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COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR

December 2011

- 4 **ARBORETUM WORK DAY AT WARRIOR'S REST** (1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.)
- 10 **GREENS SALE & BEACH HAYRIDE** (11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.)

January 2012

- 28 **VINE VINDICATOR WORK DAY** (9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.)

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MAPP Project Update

As we reported in an earlier e-newsletter (*Watershed e-News*, August 2011)* the Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway (MAPP) project has been delayed but not abandoned. PEPCO announced that the projected in-service date for the project had been pushed back from 2015 to the 2019-2021 timeframe based on a report from the regional operator that oversees the electric grid for 13 states, including Maryland and the District of Columbia. PEPCO requested that the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) place on hold for one year their hearings to establish the overall need for construction of MAPP including the need to add a second 500 kV circuit to the existing right of way and construct a converter station in Calvert County. The PSC has agreed to this request. ACLT will continue as an interested party intervenor in that proceeding.

ACLT's main concern is the proposed location of the "Chestnut Converter Station" at the headwaters of one of the longest tributaries to Parkers Creek in Port Republic, Maryland (see map on page 7). As described by Richard Klein, principal of Community & Environmental Defense Services (CEDS) who serves as facilitator for a number of concerned organizations, including ACLT (see also, <http://ceds.org/mapp.html>):

The converter station buildings are massive. Each will cover 14- to 18-acres and measure 65- to 70-feet in height. To envision just how big the converter will be, consider that a Walmart Supercenter covers 2.5-acres and is about 40 feet high. So you could fit five to seven Walmart Supercenters in a single converter building. The Chestnut facility will have **two** converter stations. The switching yard is also massive covering 12 to 16 acres. Structures supporting incoming and outgoing transmission circuits are typically 80- to 160-feet tall.

The Chestnut Converter Station would, thus, require 70–82 acres and be located in an area zoned for farm and forest preservation. Large investments have been made by ACLT, the state of Maryland, and private landowners to permanently protect large contiguous areas in the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds to protect water quality and to safeguard the rural character. The Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, also an intervenor in the PSC proceedings, has stated that, "[t]he location of such a massive industrial facility in such close proximity to Route 4 would create a blight on the landscape and would be in violation of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan and the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance." It is difficult to envision how the facilities could possibly be screened from view. The proposed location of the Chestnut Converter Station adjoins the Star Spangled Banner Byway and is surrounded by numerous sites on the Maryland Historical Trust inventory that would be adversely affected. As Richard Klein notes, "Once in place these large

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From the President's Desk

Membership

ACLT's year-long celebration of its 25th anniversary is racing to a close. So far, it has been an exciting year with many successfully organized and sponsored events, fun activities on land and water, and great progress toward further securing our Land Management Endowment fund. But as you can imagine, many challenges remain.

I would like to bring one very important challenge to your attention today. I realize no one at ACLT has been shy in asking its members for financial support. We are all delighted and proud to say that our members have always been very generous in their response. As folks often say, "money is the mother's milk of politics". Running a small nonprofit organization similarly depends on adequate funds. Even more important, however, to an organization like ACLT is its membership. At the risk of using another metaphor, I would say that membership is the "lifeblood" of ACLT.

There is no doubt that membership has played an essential role in the financial viability of this organization. ACLT relies heavily every year on annual dues, regular appeals for support over and above the dues, and the modest revenues that come from adding new members.

As importantly, our membership is the major source of our work force for almost every activity we undertake. Member volunteers guide our canoe trips, maintain our trails, help staff events, manage our CSA, and much, much more. One could hardly argue with the quality of our current volunteers and the productive and rewarding relationship that exists between them and ACLT.

However, a challenge that remains is our ability to aggressively grow our membership base. There are some obvious reasons to do this such as not wanting to burn out our current hard-working member volunteers. Another is that the more members we have, the broader our financial base is likely to be. Both rationales are quite compelling on their face.

Nevertheless, I would like to emphasize a third rationale that sometimes gets overlooked—the need to grow our membership base simply to fulfill a fundamental tenet of our mission "...connecting people with the land". Our long-term survival and success must be seen in terms of our ability to build an ever-growing community in which we assist its members:

- in learning about and appreciating the natural treasures of Calvert County and this region;
- in providing them personal opportunities to step out of the hustle and bustle of everyday life and into the calm and beauty of floating up a creek with a paddle or the sight of trees that have fallen in the woods;
- in being part of a community that finds strength in their numbers and volume in their voice on behalf of the environment when threatened by hostile interests.

ACLT's staff, Board and volunteers have worked hard and have made substantial progress in recruiting new members and we will redouble these efforts going forward, but I am writing to ask you to consider investing again in ACLT's future, not with your money this time, but with your voice—a voice

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Around ACLT

Introducing Steven Gaines

ACLT has a new full-time Land Manager. In 2000, Steven Gaines earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from the University of Vermont. Since that time, he has accumulated over ten years of hands-on natural resource management experience. Immediately after college he held forestry positions in Vermont, the Adirondacks and Idaho and did a Biological Woodsman Apprenticeship with the Healing Harvest Forest Foundation in Virginia, which specializes in removal of timber by means of animal power (draft horses).



Since 2005, Steven has owned his own forestry consulting business in Lexington, Virginia and has been providing forest stewardship consultation, planning and management services to private forest landowners. Many of his clients have been landowners who have substantial acreage under easement with management objectives ranging from prescribed fire, invasive species control, orchard establishment and maintenance, wildlife habitat

enhancement and creation, timber stand improvement, and trail construction. In 2009, while continuing his forestry consulting business, he began putting himself through graduate school and expects to earn his Master of Science degree in Forestry from Virginia Tech in December of this year. He is currently completing his thesis on the feasibility of controlling *Ailanthus altissima* (commonly known as “tree of heaven” or “paradise tree”) in Southwestern Virginia.

Steven has a strong interest in sustainable land management and in teaching natural resource management in a hands-on environment. He recognizes the importance of public education in providing for the continued existence of protected land tracts such as ACLT’s. During the interview process he noted that providing the public with hands-on natural resource management training places them in “an informed position so as to educate others, allowing some of the concepts of land stewardship to spread.” That’s what we call “connecting people with the land!”

The ACLT board, staff and volunteers welcomed Steven at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Friday, October 21st. Please introduce yourself the next time you see Steven out on the land.

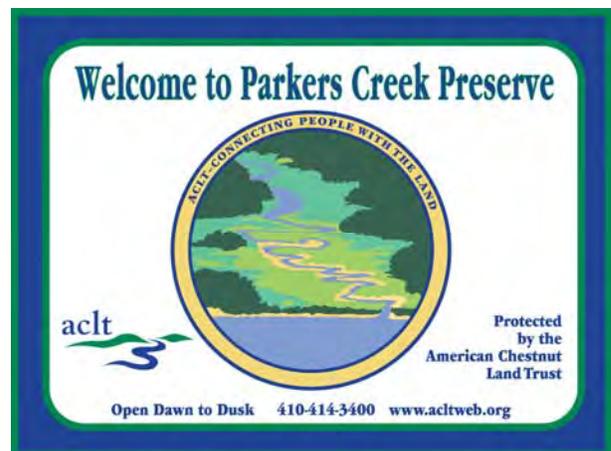
Karen H. Edgecombe
Executive Director

New South Side Trailhead Entrance Sign

ACLT was awarded funding from the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium (SMHAC) and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) to have a new entrance sign made for ACLT’s South Side Trailhead identical to the one that was installed this past summer at the North Side Trailhead. The new sign (shown here) welcomes visitors to the Parkers Creek Preserve, protected by the American Chestnut Land Trust.

The design of the new sign was inspired by a tile created by Parran Collery, owner of Eartha Handmade Tiles for ACLT in 2009, which was inspired by an aerial photograph of Parkers Creek taken by Alan Eckert for The Nature Conservancy. Parran’s design was then developed by ACLT board member and artist Suzanne Shelden into a computer-generated graphic that was provided to Brian Treece, owner of Banana Banner, Inc. and an ACLT member. Banana Banner hand-painted and produced the final sign. It truly takes a village to support ACLT’s preservation mission and we are grateful for all of the creative

and talented people who make up that village and for the grant support of SMHAC and MHAA.



This sign design (identical to the sign at the North Side trails) is to be installed at the South Side trailhead in Port Republic.

Volunteer Spotlight Steve and Steven Stanford

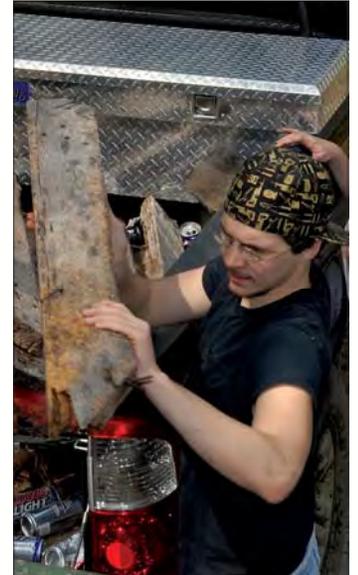
We all know that when bad guys in the form of the Green Goblin or Lex Luthor are on the loose, you might look for Spiderman or Superman to save the day. Or if there's a ghost lurking in your basement—you'll be sure to call the Ghostbusters. These are facts. But what do you do when real life strikes (which it's bound to do)? What you probably don't know is that when there's work to be done at ACLT, a couple of our superheroes come in the form of a father/son team—Steve and Steven Stanford.

Mother Nature provided a good match in August with the onset of Hurricane Irene, but it still wasn't enough to dissuade this dynamic duo from conquering the tasks at hand. In the days leading up to the storm, the Stanfords showed up to clear out the ACLT office gutters of leaves and debris. After the storm ravaged the county on that infamous Saturday, we had a crew of guys show up on Sunday morning, including Steve and Steven, with chainsaws in hand, making their way through the downed trees on Double Oak Road.

On Monday afternoon, the Stanfords were back again. They cleared a couple trees from our driveway, one of which was blocking the road completely and preventing staff and visitors from getting to the parking areas. On Tuesday, guess what, they came back. This time, Steve and Steven finished cutting up a downed tree in the backyard, raked all the debris and fallen limbs, and cleared out the gutters one more time. And this is just one example of many of their dedication to ACLT and seeing a job through from start to finish.

Steve Stanford, the father of the duo, grew up in Rimersburg, PA, but has been a part of the Calvert County community for about 20 years when he moved to Prince Frederick where he lives with his wife, Danna and son, Steven. Steve currently works for Division 2 Excavation in Bethesda, MD. He enjoys hunting, crabbing, riding motorcycles, and helping with community maintenance. Steve was introduced to ACLT in 2000, through Peg Niland, the former Executive Director. He joined the Double Oak Hunt Club (now named the Parkers Creek Conservation Society) to pursue his love of hunting and stewardship.

The younger Steven has grown up in Calvert County and graduated from Huntingtown High School. He also enjoys hunting and assisting with



Top Left

Steve Stanford hauls bags of trash out of an old dump site on ACLT's 2006 Earth Day Clean Up. Photo by Bruce Armstrong.

Top Right

Steven Stanford helps to throw debris picked up on the trails into a large dumpster. Earth Day 2008.

Lower Photo

From left to right, Steven Stanford, Steve Stanford, Leon Myers, Danna Stanford, and Chris Mlinaric stand with their first completed memorial bench installation on Earth Day 2009. This memorial bench was dedicated in memory of Bill Haile (wife Joy is seated) on the south side trails in Port Republic.

community maintenance as well as playing his guitar, listening to music and watching sports. His dad introduced him to the ACLT and he joined the hunt club as a junior hunter in 2005. In 2009, Steven became a full member, but has always been a dependable volunteer from the beginning.

Not only are the Stanfords experts at clearing trees and general maintenance, their favorite activity is trail maintenance. Every year, you'll find them volunteering on Hiking Trail Maintenance Day and Earth Day as well as contributing time to the trails throughout the year. On ACLT's Earth Day cleanup in 2009, Steve, Danna, and Steven Stanford joined a crew with fellow hunt club members Leon Myers and Chris Mlinaric to install a memorial bench in memory of ACLT member Bill Haile. Bill's wife Joy Bartholomew came out to spend time with the crew which made the whole project that much more special and memorable for the Stanfords. The following year, on Earth Day, they volunteered to install a second memorial bench on the North Side trails.

If you've visited the south side trailhead in Port Republic recently then you've enjoyed the newly updated parking area thanks to the Stanfords - a much needed improvement and a job well done! When asked why volunteering is important to them, they shared that "it's always important to help someone or an organization to make a difference and promote good." We agree!

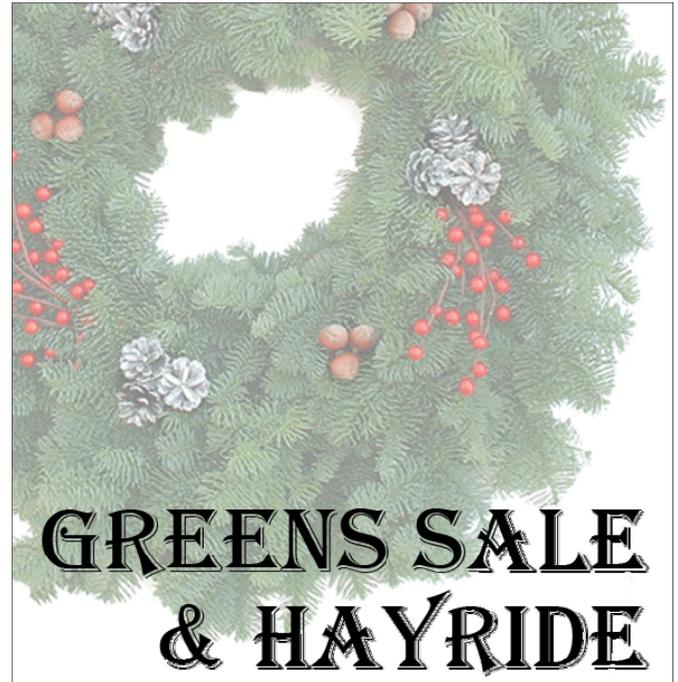
To Steve and Steven - THANK YOU for being ACLT's real life superheroes and for your dedication to making our community a better place through your stewardship of the land!

Joy Woppert
Community Relations Coordinator



Please remember that ACLT is now a member of the workplace-giving federation Earth-

Share Mid-Atlantic. ACLT is enrolled in the Combined Federal Campaigns for the National Capital, Chesapeake Bay, Western Maryland, St. Mary's, Potomac, and Shenandoah Valley Areas. **ACLT's Combined Federal Campaign number is #53731.** ACLT also participates in the **Maryland Charity Campaign** and our MCC number is **#1549.**



Saturday, December 10, 2011
11a.m. - 2p.m.

Purchase swags, wreaths, and garlands for holiday decorating to benefit Warrior's Rest Sanctuary.

ACLT logo merchandise also available for purchase to benefit the ACLT. Great gifts for friends, family, and co-workers!

**Greens Sale & Hayride located at
WARRIOR'S REST SANCTUARY
1920 Scientists Cliffs Road,
Port Republic, MD 20676**

Don't forget to record your volunteer hours online by going to <http://acltweb.org/Administration/volunteer/index.cfm>.

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industrial complexes may provide the change in character required to justify rezoning adjoining properties from agricultural to industrial, manufacturing or other intense, incompatible uses.”

Status of Permits & Other Required Approvals

ACLT and Calvert County also submitted comments at the scoping meeting for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be prepared by the US Department of Energy. The draft EIS was originally anticipated in the September to December 2011 time frame, however, the MAPP EIS is also temporarily on hold while it is determined whether federal funding for the federal loan guarantees that triggered the EIS will still be available for the MAPP project.

The other critical approval necessary for MAPP to proceed is the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Nontidal Wetland Permit. A letter announcing issuance of Phase I of this permit, including crossing the Potomac River and Charles County, was issued by MDE on September 9, 2011 despite the fact that MDE is “currently evaluating the effect of Pepco’s recent announcement that PJM has delayed the in-service date” of the MAPP project. Impacts to state-regulated tidal and nontidal wetlands require PEPCO to pay fees of \$7,500 per acre for 118+ acres of permanently impacted wetlands to MDE. PEPCO’s application for Phase II of the Nontidal Wetland Permit, including crossing the Patuxent River, Calvert County, the Chesapeake Bay, Dorchester and Wicomico Counties, has not yet been deemed complete by MDE. Once the application for the Phase II permit is determined to be complete, MDE will announce the opportunity to request public hearings.

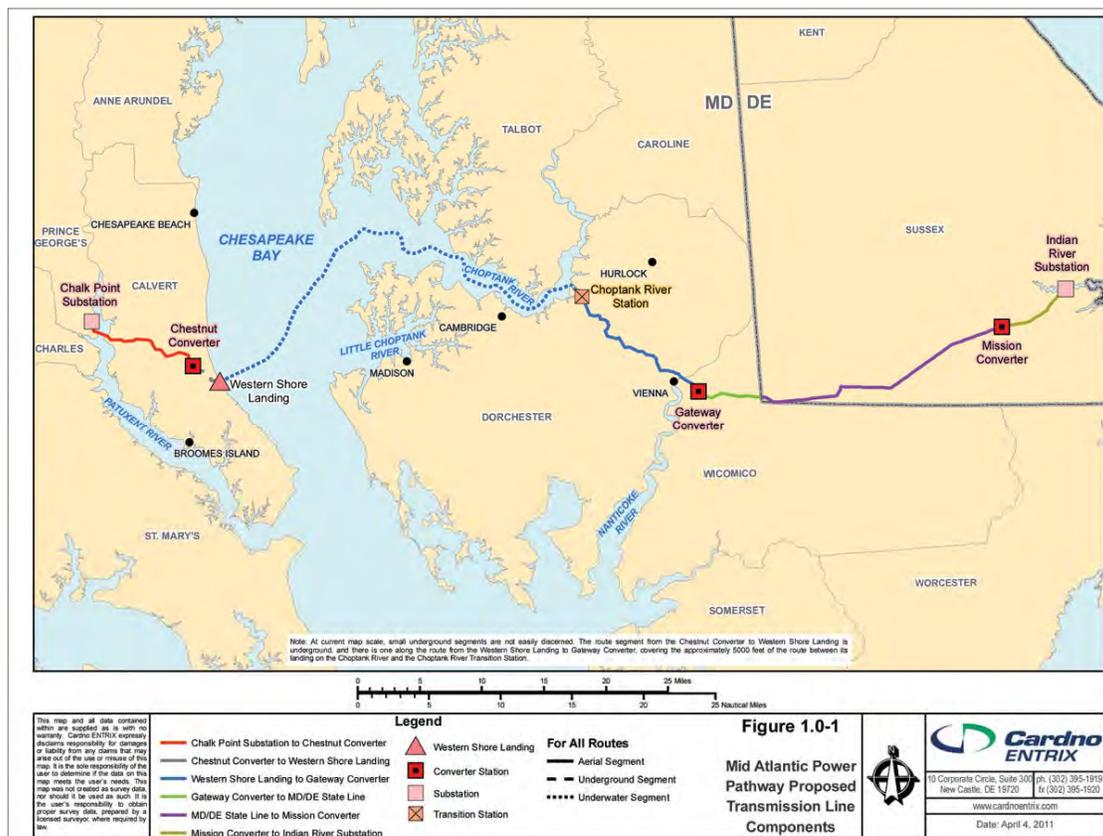
ACLT’s Ongoing Efforts

Just prior to PEPCO’s announcement that it was filing a request for a temporary delay in the PSC proceeding, ACLT was approached by a third party who had, in turn, been approached by PEPCO to assist them in locating alternative sites for the Chestnut Converter Station. As

ACLT advised this individual, we stand ready to work toward environmentally acceptable alternatives to supply clear future energy transmission needs. ACLT has requested a rescheduling of the meeting with PEPCO to continue to explore alternative sites for the converter station.

As Bonnie Bick, recipient of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation’s Maryland Conservationist of the Year Award for 2010, stated on the occasion of her award, “We are all working so hard to save the Bay, even as one of its best spawning and nursery grounds is being systematically dismantled by poor land-use decisions. We just can’t succeed in saving the Bay if we let its best tributaries slip away.” ACLT will continue our best efforts to ensure that the Parkers Creek and Governors Run tributaries do not slip away because of poor land use decisions. We appreciate the many ACLT members and supporters who have contributed their voices and efforts to continuing to monitor this and other threats to protection of two of the most pristine watersheds on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake Bay for the benefit of this and future generations.

Karen H. Edgcombe
Executive Director



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that is willing to share with neighbors, friends, families, educational institutions, places of worship, businesses, etc. the mission and success of ACLT and the values of being a member. We are asking you not to be shy in talking up the positive impact this organization has had on Calvert County over the last twenty-five years and the value and pleasure it could bring to each of them in the future.

All new marketing techniques rely heavily on peer-to-peer endorsements. Your personal validation of the work of ACLT will close a deal with a new member faster than a fancy brochure or a paid advertisement that one may never receive or see.

All of us in the ACLT community know we have a lot to offer and we appreciate its members as the lifeblood of the organization. In that spirit, we would like to ask each of you to use your voice to recruit at least one new member in the year ahead and help us make another investment in assuring ACLT's future.

Thank you,
Pat Griffin, President
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P.S. Please feel free to contact me directly or the ACLT office with questions or ideas you might have about helping us to grow our membership base and connect more people with the land.



Recent Happenings

On September 10th, **Double Oak Farm's CSA** shareholders, garden volunteers, ACLT Board of Directors and staff gathered at the office to share a potluck dinner of entrees and desserts made from locally grown foods. An incredible spread including watermelon soup, Swiss chard gratin, baba ganoush, corn pesto with pasta, tomato and mozzarella salad, strawberry pie and much, much more were on the menu for the evening. We even got to celebrate Farm Manager Jeff Klapper's birthday!

ACLT's annual **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** on October 21st is one of the staff's favorite events of the year! About 60 volunteers showed up to enjoy a relaxing evening of dinner and fellowship. Dinner was catered by Dream Weaver in Prince Frederick and staff provided the delicious desserts. Thank you to all our volunteers who make ACLT's programs possible throughout the year! We couldn't do it without you!



Above:

It was a picture-perfect fall day on October 22nd when the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners joined members of the ACLT Board of Directors, staff, and guides for a **canoe trip on Parkers Creek**.

Left:

Cleanup from Hurricane Irene has been a slow process and we'd like to thank Boy Scout Troop 903 for recruiting 27 volunteers to contribute 108 hours of service to clean up Parkers Creek and the surrounding beach areas. Thank you!

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Land Manager's Corner

Building Consensus for a Sustainable Future

In the Winter 2010 edition of the Watershed Observer I wrote an article about Adaptive Conservation Management, a subject that land trusts all over the United States are starting to look at in light of climate change and sea level rise. The article received both praise and criticism, and set me on the road to looking at long-term sustainability practices and a Master's degree program. ACLT has been at the forefront of environmental innovation since its beginnings 25 years ago. I believe that ACLT is evolving, as we all must, in our thinking and practices to meet the challenges of the future.

The Land Trust Alliance has had several webinars (online workshops) and several articles in the *Saving Land* magazine ("cli-mate change" by Iona Conner, summer 2008 and "The Next Frontier: Conservation and Renewable Energy" by Paul Doscher, spring 2010) to help land trust staff with adaptive conservation planning and development of climate change education for its members. Land Trust members are often people who, in general, look at preservation and conservation through a lens toward the future. Protecting properties "in perpetuity" through land purchases and conservation easements, is as long term as you can get. Rather than just open space, scenic views, recreational lands, and wildlife habitat, preserved lands become more in the light of too much carbon in the atmosphere. Preserved land with diversified forests, wetlands, and marshes become buffers from floods and droughts. The forests and grasslands become places where carbon is sequestered. In contiguous tracts, such as ours, the lands become areas for plants and wildlife to retreat into, as their former habitat changes, becoming intolerable to their specific ecological needs.

According to a study conducted by the Yale Project on Climate Change and the George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication "*Global Warming's Six Americas 2009: an Audience Segmentation Analysis*" 51% of Americans are alarmed or concerned about global warming; 7% are dismissive of it and the other 3 groups have varying degrees of cautiousness, disinterest or disengagement about the subject. If we polled ACLT members, I am sure that we, as a diverse group, would have members in each of these camps. However, as a forward-thinking group, ACLT membership is interested in the environment for the long term and we should begin to take seriously planning for the future.

There is agreement amongst most scientists and good modeling which is now available that shows that climate change is inevitable. Much of the Chesapeake Bay will be affected, many areas will flood and there will be changes in the salinity of the water. Both winter and summer storm event severity will increase. ACLT is at a crossroads and we should act now to make positive choices that will reflect on the quality of the lives of future generations and of the biological species living in the Parkers Creek and Governor Run watersheds.

The effects of too much carbon in the atmosphere, now, will last for hundreds to thousands of years but there is much that we, each individual, and our organization, can do to mitigate the worst outcomes. The things that we are already starting to do such as using CFL bulbs, setting our thermostats differently and eating local foods help cut down on adding more carbon to the saturated system, and they save us money.

ACLT has taken some steps already by starting the CSA farm. Eating locally reduces the carbon footprint by reducing how far we transport our food. With the methods that Jeff Klapper uses to grow the food—by not using chemical fertilizers and pesticides which are highly dependent on petroleum products to manufacture them—we reduce atmospheric carbon further. We have also converted some of our mowed trails to mulch, a by-product of our invasive control program. Although mulch does break down and release carbon, it is at a much slower rate than burning or using the gas-powered lawn mowers weekly to cut the grass back.

Another thing that ACLT can do is to look at ways to shift to renewable energy. Taren Evans, our farm intern and Chesapeake Conservation Corps volunteer, will be doing research on this for ACLT this winter. In Vermont and Connecticut many landowners lease solar panels and



Goddard College SBC Students check out Yestermorrow's solar panels. Photo by Heron's Eye Communications.

reap the benefits. I saw this in action when I visited the Yestermorrow – Design/Build School in Waitsfield, Vermont <http://www.yestermorrow.org/>. Also, in remodeling ACLT's farmhouse/office we can look at maximizing its insulation and installing new efficient windows. The expense is immediate, but the long-term benefits are not only to us but to the biosphere. Plus, our annual heating and air conditioning costs will be lower.

As an organization that prides itself in being an example of good stewardship practices, ACLT could be a site where people can learn about using carbon-reduced and carbon-free practices. ACLT has been effective in protecting a Parkers Creek tributary for a few more years by getting involved and petitioning to intervene in proceedings on PEPCO's MAPP project. ACLT's members may want to consider being a further voice to move our representatives forward to "a post-carbon era" as Jeremy Rifkin describes it in his book *The Third Industrial Revolution* (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeremy-rifkin/the-third-industrial-revolution-b_964049.html).

Featured recently on the Diane Rehm show, WAMU, Jeremy Ripkin stated that "the EU [European Union] is committed to 20 percent renewable energy by 2020. That's a mandate. Every one of the 27 states has to fulfill that. That's a third of the electricity of Europe has to be green by 2020." Germany has already met this goal. <http://thedianerehmshow.org/shows/2011-09-27/jeremy-rifkin-third-industrial-revolution/transcript>. America is lagging behind, but does not need to be; our representatives need to hear this from us.

Another point that Rifkin makes is that the two biggest contributors to atmospheric carbon, after use of oil and gas for producing energy, are beef cattle (2nd) and transportation (3rd). This is something every individual can work on. Eat less red meat, which is even healthier for you; Meatless Mondays are a start. Be conscientious of your gasoline consumption: drive less, combine trips, be aware of how much you idle your car when dropping off and picking up family members. All of these little individual practices will add up to a better outcome in the future. They can empower us. We are at the crossroads. We can evolve as individuals, as an organization, and as a nation. We can follow our mission to: *protect the natural and cultural resources of the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds for the benefit of this and future generations.*

Liz Stoffel
Land Manager

ACLT Calendar of Events 2012

January

28 Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

February

18 Winter Hike at Double Oak Farm (1:30 - 3:30 p.m.)

18 Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

March

10 Annual Membership Meeting (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

31 Hiking Trail Maintenance Day (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

April

21 Earth Day (8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

28 Spring Guided Hike on Gravatt East (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

28 Children's Guided Hike (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

May

19 Guided Canoe Trip (1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) (*Sunday Rain Date*)

19 Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

June

2 Guided Canoe Trip (12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) (*Sunday Rain Date*)

9 Parkers Creek to Flag Ponds Paddle (7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

16 Guided Canoe Trip (12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) (*Sunday Rain Date - Father's Day*)

30 Guided Canoe Trip (10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) (*Sunday Rain Date*)

July

21 Guided Canoe Trip (4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) (*Sunday Rain Date*)

28 Double Oak Farm CSA Event

August

4 Guided Canoe Trip (3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) (*Sunday Rain Date*)

18 Guided Canoe Trip (3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) (*Sunday Rain Date*)

25 Walk Along the Bay Membership Event (tentative date)

September

15 Holly Arboretum Work Day at Warrior's Rest (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

15 Guided Canoe Trip (3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) (*Sunday Rain Date*)

29 Vine Vindicator Work Day/Training (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

October

6-7 Patuxent River Appreciation Days (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

6 Guided Canoe Trip - (tbd) (*Sunday Rain Date*)

12 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (6:30 - 9:00 p.m.)

20 Guided Canoe Trip (tbd) (*Sunday Rain Date*)

20 Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

28 Fall Foliage Hike at Double Oak (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

November

3 Silent Auction & Dinner

December

9 Arboretum Work Day at Warrior's Rest (1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

15 Greens Sale & Beach Hayride (11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Thank you for your support ...

New Members

ACLT would like to welcome the following new members since the Summer 2011 newsletter:

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Baldwin
Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust –
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Mr. George W. Hance
Mr. David Hartful, Jr.
Mr. John Jelks
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Thank you to the following members who made a memorial contribution since our last newsletter:

In memory of Mrs. Rosa Edgecombe:
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Berry
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Kullen

Spring Appeal

The Staff and Board of Directors wish to thank the following for their contributions to the 2011 Spring Appeal since the Summer 2011 newsletter:

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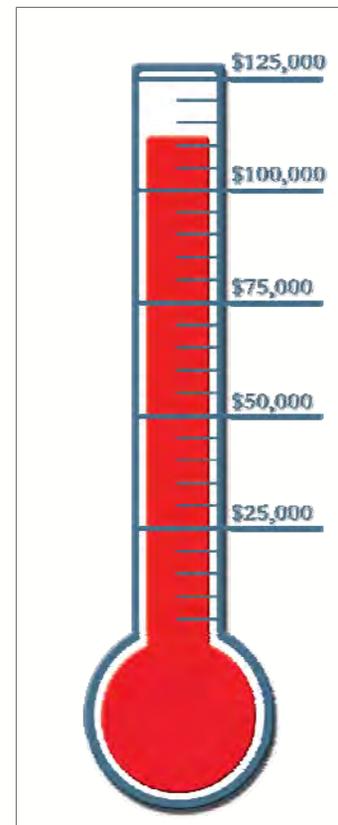
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Special thanks to those who have reached Land Management Endowment Fund – Land Steward Level since our last newsletter:

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As of November 1, 2011, we have pledges to the Land Management Endowment Fund totaling \$111,820. Help us reach our \$125,000 goal needed to qualify for dollar-for-dollar matching—deadline December 31, 2011.

Double Oak Farm CSA
...Connecting people with the land through the
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2012 Community Supported Agriculture Season
Limited shares available! First Come – First Serve!

Double Oak Farm CSA Program: Double Oak Farm will follow the CSA model that is in common usage today. Each shareholder is purchasing a share of everything that is grown on the farm. They also share in the risks inherent in farming. We cannot guarantee a certain size allotment each week, but on average a share will provide fresh produce for a family of four each week. The produce will be naturally grown using approved organic methods -- no unapproved pesticides, no unapproved fertilizers, no unapproved herbicides, and no genetically modified seed will be used. Please note, however, that ACLT is not certified under the National Organic Program and that some nonorganic seed may be used.

Shares are available for purchase at an expected price of approximately \$600 for an estimated 25-week season, or as a work share in exchange for 5 hours work in the garden per week throughout the season. Waiting lists will be established on a first-come, first-serve basis for both purchased shares and work shares.

If you are interested in more information regarding a 2012 Double Oak Farm Share, please fill in the information below and return to American Chestnut Land Trust, P.O. Box 2363, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or email volunteer@acltweb.org by January 15, 2012. Please do not submit payment until you are notified that your name has been reached on the waiting list.

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Please check one: \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in purchasing a CSA share \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in a Work Share

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEEDED: 2012 Intern(s) for Double Oak Farm CSA**

*Who:* YOU! Or someone you know!

*What:* Paid internship in the CSA program

*Where:* Double Oak Farm, 676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick, MD (location of ACLT office and north -side trails)

*When:* the spring, summer, and fall growing season

*How:* Prepare, plant, grow, weed, and harvest the produce on the farm with the help and direction of Jeff Klapper, our farm manager. Experience helpful, but not required.

If you are interested, please fill out this form and return it to ACLT at P.O. Box 2363, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or call the office directly at 410-414-3400.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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The best way to contact me is \_\_\_\_\_ telephone (home / cell) \_\_\_\_\_ email.

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Detach and Mail to: The American Chestnut Land Trust, Inc., P.O. Box 2363, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

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\_\_\_ Land Saver—\$35.00

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\_\_\_ Land Saver Corporate—\$150.00

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\_\_\_ Land Protector Corporate—\$250.00

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