasons, we found no statistically significant increases or decreases. This stability is encouraging, given the potential for sediment to enter streams due to development in the watershed. The lack of any trends speaks to the success of our strong forested buffers, keeping our suspended solids in check.

Finally, phosphorus is another key nutrient that can cause problems in high concentrations. Like nitrogen, excess phosphorus, usually in the form of phosphate (PO_4), feeds algal blooms in streams. Luckily, phosphorus in the Parkers Creek mainstem has never been an issue over our decades of monitoring, with only one station exhibiting any trend in concentration. PC4 showed a hard decrease in phosphorus in the summer. This trend further reinforces that phosphorus, although a major pollutant in the Chesapeake Bay, is not currently a parameter of concern in Parkers Creek.

Conclusion

After almost 30 years of listening, the streams have spoken: Parkers Creek is healthy, resilient, and thriving—thanks to our dedicated staff and generous supporters. A few mild trends remind us to stay vigilant, but with continued water quality monitoring and conservation efforts, we can ensure our beloved Parkers Creek watershed stays protected for years to come.

An Unwelcome Visitor Comes to ACLT

By Addy Dunbar, Double Oak Farm Manager
2025-2026 Maryland Climate Corps Member

A new and not-so-welcome visitor is coming to Southern Maryland, and we've got our first few arrivals at ACLT. The spotted lanternfly (SLF), an invasive insect species native to China, Vietnam, and India, has been in the US since 2014, when it was first identified in Pennsylvania. Since its arrival, the species has spread across much of the Mid-Atlantic, reaching Calvert County for the first time in 2022 and ACLT this fall. An ACLT staff member spotted our first SLF on the Gravatt East property on October 24th, and a few more on the Commodore property the following day.



Pictured, Spotted lanternfly—Photo by Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bugwood.org

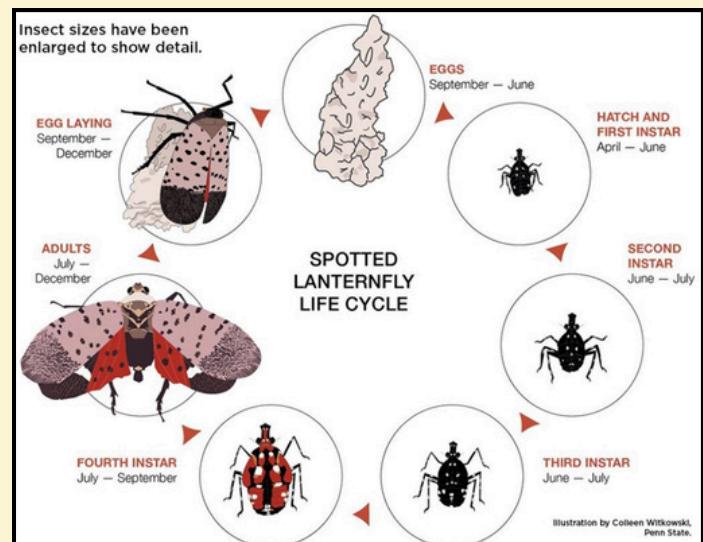


Diagram: SLF life cycle—Photo Credit MD Dept. of Agriculture

The true scale of the invasion that ACLT faces may not be clear until the Spring. The spotted lanternfly has a year-long lifecycle, with egg masses overwintering to emerge in May or June. The nymphs molt four times before reaching adulthood between July and September. Thus, in the summer of 2026, ACLT will see its second generation of adult SLF, and without mitigation, each new generation could be 60 times larger. After mating in the fall, female SLF lay one or two egg masses of 30-60 eggs, which look like cracked mortar when dry. In their native environment, this volume of eggs is necessary for the survival and growth of the species, as nymphs face predation and other limiting conditions. In Southern Maryland, however, it may mean exponential population growth during the seasons it takes for the area's predators to catch on.

SLF can have a far-reaching impact on the ecosystems that it enters. The insect population feeds indiscriminately on over 70 different species of plants. SLF does have a preference for the invasive tree-of-heaven, unfortunately present at ACLT, but can and will persist without this host as well. The insect's feeding alone rarely kills its host, but when combined with other stressors, it has this potential. SLF use piercing-sucking mouthparts to extract sap from young leaves and stems, and the insects excrete a sugary liquid called honeydew, which can proliferate fungal infections and attract other insects to the tree on which it feeds. The insects are known to weaken new growth and wound tree bark, weakening their hosts and leaving them vulnerable to other threats.

At ACLT, the arrival of SLF requires a new management strategy. We expect the insects to most heavily affect tree of heaven trees on ACLT property, as well as grape vines, maples, and black walnuts. The SLF's preference for fruit trees and other food crops may also mean that they will thrive on ACLT's farm



Pictured, SLF attacking a tree - Photo Credit: Bartlett Tree Experts

and in the food forest. Those who frequent the trails can help our containment efforts by squishing any SLF they see. On a larger scale, ACLT may consider management strategies such as removing egg masses in the fall and winter, spraying adult SLF with vinegar or neem oil, or treating tree of heaven trees with systemic herbicides harmful to the insects. [1] [2] The farm may consider netting trees and planting more native milkweed, which early research indicates may kill 60-80% of SLF that feed on it. A grapevine removal project has already been carried out to reduce SLF draw to the food forest.

Spotted lanternflies are unfortunately likely to stick around, at ACLT and elsewhere. ACLT's Land Manager, Autumn, says this highlights the importance of prevention in the invasive species realm, fighting against invasions before they begin. Going forward, the land management team will learn to manage this new threat, focusing on where it will have the greatest impact at ACLT. As with many invasive mitigation projects, we will rely on our community's support and attention to protect the land for generations to come.

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Fall & Winter Events at ACLT

By Miriam Gholl, Community Relations Manager

One of the best things about ACLT is its traditions, including yearly events. We ended 2025 with three of those events: the dinner and auction, the wreath sale, and the volunteer appreciation dinner. Below are some of the highlights of these events.

Annual Dinner & Auction:

The annual auction is the biggest event of the year in terms of attendance and fundraising. This year's event was exceptionally successful, bringing in over \$90,000 from donated experiences, local business sponsorships, and the paddle raise. Close to 200 ACLT supporters gathered at the pavilion at Jefferson Patterson Park and enjoyed a meal made completely from local food by Dream Weaver. The theme of the Auction was "Fresh from the Farm," and volunteer decorator Sue Dzurec used her magic to transform the pavilion once again. Twenty-four other volunteers worked hard to make the event special for all attendees.



Pictured, Top: Attendees mingle and enjoy drinks and appetizers while looking at all the experiences offered up for auction. Bottom: Friends gathered around a table, (L-R): Dan Boesz, Paul Dennett, Cheryl Place, and John Saunders.

Annual Wreath Sale:

The wreath sale was another success, exceeding previous years by raising over \$4,300. The annual sale would not be successful without the tremendous amount of work that is done beforehand – from harvesting invasive Oriental bittersweet vines for the wreath forms, to gathering fresh greens from ACLT lands, to making the wreaths. Read about the efforts here: <https://www.acltweb.org/post/aclt-wreaths-a-group-effort>. Staff and volunteers spent the three days following Thanksgiving making beautiful wreaths for the sale. We are fortunate to have incredibly talented and generous volunteers who contribute hand-crafted items to the sale in addition to the wreaths. This year, Melisa “Mel” Ricks, a new member of the Outreach & Membership Committee (O&MC), sold hand-made ceramic gnomes and fairies and contributed half the proceeds to ACLT (using the other half to cover supplies). Mel had also generously offered a two-day gnome-making workshop for the auction. Two other O&MC members, Beth and Ralph Nolletti, contributed hand-made items for the sale. Beth made oyster shell ornaments (some depicting the ACLT trail map) and Ralph used a piece of driftwood to create a blue heron’s head with a compass attached to the bottom to make an utterly unique wall decoration. Special thanks to volunteer Tom Dugan for building new A-frames on which to display the wreaths.



Greens-gathering crew: Ted Kowaluk, Jim Back, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Bob Field, Dale Hutchins, Tom Dugan, Clara Brill-Carlat, Rick Hilmer, Addy Dunbar, Marina Lowther, Addie Brown, and Jeanette Kaufmann.



Pictured, Left: Barbie Hudson shows off one of the many wreaths she made. (This was her 10th year making wreaths for ACLT!); Right: O&MC member Ralph Nolletti poses with his unique wall-hanging made from driftwood and other natural materials.



Pictured, Left: O&MC member Mel Ricks demonstrates a gnome-making technique to Holly Budd; Right: Oyster shell ornaments created by fellow O&MC member Beth Nolletti;

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

We say this all the time: ACLT would not be the success it is today without our numerous volunteers. On December 9th, we celebrated our volunteers with a dinner at the Sportsman’s Club, catered by Hardesty Haven. We also offered a small token of our appreciation – a calendar depicting scenes from all over ACLT’s lands. This year, we included a two-page “centerfold” collage of photos of volunteers working hard throughout the year. We are also offering the calendars as prizes for participants who completed the 12 Hikes in ’25 Challenge and are selling them for \$10 to the public. Please email info@acltweb.org to arrange to pick up a copy if you’d like to purchase one.



Pictured, Top Row: Angie Shields, Kevin Donahue, Jeffrey Lewis, Tod Ricks. Bottom Row: Tom Dugan, Dale Hutchins, and Mike Duffy



Pictured, L-R: Rick Hilmer, Maria Hilmer, Elaine Magdinec, Bonnie Carter, Shirley Knight, Bert Lane, and Carl Fleischhauer

144 Trees Planted on Goldstein Property

By Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Land Manager



Pictured, back row (L-R): Ron Wilson, Ken Romney, Kevin Donahue, Mike Duffy, Dale Hutchins, and Tom Dugan. Front row (L-R): Clara Brill-Carlat, Addy Dunbar, Angie Shields, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, and Addie Brown

In late November, ACLT staff and volunteers worked with the DNR Forest Service to plant 144 trees on the DNR-owned, ACLT-managed Goldstein property. The trees were planted in a small section of a large agricultural field in order to help absorb and slow the flow of stormwater that is causing significant erosion by the Horse Swamp Trail. The site was planted with a high diversity of native trees that have significant wildlife value such as red and white oaks, persimmon, cedar, hackberry, redbud, red chokeberry, northern bayberry, and black gum. With 9 amazing volunteers, 4 ACLT staff members, and 1 MD Forest Service staff member the planting was completed in about 5 hours. This planting was the second and largest phase of the three-phase planting effort. The first phase involved planting 30 trees in May of 2025, and the third phase is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2026. Earlier this year, the area between the trees was planted with native grass and wildflower seeds to provide additional wildlife habitat and stormwater management. The newly planted trees can be seen from the Horse Swamp Trail.

Thank You for Your Support

New Members

ACLT welcomes the following new members since the Fall 2025 newsletter:

Kim & Pamela Bettcher
Janet & John Benish
The Bhogte Family
Thomas Coffren & Family
Amy Everett
Wayne & Megan Gessford & Family
Adam Griggs & Katie Bain & Family
Megan Grogard
Irene & Stephen Guertin
Michelle Gutierrez
Stacy & Robert McCartney
Jenn Owens
Barbara Paluda & Family
Brandy Curtis Richard & Family
The Schuster Family
Wendy Todd
William Wells

Memorial Donations

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

In memory of Stan Benning:

Dan Boesz
Eliot Girsang
Susan & Michael Vecchione & Family

In memory of Dan Boesz:

Jerry Adams & Harriet Yaffe
Linda & Dwight Blankenbaker
Richard & Lynda Boesz
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In memory of Tina Boesz:

Sondra Pace

In memory of Joan Cunningham:

Dan Boesz
David & Helen Didion (year-end donation)

Carolyn Garney

Suzanne Olson-Cleveland

Harrison Wein

In memory of Dan Head:

Greg & Linda Locraft (year-end donation)

In memory of Padi Hollowell:

Dan Boesz

In memory of Chris Laning:

Dan Boesz

Memorial Donations (cont.)

In memory of Jim Lippold:

Dan Boesz

In memory of Denny Loew:

Barbara Benning

Dan Boesz

Senora Childers

In memory of Warren Kenneth Miller:

Barbara Miller

In memory of Carol Prince:

Dan Boesz

In memory of Brian Rowe:

Dan Boesz

In Honor of Donations

Thank you to the following who made an "in honor of" contribution since our last newsletter:

In honor of BL Johnston:

Nancy Smith

In honor of Peter & Randi Vogt:

Nancy Smith

In honor of Ben Schuster:

Elizabeth Schuster

Gift Memberships

Thank you to the following who donated a gift membership since our last newsletter:

Andy Berlett

Kim Bettcher

Dan Boesz

Elizabeth Bouchard

Stephen Guertin

Jeanette Kaufmann

Jen Ludlow

Patrick & Ginny Murphy

Cheryl Place

Joe & Joanne Steller

Melissa Wells

John & Cindy Yoe

Greg Bowen Memorial Fund

Melanie Biscoe

Penelope Bittinger

Dan Boesz

Christa Conant

Miriam Gholl

Donald Hammett

Jeanette Kaufmann & Rich Noonan

Carol Khalili

Melanie & Rob LaCount

Amelia Lowe

Penny Moran

Christopher Reynolds

Adam & Lauren Sampson

Mary Stuart Sierra

Fred Tutman

Fay Walton

Scott Weaver

Ann & James White

Sustaining Membership

Congratulations to those who have reached the level of Sustaining Membership:
Nancy Philipp

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2025 Year-End Donations

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Lindsay Alvey
Karen Anderson
Barbara Anderson
Frank & Christina Allen
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Caroline Arms
Helenmary & Julian Ball
Gregory Beck
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Truth Bible Church

2400 Solomons Island Rd South
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