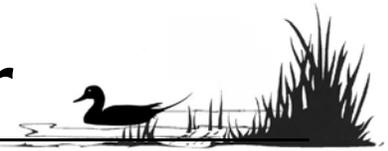


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FEBRUARY 19 – WINTER HIKE

MARCH 12 – VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

APRIL 23 – EARTH DAY

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Trikas Property Preserved

ACLT members were notified of their newest acquisition, the Trikas property, in October via *The Chestnut Post*, our interim communication of urgent or exciting news. The following pictures give you a “stroll” through this beautiful property, our second purchase directly on Parkers Creek. We now own 841 acres, bringing the total land owned, managed by ACLT, and under conservation easement within the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds to 3,023 acres! Congratulations to all our members, as it is through your memberships and gifts that this has been made possible.

The forest on this property is different than most other parcels we own, with a closed canopy of trees very little understory grows, making it possible to see and walk through the woods any time of year with a clear view beyond. The property is in a Forest Interior Dwelling (FID) Habitat area and by keeping it undisturbed will help to protect nesting sites for ground dwelling birds. It is also excellent habitat for amphibians and woodland mammals.

If you have ever canoed Parkers Creek, only your imagination can lead you beyond navigatable waters; seen here is the bubbling Parkers Creek at one of its narrowest points.

Peg Niland
Executive Director, ACLT





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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK ...

The year has come to a close, it is time to reflect on 2004 and think ahead to 2005. Among the highlights of 2004 was our highly successful annual meeting, featuring Richard Moe, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation as our keynote speaker. We expanded our outreach to the community through our participation in the Chesapeake Gateways Program and installed new colorful and informative interpretive signs on our northern trails through a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. ACLT purchased a key 28-acre tract of land on the north side of Parkers Creek in the middle of the watershed. The ACLT Board held a social function with the Board of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce as a step in building closer ties with the business community. The Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction was, by all accounts (including financially) the best ever. The ACLT staff planned, prepared and hosted a sit down "volunteer appreciation dinner" to recognize the countless volunteer hours that help make the ACLT a vital and vibrant organization. We are also sent a letter of concern to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding Dominion LNG's plans for a second gas pipeline to increase the transmission capacity from the Cove Point facility.

Personally, I was fortunate to be able to attend the Land Trust Alliance Rally in Providence, Rhode Island, in October. The land trust movement has had an extraordinary impact in preserving the landscape across America in the face of rapid development. The ACLT is one of about 1500 land trusts that are successfully conserving farmland, forests, coastal land and scenic vistas. According to Rand Wentworth, the President of the LTA, land trusts "represent the best of community spirit in America, bringing people together to protect some unique piece of land that, for them, helps define what makes their community unique." The conference was an excellent opportunity to meet many people involved in land conservation and participate in a variety of worksessions and seminars.

Looking ahead to 2005, the annual meeting will take place on February 5. Our featured speaker will be Rebecca Hanmer, Director of EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program. Ms. Hanmer has worked at EPA since its inception. Since assuming responsibility for the Bay program, she has overseen the implementation of the 100 plus commitments of the Chesapeake 2000 agreement (C2K). These commitments include the ambitious task of restoring drastically reducing nutrient and sediment loads to restore water quality to protect fish, underwater grasses and living resources. C2K also calls for the permanent protection of 20% of the land in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The meeting will provide an opportunity to learn the latest about the health of the Bay and the natural resources of the Bay's watershed.

I hope you will be able to join us at the annual meeting and volunteer throughout 2005 to help make it the most successful year ever. Among many other things, we will be planning for the ACLT's 20TH anniversary celebration, which will happen in 2006.

Ted Graham, President

AROUND ACLT

First Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night

Each and everyday volunteers show up to the ACLT office and all around our more than 3,000 managed acres, to carry out tasks that keep this organization moving forward. Bookkeeping, treasury duties, membership coordination, event planning, trail maintenance, gardening, mail delivery, small and large engine repair, barn and house repair, office technology, water quality monitoring, canoe guiding, the list goes on and on. People will often say to the ACLT staff, “You have such enormous jobs”! Indeed we do, but the amount of work that is lifted from our duties everyday by our knowledgeable volunteers is absolutely mind boggling. What continually amazes me is the depth and breadth of knowledge that each of them offers. Working with each of them is educational, rewarding and downright good fun.

In an attempt to honor and thank these volunteers, this year the staff decided to host it’s first annual ACLT Volunteer Appreciation Night at Double Oak Farm. Attendees wound their way back on Double Oak Road on the evening of November 5, 2004, greeted by pumpkins and white Christmas lights lighting the pathway to the door. Inside lit tea lights and white Christmas lights set an autumnal ambiance. Fifty-two volunteers attended the dinner prepared by the three ACLT staff members. It was an evening of homemade food, homemade gifts and a chance to tell each of them how much we truly appreciate all that they do for us, rain or shine, cold or hot, January through December, year in and year out. The evening started with appetizers, fresh vegetables and dip, cheese and crackers, and continued on with Golden Squash

Bisque Soup and Autumnal Butternut Squash Soup. The main course menu consisted of turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, fresh green beans, and creamed onions. Finally the evening was completed with apple and pumpkin pie. The tables were whimsically adorned with burlap-wrapped variegated ivy winding its way up tree branches topped with a brightly colored toy bird sitting in a crafted nest, handmade Tulip Poplar tea light holders and Yule logs and locally grown gourds.

Dedicated and selfless doesn’t begin to describe our feelings for our volunteers. I can only hope that our Volunteer Appreciation Night captured the essence of our fondness for each of them. As I said on the handmade bookmarks given to each of them, “On behalf of the water and the land – thank you for being an ACLT volunteer.”

Seaona Harrison-DeGennaro
Volunteer Coordinator

Annual Meeting—February 5, 2005

The American Chestnut Land Trust’s annual membership meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5 at the beautiful new Family Center at St. John Vianney Church, Prince, Frederick MD. Coffee and donuts will be served 9:30 a.m. in the foyer and the meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium. A delicious catered lunch will follow for only \$10.00.

We are pleased to announce that this year’s keynote speaker is Rebecca W. Hanmer, the Director of the US Environmental Protection Agency, Chesapeake Bay Program Office. Ms. Hanmer was named Director, Chesapeake Bay Program Office in April 2002. Ms. Hanmer’s former positions at EPA were Water Protection Division Director; DC Liaison; Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII (Denver); Acting Assistant Administrator for Water; Deputy AA for Water; Director, Office of Water Enforcement and Permits; Regional Administrator - Region IV (Atlanta); Deputy Regional Administrator - Region I (Boston); and Director, Office of Federal Activities.



Volunteer Spotlight

Steve Zimmerman

I grew up just north of the Double Oak Farm in Owings. My father was an avid hunter and fisherman, and brought my brother and I up to be the same way. Some of my fondest memories are hunting and fishing by myself or with a close friend. In the early fall, from October 5 until the time wrestling season started on November 15, my father would come pick me up outside school and we would rush over to Hall Creek wildlife management area in Dunkirk to get in a quick squirrel hunt before dark. The difference in how he raised my brother and I is that he instilled in us a sense of stewardship and respect for the environ-

ment. This was reinforced every time I was outside enjoying the magnificent bounties of mother Earth. Unfortunately, growing up in northern Calvert County, I witnessed the rapid, malicious annihilation that sprawl brought with it. I wanted to help preserve my hometown, but I was young and inexperienced, so I had no clue of where to start.

In mid-2003, I discovered the ACLT via their website. A pristine land trust right under my nose! I knew right then and there I needed to get involved somehow. I wrote them an email asking if they needed volunteers. Damon Hearne, the current land manager responded to my email and told me that I am more than welcome to help out. I was ecstatic. My first opportunity to volunteer for a land

trust! In December of that year, Ted Graham trained me to do water sampling. Doing water sampling for the ACLT provided a wonderful opportunity to walk beautiful trails, enjoy nature, and do work for a great organization.

I think volunteering is an excellent way to give back to a community, especially when one doesn't have the financial means to donate money. Volunteering to me can be very therapeutic. I found that no matter how "busy" I get I always try hard to take some time out of my schedule to volunteer somewhere. By volunteering, I get a break from the rat race and get to do something that can give me a sense of accomplishment and pride.

Annual Auction and Chili Cook-Off a Success!

The 2004 ACLT Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction was, once again, a raging success! Many thanks to the volunteers, donors, and ACLT staff for making this year's event one of the greatest. The annual event is a bright spot on our calendar, and this year, like others, it was a very successful fundraiser for ACLT. More importantly, we saw many new faces and were able to share the news about ACLT with lots of folks outside of our circle of friends.

The success was largely due to the work of a competent group of team leaders. Harriet Yaffe led a

team of stalwart volunteers who received the food that many of you generously prepared, arranged the chili judging, and cleared and tidied the food area and kitchen. Mary Blayney, Mimi Little, and Donna Wilson worked behind the scenes to make sure the donations and the sponsorships were received, and organized. Denise Breitburg and Mark Smith produced the auction brochure, lighting was provided by Jack Andrews, John Little helped with tents, and Seona, Peg, and Sammy worked tirelessly to make sure everything went smoothly. As usual, the Calvert Community Band was fantastic.

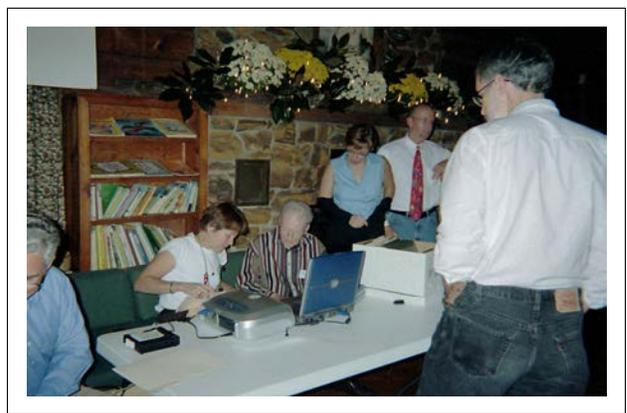
Jerry Adams took care of all the auction logistics and we all agree that this year's auction items were organized and displayed to their very best. If you were not able to attend, you did not have a chance to receive a catalogue listing the many donations that made our auction such a success and added to the great fun of the evening. Some items made you laugh - like Julie Nisonger's "A C El Tree" character, some tasted fantastic - like Charles Serpan's cookies, some were breathtaking - like Virginia O'Neill's handmade shell lamp, and some even made you want to pack for a winter get-

away - like the Griffin's week-long use of their beach house in the Bahamas and the Boesz/Kollmorgen home in Hawaii. You can view the list of auction items and their generous donors on our website at <http://actweb.org/events/fundraiser/rptauction.cfm>.

With the weather cooperating, and everyone in a festive mood, a good time was had by all. It would not have been possible without the many volunteers, or without all the generous contributions from our members and friends! Thanks to you all! See you next year!

Marie Bundy, Chair
2004 Chili Cook-off and Auction

2004 Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction



ACLT CALENDAR OF EVENTS — 2005

Saturday, February 5 - ACLT Annual Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m., St. John Vianney Church, Prince Frederick, MD.

Saturday, February 19 - Winter Hike - Join us for a brisk morning winter hike where we will get a chance to learn about winter tree identification.

Saturday, March 12 - Volunteer Work Day - Become part of the ACLT volunteer team! We will work on various projects around the ACLT properties from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Barbecue at 12 noon.

Saturday, April 23 - Earth Day - Volunteer crews will be working along roadsides and on selected sites. This is a fabulous chance to meet neighbors and improve the Calvert County community. You will be rewarded with a picnic at the end of the day's activities. Come join us!

Saturday, May 7 - Turkey Trail Day - Join us as we repair and maintain the ACLT's interpretive trail on the North Side.

Saturday, September 10 - Holly Arboretum Day - Join the Holly Arboretum Volunteer Crew at the bucolic Warrior's Rest as they prune and maintain these historic trees.

Saturday, October 8 - 10TH Annual Chili Cook-Off, Silent Auction & Dance - Enter your best chili recipe, bid at the auction, catch up with other ACLT members and enjoy the evening!

Saturday, October 22 - Ward Barn Day - Interested in historic tobacco barns? Join us as we repair the Ward Tobacco Barn. Volunteers with carpentry skills needed!

Saturday, October 29 - Tales for a Haunted Trail at Annmarie Garden - Put on your Halloween costumes and bring the whole family for a walk through the garden trail lined with fun booths and loads of free candy. If you are interested in manning our booth, handing out candy and catching the Halloween spirit, give Seaona a call!

Saturday, November 11 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - The ACLT staff hosts this incredible evening with delicious food and handmade items to honor and thank our dedicated and faithful volunteers.

Saturday, December 10 - Greens Sale and Hayride - Fresh cut evergreens for holiday decorations, drink hot cider and take a hayride to the beach. A wonderful chance to meet and reconnect with people right before the holiday season

Canoe Trips*:

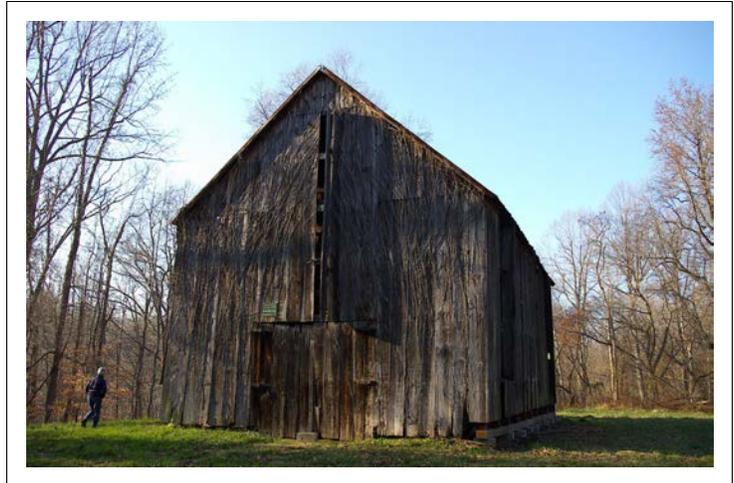
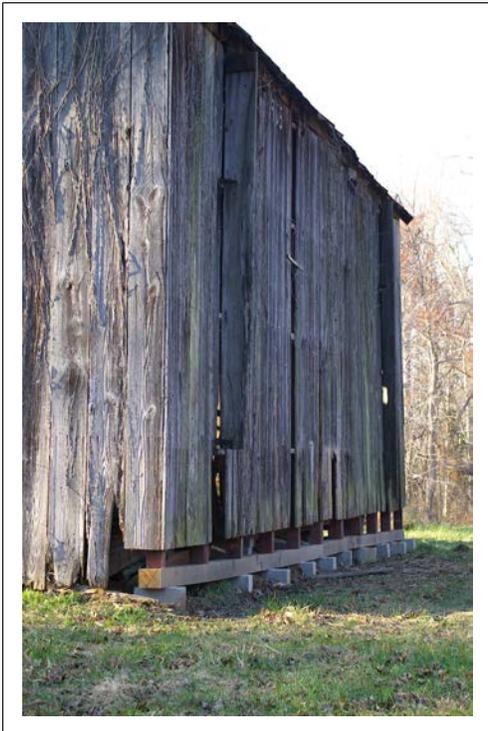
- Saturday, April 30th - First Canoe Trip (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 21st - Spring Canoe Trip (12 noon - 3 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 18th - Father's Day Float (10 am - 1 p.m.)
- Saturday, July 9th - Sunset Canoe Trip (5 pm - 8 p.m.)
- Saturday, August 13th - Summer Canoe Trip (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
- Saturday, September 17th - Harvest Moon Canoe Trip (6 p.m. - 9 p.m.)

*Please call the ACLT office at 410-586-1570 or e-mail us at info@actweb.org to register. Canoe trips are physically strenuous, requiring paddling for three hours (frequently against wind and tides), and may require participants to help carry a canoe for up to one-quarter mile over sand to access the creek.

Note: Event dates may change. Check our website at <http://actweb.org> and future newsletters or call the office to confirm dates, times and locations. Depart from Warrior's Rest and enjoy a scenic tour of Parkers Creek. **Reservations are required.**

Raising the Percy Howard Barn

On Sunday October 17th there was a barn raising of a different sort at the Percy Howard barn. A group of volunteers (mostly Double Oak Hunt Club members) came together to repair the sagging walls of the barn. Over the years the sill that supports the walls had rotted out causing the walls to sag. In some spots the sagging created a gap of nearly twelve inches between the top of the wall and the lower portion of the roof. The volunteers manned jacks to lift the wall back into place. Working with a chainsaw they then cut off the lower rotted portion of the wall. A new sill cut from oak was set on existing concrete pads and new concrete blocks. The volunteers then cut new sections of stud and added other supporting members. This repair returned the wall to a plumb position and closed the gap at the top of the wall. A similar repair is planned for the opposite wall this winter.



From the 1890's to the 1930's John Percy Howard and his family lived in a farm on the west side of what is now Scientists Cliffs Road. The two fields at the ACLT southern trailhead mark the southern end of the farm. The house is gone but the tobacco barn and one outbuilding still stand. Even though the Howard family moved off the land in the 1930's, the barn remained in use until recent years. Woodrow Wallace and his family grew tobacco in the fields at the ACLT trailhead and crops from these fields were hung to cure in the Percy Howard barn. The Wallace family continued to farm tobacco and use the barn until the late 1990's. Today the barn houses a disassembled tobacco press donated to ACLT last summer by a farmer in Upper Marlboro.

Visitors to the ACLT trails can see the barn on a spur off of the Swamp Trail. Although work continues to stabilize the barn, visitors are asked not to enter the building. Another workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th and volunteers that don't mind the cold are encouraged to join us in our efforts to repair this historic building.



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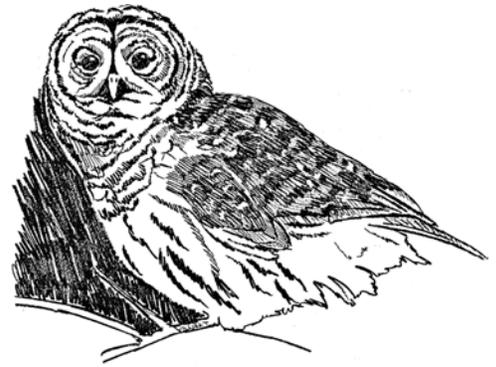
Who's Hooting?

Frequently in the evenings or at night I will go out into my backyard at Warrior's Rest and just sit and listen. Sitting still I can close my eyes and listen to the different sounds in the watershed. I can hear the dull base rumble of a boat out in the Bay or the occasional car on Scientists Cliffs Road. I tune these out in favor of the more natural sounds around me. A cacophony of spring peepers greets my ears in early spring. That background sound fades and is replaced by the chirp of crickets followed by the insistent whir of cicadas as summer progresses. Still I strain my ears to catch the other sounds around me. My efforts are usually rewarded. Off to my right and behind the barns, I hear a sound like a horse's whinny. I answer back with a trilling whistle of my own. Soon I can distinguish more than one caller. My luck is with me this evening; I have managed to engage at least two eastern screech owls in conversation.

Calling owls is one of my favorite outdoor activities and of the local species I like the screech owl best. The eastern screech owl (*Otus asio*) is the smallest common owl species found around Parkers Creek. Standing 8-9 inches from head to tail they have a wing-span of nearly two feet making them look very stocky in flight. Screech owls have two color varieties a reddish-brown color and a grey color. Their coloring helps them to blend in with the trees that they perch on. When hiding from a predator

or in this case me, they will tighten up their feathers and stretch themselves to look like a branch stub. Screech owls are most active in the first four hours after sunset. They hunt in open woodlands and along the edges of open fields and wetlands. They feed on mice, small snakes and frogs and occasionally each other. The call of a screech owl is a trilling whistle (the u.f.o. sound) or a sound similar to a horse's whinny. Their territories are relatively small and many overlap allowing a caller to bring several birds in at once.

Probably the most often seen of our local owls is the barred owl (*Strix varia*). Much larger than the screech owl the barred owl is 16-25 inches tall with a 3-4 foot wing-span. An opportunistic hunter, barred owls are often active during the day. I have often seen a barred owl flying over the road in the area around Double Oak Road and Double Oak Lane. Barred owls feed on mice, rats, opossum and other small mammals. They are also attracted to lights and campfires where they will feed on large insects. Barred owls may be the most vocal of our local owl species. Their distinctive call sounds out "who cooks for you, who cooks for you all." Mates will communicate with each other and several will call out in a group called a "hootenanny." A hootenanny will start out with one bird calling. The call is picked up by another bird and then another. Soon the over-



lapping calls sound like a group of howler monkeys in the forest. A hootenanny is a real treat to experience as long as it isn't at 2 a.m.

The largest of the owl species found around Parkers Creek is the great horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*). Named for the feather tufts on its' head, a great horned owl stands 18-25 inches tall with a 3-5 foot wing-span. Great horned owls feed on a large variety of animals including rodents, squirrels, skunks and raccoons. They may take prey 2-3 times heavier than themselves. Great horned owls will also feed on other smaller owls. The call of a great horned owl is the classic hoot, sounding "hoo-hoo."

Owl calling doesn't require that you live in a place like Warrior's Rest or Double Oak Farm. Owls have adapted to live in a wide variety of places, from forest interiors to city parks and local backyards. All you really need is patience and good hearing. My first owl callings were done with a recording from *Birding by Ear*. You can use this as a guide and learn to mimic the calls by voice (my screech owl is passable but my barred owl is atrocious). Another way to call owls is by the use of an owl call device. An "eight hooter"

is useful for calling barred owls and wild turkey. Much like calling by voice the use of a call requires practice. Owl calling is best done on a clear moonlit night with no wind. A few words of caution for calling owls. Please do not call owls during their nesting season; January-February for great horned owls, spring and early summer for screech and barred owls. Calling during the nesting season can disturb birds that should be on their nests and can disrupt their nesting cycle. Another important caution, owls are territorial and may attack a caller. I have had more than one owl swoop down over my head and their sharp talons can deliver a serious cut. Never shine a flashlight at an owl. Their eyes are adapted for seeing at night and a sudden bright light could cause damage. One final note on calling owls, call them from the smallest to the largest species. Larger owls prey on smaller ones. If you call the largest one first it will stay in the area and may attack the smaller birds when they come in.

Over the last few years I have enjoyed learning that I am not alone in the dark of the night. My evening walks and quiet time have become a more enjoyable experience having learned to identify my fellow companions. This comfort and joy has been enhanced having learned who is hooting.

Sammy Zambon
Land Manager

Private Land Conservation in U.S. Soars, Reports the Land Trust Alliance

There are now 53 land trusts in the state of Maryland and together we have protected 200,243 acres. Every county in the state has at least one land trust; Calvert County having four: American Chestnut Land Trust, Calvert Farmland Trust, Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust, and Southern Calvert Land Trust. In addition, The Battle Creek Nature Education Society has also protected land surrounding the Battle Creek Nature Center. National organizations such as The Nature Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land have been very active in the county as well as throughout the state.

Thousands of quiet success stories lie behind the 1500 land trusts across America that are successfully conserving farmland, forests, coastal land and scenic vistas. These nonprofit groups have doubled the acreage protected just five years ago and are now protecting more than 800,000 new acres each year. The nation's housing needs consume two million acres a year. Typically, land trusts either buy land outright or work out private, voluntary land agreements that limit future development.

The Land Trust Alliance, a national association representing land trusts since 1982, released its census of progress in November that was made over the last five years. The nation's local and regional land trusts have conserved over nine million acres as of December 31, 2003, doubling the acreage protected just five years ago and creating an

“everlasting legacy on the land,” according to the Land Trust Alliance's President Rand Wentworth. Indicating their growing popularity at the local level, new land trusts are being formed at the rate of two per week, with the fastest-growing region being the West.

Said Wentworth, “The mission of land trusts is not just to save land, but to protect the traditional lifestyles of a community, a way of life that remains connected to that land. This can mean saving the family farm, setting up a community garden or urban park, ensuring the sustainability of a Southeastern forest, or conserving rangeland in the American West.”

He attributes the success of land trusts to their grassroots nature and their entrepreneurial spirit. “These groups—many of them all volunteer—represent the best of community spirit in America, bringing people together to protect some unique piece of land that, for them, helps define what makes their community unique.” Wentworth stressed that land trusts work solely through voluntary private transactions, often fulfilling a landowner's wish to keep their land as it is for their children and future generations.

Despite this progress, Wentworth and his land trust colleagues cite cause for alarm. “The current rate of development essentially means that we have at most 20 years to protect our most cherished landscapes before they are lost forever,” said Wentworth. “Private

land trusts are our last best hope, particularly now that deficits will severely limit the ability of the federal government to conserve new lands. Land trusts are vitally needed to do this work.” In Maryland, we have seen first hand the affects of our state deficit woes. Funding for the Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space has been redirected to the general budget. Program Open Space has been the funding source for the acquisition of the properties in the Parkers Creek Watershed including the following tracts: Goldstein, Warrior’s Rest (in part), Vlissades, Constantine, Ward, Somervell, and Turner. The Rural Legacy Program, no longer funded, protected the Axley Farm and the Dorsey and Goldstein tracts near the headwaters of Parkers Creek. The Land Trust Alliance’s Census identified several milestones:

- Local and regional land trusts have now protected 9,361,600 acres of natural areas, an area four times the size of Yellowstone National Park. This is double the 4.7 million acres protected as of 1998. Although this Census tallies data only from local and regional land trusts, national land trusts have protected an additional 25 million acres.
- A record 5 million acres were protected through voluntary land conservation agreements, more than triple the amount (1.4 million acres) protected just five years ago.
- A record 1,526 local and regional land trusts were in operation in 2003, a 26 percent in-

crease over the number (1213) that existed in 1998.

During the last five years, the land trust community has seen growth in many areas:

- California, Maine and Colorado led the nation in the amount of acreage protected by local and regional land trusts. Land trusts in the Northeast (ME, NH, MA, NY, CT, VT, RI) protected a total of 2.9 million acres.
- Percentage increase in land protected was highest in the Pacific and Southeast. In the Pacific (CA, NV, HI), protected lands jumped 147 percent to 1,521,007 acres, up from 614,796 acres protected as of 1998. In second place, the Southeast (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN) experienced a 123 percent increase in protected acreage—648,895 acres in 1998 compared to 291,413 acres five years earlier.
- The Southwest (AZ, CO, NM, OK, TX, UT) and Pacific regions saw the most rapid growth in the number of land trusts. Southwest region land trusts numbered 70 in 1998 versus 107 in 2003. Pacific land trusts grew from 127 to 189 over the same period.
- California now leads the nation in numbers of land trusts with 173, followed by Massachusetts, the birthplace of land trusts, with 154 nonprofit land conservation organizations. Connecticut is third with 125.



Land trusts protect different land types, with the most common ranked as: 1) habitat for plants or wildlife, 2) open space, 3) working farms or ranchlands, and 4) working forests. “The dramatic growth of land trusts and acres protected show that private conservation initiatives are successful at the local level. We are doubling the pace of conservation and we are doing it in a nonregulatory way that respects private property and is supported by local communities,” said the Land Trust Alliance’s Wentworth. “Land trusts are the vanguard of land conservation in the 21st Century.”

Additional information about the National Land Trust Census, along with a state-by-state summary of acreage protected, is available on the Land Trust Alliance Web site, www.lta.org.

Correction

In the Spring/Summer 2004 issue, “Contributions for Land Acquisition” should be corrected to:

Ms. Elsie Carper
 Mr. J. Dennis Murray &
 Mr. Brooke Kaine
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Vogt
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Zipser, in honor of
 Col. Caroline VanMason, USA (ret.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ...

New Members

ACLT would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since the Winter 2004 Newsletter:

Mr. & Mrs. John Bailey
Mr. & Mrs. John Burke
Mr. Carl Cioffi
Ms. Elizabeth Ann Cox
Mr. Curtis Crouse
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hildebrand
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Joseph
Mr. Gary Metcalf
Ms. Kim Arbuthnot &
Mr. Frederick Mowrer
Mr. Bobby Pearson
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Pfeleiderer
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Quesenberry
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Spicknall

Memorial Contributions

Thank you to the following members who made memorial contributions since our last newsletter:

Donation made in memory of Charter Member and longtime ACLT supporter, Dr. John Axley:
Col. Dan & Dr. Christine Boesz
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Dwan
Capt. & Mrs. Patrick Murphy USN (Ret)
Col. Caroline Van Mason USA (Ret)

Donations made in memory of Mrs. Jane Coffin, a strong supporter of the ACLT since 1987:

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