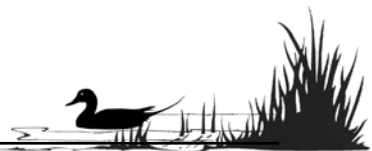


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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- MAY 30 PARKERS CREEK TO FLAG  
PONDS PADDLE
- MAY 31 GUIDED CANOE TRIP

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FULL CALENDAR AND ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION.

## From the President's Desk ...

### Reflections on Faith and Stewardship

**The Strength of Partnerships** – That ACLT members are committed to conservation is obvious. The focus of this commitment is captured in our mission statement:

We promote land conservation throughout Calvert County, Maryland. We provide environmentally sustainable public access to our preserved properties for educational, scientific, recreational and cultural purposes. We protect the natural and cultural resources of the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds for the benefit of this and future generations.

Our members actively support this mission in many ways—through volunteer activities, financial support, the frequent use of our trails and the popularity of our canoe trips to name a few.

Partnerships with organizations that share our conservation ethic provide an opportunity to strengthen our efforts to fulfill our mission. We have, for example, worked successfully with scout troops, schools and other land trusts. There are others, however, that we have tended to overlook.

**Partnering with the Faith Community** – When planning for this year's annual meeting, we realized that we had not approached members of Calvert County's strong faith community in any systematic way. Since most traditions generally have a stewardship ethic, this seemed to be a partnership worth exploring.

For each of us, the commitment to conservation may be highly personal and derives from many sources, including a respect for nature, equating open



From l to r: Rev. Robert Conway, Father Peter Daly, and Rev. Lori Staubitz applaud Rabbi and Cantor Arnold Saltzman after he sang to end the meeting's discussion on being good stewards of the earth. Photo by Bruce Armstrong

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space to a high quality of life, sustaining productive use of the land, abhorrence of waste and concern for future generations. This can often be traced to childhood experiences that made a connection to the land and nature. For many, the commitment to conservation is rooted, at least in part, in their faith tradition.

**Faith Traditions and Conservation** – A little research reveals a wealth of writing that draws a clear connection between biblical text and conservation.

Consider, for example, the admonition found in Ezekiel 34:18-19:

*It is not good enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet?*

And from 1 Timothy 6:6-9:

*There is great gain in godliness with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content.*

Rabbinical interpretation of the biblically-based *mitzvah of bal taschit* [do not destroy or waste] today serves as a foundation for a broad Jewish environmental ethic.

Unitarian/Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven principles, of which the seventh is: *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*

**Making the Connection** - Against this backdrop, we invited four local clergy members to join us for a panel discussion at our annual meeting in February. We billed the session, "Interfaith Perspectives on our Responsibility to be Good Stewards of the Earth." We were privileged to have with us: Reverend Robert Conway of the Mount Olive United Methodist Church; Father Peter Daly of St. John Vianney Catholic Church; Rabbi Arnold Saltzman of Beit Chaverim of Calvert County; and Reverend Lori Staubitz of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Chesapeake

We asked each of them to share with us their perspectives on the faith-conservation connection and explore possibilities for working with ACLT in the future. This offered an opportunity for reflection and to explore ways to work together.

Each of them reminded us of mankind's faith-based obligation to be stewards of creation. Father Daly commended ACLT for "doing God's work." Rabbi Saltzman reminded us that Judaism is an agricultural based religion and likened conservation to the observation of the Sabbath. The Reverend Conway

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# Around ACLT

## ACLT's Memorial Bench Program

In March 2007, a downed white oak tree was harvested from the East Loop Trail and the logs were taken to a local sawmill by ACLT member Ken Romney where slabs 2 ¾" thick were cut from the center of each log. ACLT Earth Day 2009 marked the installation of a memorial bench designed and hand-crafted by ACLT member Stan Benning from these thick slabs. The bench will be dedicated in loving memory of ACLT member Bill Haile by Bill's wife, former ACLT Board President Joy Bartholomew, at a later private dedication ceremony.

ACLT has had a memorial bench policy for several years now, but the policy was recently revised by the Board of Directors. As originally contemplated, the policy made it possible for family members to purchase a memorial bench for a one-time donation of \$2,500 to ACLT. Many ACLT families over the years have been kind enough to designate ACLT as a recipient of memorial funds by their friends and family. Recently, the board decided that, in the future, the option to have a memorial bench placed at a location along the ACLT trails should be given to the family in any instance where the family designates ACLT as a recipient of memorial funds and the resulting donations exceed \$2,500.

Benches will be constructed by ACLT volunteers from lumber taken from fallen trees on ACLT properties. A memorial plaque will be placed on the bench. Family members will choose the location of the bench in consul-

tation with the ACLT Land Manager. Maintenance of the benches will be provided by the Land Management Committee. There may ultimately need to be a limit on the number of benches that can be placed on ACLT trails, but the benches will provide a welcome place to rest and enjoy the peace and serenity of the ACLT trails.

Karen Edgecombe  
Executive Director



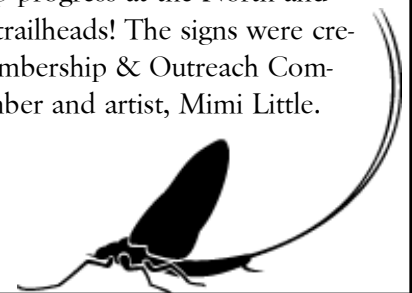
Joy Bartholomew enjoys a seat on the memorial bench dedicated to her husband, Bill Haile, surrounded by the installation crew of Steven Stanford, Steve Stanford, Leon Myers, Danna Stanford, and Chris Mlinaric.



Finishing touches are added to the new memorial bench by Steve Stanford, Leon Myers, and Chris Mlinaric

## Membership Campaign Progress

Check out the new signs showing our membership progress at the North and South side trailheads! The signs were created by Membership & Outreach Committee member and artist, Mimi Little.



## Members & Invited Guests: Mark Your Calendars for ACLT's Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction on September 26, 2009

September is the time of year for chili. We are excited to announce that this year's ACLT fundraiser will be a visit down memory lane to the days of the Chili Cook-off. Remember the days of old when members brought their favorite chili dishes to be shared and judged by friends and guests? Well, this year there is a new and exciting twist to the Cook-off. Members are encouraged to submit their favorite chili recipes (information for submittal is listed below). Louis Dahl, Head Chef at Maryland Country Caterers, will select and prepare three of the recipes. All guests will be encouraged to taste and savor the selected recipes. Then, by voting "Chicago Style," in other words "early and often" by placing a dollar, or two, or three, in the appropriate "ballot box," a winner will be selected. What could be simpler, not to mention fun?

Additionally, there will be new twists and turns regarding the Auction portion of the event as well. Not only will we have a silent auction, but we are planning to have a small number of items available through a live auction to get the "juices" rolling. How about out-bidding one of your friends for that trip you've been longing for or that wonderful case of French wine? Freeman Dodsworth, Mimi Little and Maggie Reynolds have a few more surprises up their sleeves to guarantee a fun time for all.

Also, this year Seaona DeGennaro and Ellen Dodsworth will be providing fun for the younger folks. There will be activities, games, a "White Elephant Sale," a special kids menu and much, much more.

Due to limited seating, please purchase your tickets early. Tables of ten are available. So, please mark your calendars and invite your friends and family members to this fun-filled event.

See you on September 26, 2009!

Donna Wilson, Event Coordinator



American Chestnut  
Land Trust

## Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction

September 26, 2009



*More info regarding ticket prices, times, menus, auction items etc. will be posted at [acltweb.org](http://acltweb.org) by mid-August. Chili recipe submittals can be emailed now to: [info@acltweb.org](mailto:info@acltweb.org) or mailed to: ACLT, P.O. Box 2363, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.*

## Paddling Parkers: Canoe Guides Get Ready for the New Season

With a beautiful forecast on the horizon and paddles in their hands, ACLT's Canoe Guides gathered at Warrior's Rest for the annual training/refresher course on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Since all Guides had experience leading tours on Parkers Creek, they had a quick procedural review and jumped right into the boats. The water was calm as the group launched out into the Bay with smiling faces and strong arms.

As the Guides paddled into the mouth of Parkers Creek, the wind started blowing. After several switchbacks up the Creek it became apparent that the wind was not going to give in for an easy ride! Liz took advantage of much needed breaks to show the Guides points of interest for the future tours. The guided tours highlight many of Parkers Creek natural resources including horseshoe crabs, cordgrass, shad-bush, red cedar, red-winged blackbirds, groundsel trees, muskrats, cattail, carp, kingfishers, bald eagles, red maple, green ash, button bush, marsh hibiscus, and the grand finale—the beaver dam!

Despite the persistent wind, the day was one of the most beautiful Spring had offered yet this year, and everyone made it back to Warrior's Rest safely and satisfied. The touring season kicked off with our first trip on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending one of ACLT's canoe trips, please visit our website at [www.acltweb.org](http://www.acltweb.org) to register!



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## County Commissioners Support Prince Frederick to Chesapeake Bay Overlook Trail

ACLT moved another step closer to our goal of making a greenway connection between Prince Frederick and the Chesapeake Bay. The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed to write a letter of support for a grant application by ACLT to design a 2.5 mile trail that would link the Prince Frederick Town Center to ACLT's 15-mile existing network of trails enabling hikers to travel on foot from Main Street to a bluff overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and the mouth of Parkers Creek. The Commissioners' letter states that the trail "would be a welcome addition to natural heritage tourism in Calvert County." Also supporting ACLT's application were Delegate Sue Kullen and Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. If the grant is awarded, and all necessary approvals are obtained, in addition to designing a new section of trail, ACLT plans to construct a raised wooden platform at the end of the Goldstein Bay Farm Trail which will be renamed the Bay Overlook Trail.



If you are feeling especially adventurous, you might want to register for the Parkers Creek to Flag Ponds Paddle, a seven mile journey down the Bay, on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Call the Battle Creek Nature Center at 410-535-5327 to register.

## Learn about the Birds: Visit the newly updated bird pages on ACLT's Website.

The bird pages of the ACLT website, accessed through the Natural Resources tab on the Home page, are being updated and expanded in time for summer 2009.

The "Bird Checklist, American Chestnut Land Trust and nearby waters" now includes information about a

given species' seasonal occurrence—whether it is here only in winter or summer, is a transitory migrant, or is a year-round resident.

A new section, "Common Birds of ACLT", lists species most likely to be seen or heard during summer while walking on ACLT trails or paddling Parker's Creek, based on statistics from "Summer Birds of the Parker's Creek Watershed", a paper prepared by Leslie Starr as the capstone project for the Certificate in Environmental Studies from Johns Hopkins University. Photographs of some of these common birds are included, though with many birds being "heard only", a link to sound recordings would be a welcome addition for the future.

A significant finding of the "Summer Birds..." project was that ACLT forests and fields harbor many bird species of concern as identified by various advocacy groups and government agencies. Another new section on the website, "Species of Concern", presents photographs of these special birds along with information about their nesting needs. Obviously, reproductive success is critical to the future of these birds, and the hope is that awareness of their breeding habits will be an aid in making land management decisions.

Finally, an excerpt of "Summer Birds of the Parker's Creek Watershed" is available through another link. This includes an abstract of the project, the introduction, the discussion of findings, in this case regarding the species of concern, an appendix on nesting needs of the species of concern, photo credits, and references. We hope that your enjoyment of ACLT's natural resources will be enhanced by these website additions.

Scarlet Tanager. Photo by Bill Hubick.



## Attention All Volunteers! Reporting your hours has never been easier!

I am happy to announce that as of June 1st, ACLT has adopted an online form for volunteers to report their hours! Thanks to Dave and Ellen Farr, ACLT's website developers, we have a new page added to the ACLT website. It can be reached at the following address <http://acltweb.org/Administration/volunteer/index.cfm> or at the top of the homepage under the tab 'Get Involved'.

This user-friendly page only asks that you pick your name from my volunteer list, choose the activity you helped with, enter the date, and number of hours worked. In the event that you can not find your name and/or the volunteer activity, you can add this information in the appropriate box and I will receive an email with the update.

As reported at the Annual Meeting in February, ACLT volunteers logged approximately 4,000 hours for 2008! That is phenomenal! It is vital that everyone reports their hours. Not only does it allow us to keep tabs on what's happening, it helps us obtain foundation grants to further our mission.

Please be sure to report all hours after May 1, 2009 on the website. Any hours completed prior to this date should still be emailed directly to Joy at [volunteer@acltweb.org](mailto:volunteer@acltweb.org).

*Note: Hunters will still report their volunteer hours directly to their designated club member.*

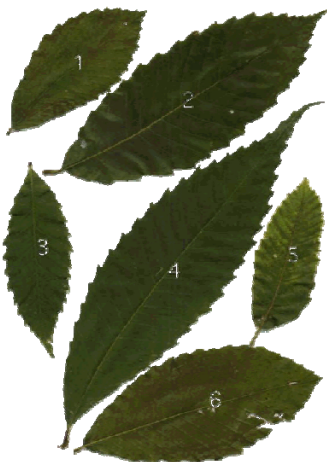
Joy Woppert  
Community Relations Coordinator

## A Visit from The American Chestnut Foundation Brings Welcome News

In February 2009 ACLT presented a slice of the ACLT's namesake Maryland State Champion American chestnut tree that blew down in the winter of 2005–2006 to the Maryland Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF). TACF members Gary Carver, Robb Newman, and Ron Kuipers were on hand to receive the gift presented by Karen Edgecombe, Liz Stoffel and Peter Vogt on behalf of ACLT. TACF member Gary Carver said, "On behalf of the Maryland Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation I want to thank you so much for the slice of the Maryland champion tree."

The slice presented to TACF, was taken from approximately ten feet above ground level and measured approximately 24 inches in diameter, with about 100 annual growth rings showing. The center of the tree had rotted, so it is not possible to determine the tree's age. TACF will use the slice of the fallen tree to educate the public about the American chestnut tree, its wood and the chestnut blight infection.

In the course of their most recent visit, TACF member Ron Kuipers discovered that ACLT has another living, although blighted, American chestnut in the same vicinity as the former champion tree. TACF expert Gary Carver explained that, "At over one foot in diameter and I estimate 80 feet tall, this is not a 'mere twig.' It is one of the larger survivors in the entire state." Dr. Carver utilized several techniques to determine that the tree found by Ron Kuipers was, in fact, a pure American chestnut. There were no leaves on the tree at the time of its discovery, but comparisons were made of the leaves scattered on the ground surrounding the newly discovered tree with those of known Chinese-American hybrid chestnut trees that have been planted on the property since the 1930's.



As shown in the illustration taken from the website of the American Chestnut Cooperators Foundation, <http://www.ppws.vt.edu/griffin/accf.html>, the American chestnut leaf (nos. 3 and 4) has "deeply sculpted intervals [or teeth] along the edges" and the point of the leaf "is an elongated sharp taper." Gary Carver's descrip-



From l to r: Gary Carver and Peter Vogt examine the slice from the Champion tree while "Montana", Robb Newman, Karen Edgecombe and Ron Kuipers look on. Photograph by Liz Stoffel.

tion was that the teeth on the sides of the American chestnut leaf swirl towards the point of the leaf "like waves in the surf." For comparison, illustration nos. 1 and 6 are Allegheny chinkapins, and nos. 2 and 5 are Chinese chestnuts. Now that Gary Carver has educated ACLT staff about unique characteristics of the American chestnut leaf, bark and burrs, we will be on the lookout for additional living specimens.

Karen H. Edgecombe  
Executive Director

## Utility Corridors Update

In our Fall 2008 newsletter, we reported extensively on the growing demand for improved energy distribution and the risks posed to land conservation. Our Land Manager reported that the office had gotten several calls of concern regarding the clear cutting and spraying of the existing power line right of way that crosses Parkers Creek. In July 2007, BGE did extensive tree cutting up to the boundaries of their right of way and then in the summer of 2008, they applied herbicides along the entire length and width of the right of way. Representatives of ACLT and the county are planning to meet this month with BGE foresters to discuss ways to improve the BGE right of way as a conservation habitat.

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stressed the obligation to be stewards not exploiters of God's creation and noted that greed can be the antithesis of stewardship. Reverend Staubitz affirmed the Unitarian "interdependence" principle quoted above which reinforces the value of conservation.

Each of them offered ways to work more closely together with ACLT. They cited a willingness to participate in conservation projects and view ACLT as an educational resource. They noted that, while many of their members enjoy hiking and other outdoor activities that ACLT offers, many people are not aware of what we have to offer or even of our existence.

**Looking Ahead** - This was an important first step in making greater connections with the faith community. Each of the panelists indicated their desire to work more closely with ACLT and we have been working to make this a reality. We have already gained several new members and have expanded our network of volunteers. Most congregations have scout troops and youth groups that can benefit from access to ACLT's land for learning more about nature and assisting with stewardship projects. Our connection with St. John Vianney and Father Daly goes back many years; they are an integral part of the discussions about a new trail that would extend from near the church in Prince Frederick to the existing network of ACLT trails on the north side of Parkers Creek. Most importantly we have established new or strengthened existing ties to congregations in Calvert County. We have a lot to offer each other.

Ted Graham, President



## American Chestnut Land Trust Calendar of Events - 2009

### May

- 30 Parkers Creek to Flag Ponds Paddle followed by lunch at Flag Ponds (8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)
- 31 Guided Canoe Trip (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)

### June

- 20 Guided Canoe Trip (1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)
- 27 Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)

### July

- 18 Guided Canoe Trip (11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)
- 25 Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)
- 25 Barn Work Day (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)

### August

- 15 Vine Vindicator Training (afternoon)
- 30 Guided Canoe Trip (11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

### September

- 12 Holly Arboretum Work Day at Warrior's Rest (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)
- 13 Guided Canoe Trip (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)
- 19 Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)
- 26 Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction (6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.)

### October

- 3 Harvest Moon Guided Canoe Trip (3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.)
- 24 Vine Vindicator Work Day (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)
- 25 Barn Work Day (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

### November

- 1 Fall Foliage Hike at Double Oak (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)

### December

- 5 Arboretum Work Day at Warrior's Rest (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)
- 12 Greens Sale & Beach Hayride (11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)



# Land Manager's Corner

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## Update on Land Management Projects 2009

I got an excited phone call from one of the hard-working Wednesday Weed Whacker volunteers, an ACLT member and a long-time resident of the Scientists Cliffs community, telling me that there was water in the "frog pond"; he had not seen water in the pond since he was a kid (some 40 years ago). For those of you who do not know the "frog pond", it is in a ravine on the edge of Scientists Cliffs Road between the South Side Trailhead and the Percy Howard Barn. Every year spring peepers chime from there, but until recently it was hidden in a thick area of 30-foot tall bamboo. For so many years the water had been robbed from the frog pond by the bamboo. The bamboo also competed with bald cypress, cherry, locust, tulip poplar, and sycamore trees for not only water but nutrients, sunlight and space. The Wednesday group has been working hard to eradicate the non-native, invasive bamboo and, as a result, we are seeing more native understory trees coming back, including paw paws, persimmons and hollies. And now there is water in the frog pond! As the bamboo comes down, we chip it, and apply it to the trails. By doing this, we are also cutting back on our carbon footprint by not having to mow those trails as in years past.

The restoration of the Percy Howard Barn is complete!!! This has been a project that began long before I started as Land Manager four years ago. The Barn Crew volunteers have worked hard to stabilize the structure and restore its footers, doors and siding. The roof was restored by Jeff Wood of Wood and Whitacre Contractors. ACLT thanks everyone who helped out with the project over the years, especially Curt Drumm, who led the charge. Now, we can move on to new doors for the East Barn at Warrior's Rest.

After many years of longing to see the ACLT fields back in production and providing good food to the community, several volunteers have started a test garden plot in the fields at Double Oak Farm. Jeff Klapper is the lead gardener. Other volunteers are helping with ground preparation, fencing, weeding, and designing a business plan for a larger sustainable farming project in the future. In addition, Jennifer and Joe Mazur have donated a beehive and supplies for honey production. Since the many years that tobacco was the main crop grown on these fields, we hope that providing healthy, local foods will be

a new future for the old fields. "Connecting people to the land..." is critical to ACLT's mission and the farming project is another way to help people make that connection.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade of the Calverton School celebrated their Earth Day with ACLT on Friday, April 17. Forty students learned about non-native invasive plants and how they create a monoculture that destroys habitat for native plants and animals. The students learned to identify the invasives and techniques to remove them. Some of the students spread mulch made from shredded bamboo on the trails. ACLT volunteers helped the students and we all had fun.

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Hiking Trail Maintenance Day & Picnic. Fifty volunteers worked clearing downed trees and briars from the trails. One project, led by Sean Bailey, for his boy scout Eagle project, was to build a retaining wall to restore an area of the Horse Swamp Trail that had washed away. Other projects included spreading bamboo mulch on trails, repairing bridges and boardwalks, and installing new sign posts to mark the trails. Although the day was cold, we kept warm by working hard and enjoyed a terrific lunch.

One of the issues that Land Management is dealing with is the driveway at Double Oak Farm. If you have recently visited the North Side Trailhead or the ACLT office after the snow or a good rain you have experienced driving on a muddy mess, the consistency of butterscotch pudding. The driveway was originally made from "bank run" a specific mixture of sand, gravel and clay that comes from the sides of stream banks. When we moved the office to Double Oak we paid considerable money to a local, well-known contractor for road quality "bank run". We recently discovered that the "bank run" we were sold did not meet state standards for roads. This is a very costly and unfortunate situation for a small non-profit such as ACLT. Volunteers, Bob Orsini and Ken Romney, are working on ACLT's behalf to bring the driveway back up to state and county standards. We apologize for any inconvenience to our members and visitors.

You may have noticed some new green signs posted around ACLT properties. These signs are to post our land's boundaries and to invite people to use our design-

nated trails at Double Oak Farm or Scientists Cliffs Road. The signs also let ATVers, poachers, and artifact collectors know that they are not welcome on the properties. The Boundary Marking Crew is led by volunteer, Art Cochran, a surveyor who has been a long-time member of ACLT. Volunteers have spent countless hours hiking all types of terrains to install the signs. It is a difficult job but a necessary one.

Last year ACLT was given new baseline GIS data from the county. We are using the data to update our maps. Volunteer, Ron Carvalho, is working with the scouts in his boy scout troop to take GPS data points of the trails which can be laid on to the maps. Portions of our trails have been rerouted over time due to tree falls, beaver activity and boundary overlaps. The updated maps will be used for new trailhead brochures and planning upcoming projects. I am also grateful to Eddie Earles, who has since moved away, for all his volunteer help last year with teaching me to use ArcGIS.

Land Management is about stewardship of the natural and cultural resources that ACLT is dedicated to preserving. If you are interested in volunteering on any of these projects please contact Joy Woppert at volunteer@acltweb.org.

Liz Stoffel  
Land Manager

## Earth Day 2009

This year, ACLT celebrated Earth Day on two separate days, starting with The Calverton School on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class from Calverton learned a brief history of the American Chestnut Land Trust and then split into two crews—one for mulching and one for cutting invasive species.

ACLT's annual Earth Day Cleanup was held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> under sunny skies. Projects included roadside clean-up in the four participating communities, trail mulching, clearing invasive species, trash pickup along trails, Hance-Chesley Cemetery spruce up and repairs, memorial bench installation, and Double Oak driveway debris cleanup. The workday ended with a relaxing picnic on the water of the Kenwood Beach community!



### Earth Day Photos.

#### Above:

- ACLT volunteers Pat Murphy, John Lewis, and Ginny Murphy lead a Cub Scout pack in mulching the Laurel Loop trail.
- Double Oak hunters Angelo Cimini, Al Basile, Steve Howerton, and Ray Saah load pounds of trash picked up from a dumpsite off Wallace Lane in the south side trail system.

#### Facing Page:

- Bob Platt climbs into a roadside ditch along Scientists Cliffs Road to cleanup trash and debris.
- Governors Run resident and ACLT Board Member Steve Kullen and Kenwood Beach resident Tom Cratty grill delicious burgers and hot dogs for all the Earth Day volunteers

## Thank You

ACLT volunteers, The Calverton School, Governors Run community, Kenwood Beach community, Scientists Cliffs community, and Western Shores community for coming together to clean up our corner of Calvert County!

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ...

## New Members

ACLT would like to welcome the following new members since the Fall 2008 newsletter:

Mr. Magdi Badawy  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bodycomb  
Mr. & Mrs. John Hutson  
Mr. Gilbert St. John Masters  
Mr. James Paul McVey  
Ms. Carol Randell & Mr. Brian Walker  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Jay Webb  
Ms. Joy Woppert & Mr. John P. Girolamo  
Mr. Mike Younkens

## Memorial Contributions

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

In memory of **Mrs. Mary Loew** who was a Charter Member and longtime supporter and volunteer:

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Benning  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Berry  
Dr. Christine & Col. Daniel Boesz  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cunningham  
Mrs. Elaine Cochran Dunkle  
& Mr. Peter Cochran  
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