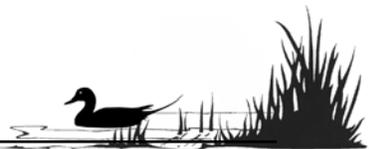


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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 7 - CANOE TRIP
SEPTEMBER 27 - CANOE TRIP
SEPTEMBER 27 - 13TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION & CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 4 - PARKER'S CREEK TO FLAG PONDS PADDLE (SEE PAGE 6)

SEE [HTTP://ACLTWEB.ORG](http://acltweb.org) OR PAGE 8 FOR
FULL CALENDAR AND ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION.

Importance of Public Open Space Motivates Major Gift

By Caroline Van Mason, ACLT Board Member and
Charles W. (Chuck) Petty, Jr., McGuire Woods
LLP, and ESLC Board Member

Public Spaces, National Parks

Growing up during the Depression none of my family, friends or relatives had private summer places. We spent summer vacations at national and state parks or forests in Washington State in a tent. My father fished and we walked—I am not sure you could call what we did “hiking.” I am happy that those places remain preserved for public use, for I am sure that no one can be unaffected by those experiences.

Public access to open space is still an important force in making this country great. But now we are in a different stage—national parks are still a focus, but with changing times, locally accessible places available to millions of people close to where they live and work are of increased importance. ACLT, our local land trust, provides nearby contact with wild ones and wetlands for today's citizens.

The Land Trust Alliance, with over 1,600 local land trusts as members, offers a vehicle for bringing best practices that have been successful in one locality to thousands of small local land trusts so they can be incorporated more quickly. Last year, I attended a conference for land trusts sponsored by the local Maryland members of the Land Trust Alliance. One of the sessions that I attended dealt with fundraising. I have been using remainder trusts for the past 20+ years, sometimes with property, and sometimes with appreciated stock. The beneficiaries have included a university, a church, an opera, etc., and I have found remainder trusts to be a great way for me to stay invested and earn income without day-to-day investment management responsibilities. For many young people at that session, however, this was all new thinking.

ACLT has considered how best to present planned giving options to our members, but the logistics have seemed complicated. Our sister land trust, the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC), is acting as Trustee of a remainder trust which I established for the benefit of both ESLC and ACLT. I receive quarterly income checks from a large, well-managed fund. Even in these “down” times, the professional managers have done well. The details of such trusts are described in the next section of this article, written by the Chair of the Finance Committee of ESLC, who is very familiar with planned giving arrangements from his work at ESLC and other organizations. If there are questions or interest in this process, I will be glad to talk further of this opportunity and share my experiences.

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From the President's Desk ... Reflections on the Mission(s) of Land Trusts

"Think Globally, Act Locally." This maxim has been around for nearly 40 years and is variously attributed to David Brower, Rene Dubos and others. It reflects the assertion that the solution of global environmental problems depends on consideration of the local ecological, economic, and cultural conditions. This phrase aptly applies to land trusts and the land trust community.

Google the phrase "land trust" and you get 1.3 million hits. Review the 2005 Land Trust Alliance "Census Report" and it's clear that land trusts are a critical part of the nation's conservation movement. The "global" aspect of this reflects the realization over recent decades that much of the nation's environmentally and culturally sensitive land has given way to development and highways. The Land Trust Alliance (LTA) reports that America loses about 2 million acres of farms, forests and open spaces annually, contributing to the loss of some 100,000 acres of wetlands with a resulting decline in water quality and increase in flooding.

Land trusts have played a major role in addressing these losses by acting "locally" across America. According to LTA, in 2000 there were 1,263 land trusts. By 2005, this had grown to 1,667. From 1995 to 2000, land trusts conserved about 338,000 acres per year. From 2000 to 2005, the pace increased to about 1,167,000 acres per year. LTA identifies land trusts in every state but one (North Dakota)—each with a locally defined mission, but each a part of the national community of land trusts.

A sampling of typical mission statements from a few land trusts provides a sense of the variety of local conditions but also a sense of what land trusts have in common:

- *Cascade Land Conservancy (WA): To act with immediacy to protect and steward our region's most precious resource—the land. We will lead a movement to connect conservation to the fabric of our community and thereby change conservation as we know it.*
- *Hill Country Conservancy (TX): To ensure a healthy environment and economy in the Barten Springs Edwards Aquifer region by preserving open space and the rural heritage of The Texas Hill Country.*
- *York Land Trust (ME): To conserve and protect lands of ecological, scenic, agricultural, and educational significance for the benefit of all.*
- *Ranchland Trust of Kansas (KS): To preserve Kansas's ranching heritage and open spaces for future generations through the conservation of working landscapes.*
- *Minnesota Land Trust (MN): The Minnesota Land Trust preserves the natural and scenic heritage of our State by permanently protecting the lands and waters that define our communities and enrich our quality of life.*
- *Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (PA): Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's mission is to protect, conserve and restore land and water for the diversity of the region's plants, animals and their ecosystems. Through science-based strategies, collaboration, leadership and recognition of the relationship between humankind and nature, WPC achieves tangible conservation outcomes for present and future generations.*

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Around ACLT

ACLT Auction Kick-Off

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Bay Cocktails and Grazing pre-auction party such a great success. This event helps jump start ACLT's largest fundraiser of the year, the Dinner and Silent Auction, which will be held this year on Saturday, September 27th at the Community House in Scientists' Cliffs.

Fred Mowrer and Kim Arbuthnot and their family members, Rachel, Colin, Justine, Meghan and Chris graciously hosted the event at their home on Daylily Road. The committee members for the event, Kim Arbuthnot, Maggie Reynolds, Joy Bartholomew, Betsy Saunders, Marie Bundy and Mimi Little, planned the event and supplied the wonderful food for the guests. Word has it that Fred Mowrer was responsible for preparing the sun-dried tomato pesto spread that was the hit of the party. Guests arrived with broad smiles on their faces in golf carts loaned by Paul & Donna Wilson and Janine & Bob Orsini.

Hopefully, we will see you all at the Dinner and Silent Auction where you will be able to bid on the wonderful, creative items donated at the party. Bid on a variety of beach vacations ranging from four days to two weeks at locations near and far including Ocean City, MD; Ft. Meyers, FL; and Kauai, HI, or try your hand at acting, pottery or public speaking lessons. Many other interesting and unique items will be on the auction block, as well.

It's not too late to donate an item to the auction. Just call the ACLT office and introduce yourself to ACLT's new Outreach & Communications Coordinator, Kady Waterhouse, at 410-414-3400 for more information.

Mimi Little,
Pre-Auction Party Chairperson

SEE THE "SPECIAL NEW MEMBER CHALLENGE"
ON PAGE 7.

Save the Date

ACLT MEMBERS & GUESTS ONLY
~ LIMITED SEATING ~

AMERICAN CHESTNUT LAND TRUST ***13TH ANNUAL*** ***DINNER & SILENT AUCTION***

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

SCIENTISTS' CLIFFS COMMUNITY HOUSE
GATE A, ACACIA ROAD,
PORT REPUBLIC, MARYLAND

~ BID ON THESE GREAT ITEMS ~

SAILBOAT CRUISES
ORIGINAL ARTWORK
SPA PACKAGES
FABULOUS DINNERS
SPORTING EVENT TICKETS
EXOTIC VACATION DESTINATIONS
SPARKLING JEWELRY AND MORE!



Combining Fun & Learning

Family Day: A Celebration of Parkers Creek

The American Chestnut Land Trust's Family Day brought a lot of happy faces to Double Oak Farm in June. The event was designed not only to introduce young families to the land trust and to encourage new memberships, but also to teach the public about our local natural resources in a fun way.

About 100 people attended the event. Children explored nature with scavenger hunts, the fossil-find sandbox, Game Scene Investigation (animal tracks game) and geo-caching. Partnering organizations helped children learn about insects, terrapins, snakes, horseshoe crabs, deer and bees. Families built their own bird nests, planted seeds, and made leaf rubbings. Everyone enjoyed the hay ride around the farm. Most of the children left the farm at the end of the event with smiles on their painted faces, arms full of craft projects and a new Family Day T-shirt they won by playing ACLT Tic-Tac-Toe. Learning can be fun; thanks to our many friends and volunteers!

Most importantly, following the dictates of our tag line "connecting people to the land...", ACLT's Family Day event brings a new generation into the fold of people who will cherish the special resources within Parkers Creek. As Rachel Carson said, "The years of early childhood are the time to prepare the soil."

Liz Stoffel, Land Manager



Clockwise from top left:

1. Maryland Department of Natural Resources Horseshoe Crab display.
2. This turtle had a nice cool place to hang out while on display. Everyone tried to stay cool in the shade and under tents as temperatures were on the rise for this year's ACLT Family Day.
3. These children proudly show off their painted faces as well as their brand new ACLT Family Day 2008 T-shirts!
4. This young man plans which activities he needs to visit to complete his bright yellow ACLT Family Day Tic Tac Toe card. The first 50 children to complete their Tic Tac Toe cards received a free ACLT Family Day T-shirt. The shirts were designed using a drawing from a children's art contest about nature.
5. Liz Stoffel's granddaughters enjoyed playing with the yellow caution tape at the Game Scene Investigation nature game.

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Volunteer Spotlight—Paul Berry

I am always excited to get to know our volunteers through writing the ACLT Volunteer Spotlight. I am, once again, in awe of how very special our volunteers are and how lucky we are that they chose our organization to support.

Paul Berry, a California native, moved to Washington, D.C. with his family when he was 12 years old. While attending college at the American University as a philosophy major he met a student named Doris. She was a biology major; Paul minored in biology. Two years after graduation Doris became his wife. They lived in Washington, D.C. for about a year, and then moved to Maryland, later settling in the Silver Spring area.

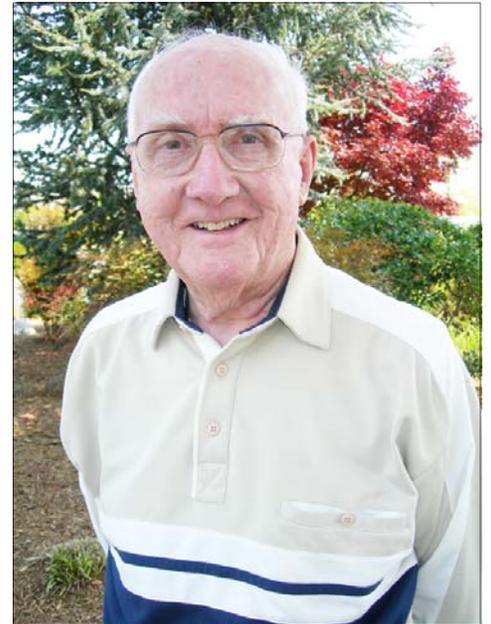
In 1980 after a thirty-five year career in public reference and administration at the Library of Congress, Paul retired. They moved to Calvert County in 1981. Paul and Doris chose Calvert because of the opportunities for boating and their love of the water. Doris began volunteering at the Calvert Marine Museum store where she continued for twenty years. In 1982, Paul started volunteering in the Calvert Marine Museum's library. He has been so instrumental and dedicated to his volunteer work at the library that the museum hosted a dinner for him this year to celebrate his 25 years and over 21,000 hours of service and honored Paul by naming the library after him. It is now called the Paul L. Berry Reference Library where he continues to serve as their volunteer librarian three days a week. In 1984, Paul joined the Museum's Board of Governors. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Governor's from 1987 to 1990. Paul has also

been the editor of the museum's quarterly newsletter, the *Bugeye Times*, since 1984.

Paul has been involved in a number of other important projects in the county. He served on the Historic District Commission for 15 years. He has helped the League of Women Voters, editing one edition of the publication "Know Your County." He and other ACLT members worked on the county's Parkers Creek Task Force. The Task Force produced a report which peaked interest in the Parkers Creek watershed by the Calvert County government. Paul said he "is impressed by how ACLT has really worked with the county to get support for Parkers Creek."

It was at the Marine Museum where Paul met Sam Hughes. They worked on the Calvert Marine Museum's Board of Governors together. Sam and his wife Aileen were very active in the start of the American Chestnut Land Trust in the 1980's. Aileen served as the second President of the ACLT Board of Directors. The original office of the ACLT was actually located in their home at Scientists' Cliffs.

Paul agreed to join the ACLT board in 1992 and served first as secretary and, since 1995, as treasurer of the board. Paul has always done his family's personal accounting and when the software program Quicken came along, he embraced it. "It has been helpful since the ACLT has not only grown in size but in its technology as well. We now have Quick Books and an accountant. The rules of accounting and finance are always changing." Paul can be found at ACLT's Double Oak office at least



once a week, keeping our budget and financial matters in order. He has been an amazing asset to our Budget and Finance as well as our Governance and Administration and Fundraising committees. It's a natural fit with his editing skills and attention to detail that he also records the minutes of our ACLT Board of Directors.

At the 2004 ACLT Annual Membership Meeting, ACLT Board President Ted Graham presented Paul with the American Chestnut Land Trust President's Award. In the next five to ten years, Paul looks forward to "our membership continuing to grow and providing a solid base in which ACLT can expand its programs and move into the future."

Paul and Doris have two children, Marsha and Don. Marsha attended Albion College in Michigan and currently resides in St. Paul, Minnesota, working for the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. "She is very active outdoors and leads women's camping groups. Marsha enjoys canoeing and has even had

her own sled dog. She has canoed the entire Mississippi, starting from Lake Itasca to New Orleans; the trip took from August to December.” Their son, Don has his own land surveying company and lives in Shepherdstown, West Virginia with his wife.

Paul and Doris currently live in Solomons, Maryland. They spend their extra time enjoying the area’s attractions such as Annmarie Gardens and St. Mary’s College. Some of their favorite local restaurants include: Stoney’s, the Captain’s Table and the Naughty Gull. They like to walk and stick close to home, so they enjoy Solomons because everything is conveniently located.

Charity R. Higgs
Community Relations Coordinator

PARKERS CREEK TO FLAG PONDS PADDLE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4,
7:30 A.M. – 12:00 NOON**

JOIN US FOR A 7.5 MILE PADDLE FROM PARKERS CREEK TO FLAG PONDS. THIS WILL BE A STRENUOUS EVENT WITH A LOT OF OPEN WATER PADDLING. EXPERIENCE IS RECOMMENDED. REGISTER BY CALLING BATTLE CREEK NATURE EDUCATION CENTER AT 410-535-5327. MENTION THAT YOU ARE AN ACLT MEMBER AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A \$5 DISCOUNT OFF THE \$30 FEE. MEET AT WARRIOR’S REST, 1920 SCIENTISTS CLIFFS ROAD, PORT REPUBLIC, MD 20676.

Welcome to Kady Waterhouse, ACLT’s New Outreach and Communications Coordinator

From Kady ...

I would like to start by saying that I am absolutely thrilled to be the newest member of the ACLT staff. I am the new Outreach and Communications Coordinator, charged with spreading the word about ACLT’s many exciting events. Additionally, I help out with administrative tasks around the office to allow the rest of the team and our volunteers to be as productive as possible.

I received my Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Politics and Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park. My course work included several classes on domestic and international environmental issues. As a junior, I was able to travel to the Sonoran Desert in Arizona to study the impact of human habitation on the desert southwest and the resulting “water wars” between the surrounding states. Senior year, I worked with my advisor on a research project regarding international water treaties and their modeling of the UN Law of the Sea principles, notably on environmental parameters and peace keeping provisions.

After graduation, I ran into difficulty trying to find a job somehow connected with the environment. It seemed that no one wanted to hire a recent graduate with zero work experience! I instead worked in increasingly responsible positions in property management—for existing properties, not developers. I like to think of that experience as a multiple-year detour where I met and worked with a number of hard-working, dedicated individuals. I gained many valuable management skills that I bring to my new position with the ACLT.

Just recently, I moved to Solomons, Maryland with my boyfriend, Gerit, and our dog, Lucy, a 7 month old pug. I decided that this was an excellent opportunity to renew my search for a job in the environmental field. As fate would have it, the ACLT happened to be looking for an Outreach and Communications Coordinator. I immediately shipped off my letter of interest and resume and the rest is history!

I have been a part of the ACLT team since early July and have loved every minute. It is truly a wonderful feeling to go home at the end of each day knowing that I have made a contribution to such a fine organization. It was a pleasure to meet many of you at the Pre-Auction Party on July 12th and I look forward to meeting the rest of you at the Silent Auction on September 27th!



Visit ACLT's New Website

Our web address hasn't changed (<http://acltweb.org>), but everything else about ACLT's website has been given a new look and updated content.

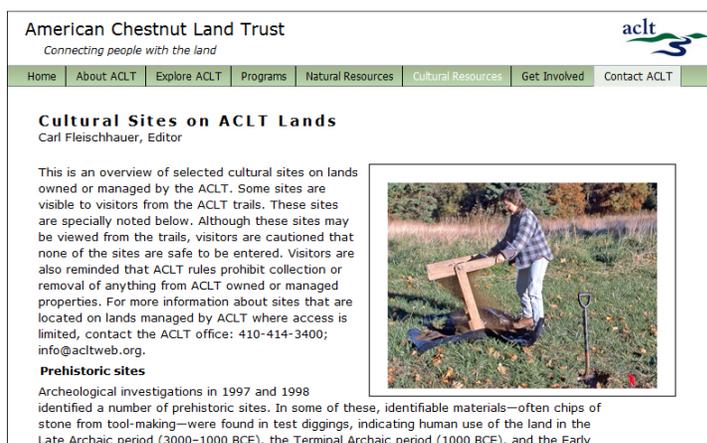
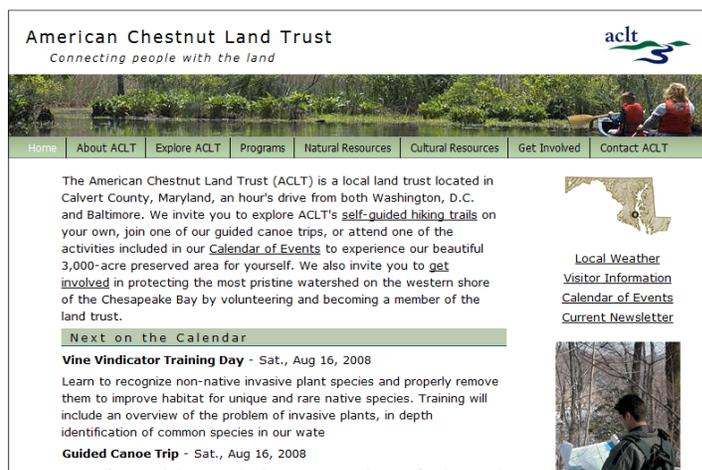
In the *About ACLT* section you can now read ACLT's updated mission statement, learn who serves on our Board of Directors, and find email addresses in order to directly contact individual members of the staff. The *Explore ACLT* section, in addition to providing important information about ACLT's hiking trails, provides a new street and satellite map to help visitors locate our north and south side trailheads. The land trust's land preservation and land management programs are explained in the *Programs* section. The *Natural Resources* section has been dramatically improved and more improvements are in store. Web designers Dave and Ellen Farr have added a slide show of wildflowers that occur on ACLT properties and will soon be adding a slide show of summer birds that frequent the Parkers Creek watershed based on research conducted by Leslie Starr. Carl Fleischhauer's beautiful photographs and prose grace the *Cultural Resources* section with help from a beautifully hand-drawn map of the Parkers Creek area, circa 1840, done by Art Cochran.

Most importantly, the *Get Involved* section of the website provides our visitors with many more opportunities to interact with ACLT. Members will be able to renew their membership, donate to the spring or fall appeal, and even purchase tickets to the upcoming auction online through our secure eTapestry donor database and IAT's Ticketmaster credit card processing. Visitors to the website can become new members of ACLT or make a one-time donation online as well. Links to the Calendar of Events and detailed information about ACLT's varied volunteer opportunities can also be found in this section.

The website still serves as a repository for locating articles contained in previous issues of the *Watershed Observer* as well as featuring a link to the current edition of the newsletter for those who prefer to receive their newsletter electronically. The Home page also continues to highlight the next event or activity happening around ACLT.

Check us out on the worldwide web and then send me your comments and suggestions. Here's your first test: find my email address on our new website!

Karen Edgecombe
Executive Director



SPECIAL NEW MEMBER CHALLENGE

INVITE A NONMEMBER* TO JOIN
ACLT BETWEEN NOW
AND THE AUCTION.

THEY WILL RECEIVE A 10%
DISCOUNT ON THE PURCHASE
OF FIRST TWO AUCTION TICKETS.

***APPLIES TO NEW, FIRST-TIME ACLT
MEMBERS ONLY.**

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Charitable Remainder Trusts

A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) is a form of planned giving arrangement created under specific provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. If the trust conforms to the provisions spelled out by the IRS in a published ruling, it is tax exempt. A CRT is created by the action of a Donor in transferring cash, financial assets, real property, and/or other assets to a trustee under a form of trust agreement meeting the IRS requirements. The trustee will typically sell the transferred assets, tax-free, and invest the proceeds in a diversified portfolio of investment securities, including equity and debt. The trustee will then pay income, at the rate specified in the trust agreement, to the Donor or the Donor and Spouse for life, with the "remainder" going to charity. Usually, the charity acts as the trustee. (The trustee may also be a bank or other financial institution or, in relatively few cases, the Donor.)

The Donor will receive a charitable income tax deduction in the year the trust is created which reflects the value of the remainder interest going to charity as calculated under actuarial tables provided by the IRS. Income received by the Donor is taxed in part as ordinary income, in part as capital gains, and in part tax-free depending on the type of property transferred and the type of investments made. By using a widely available computer program, all of these calculations can be made by a keystroke after inputting the age of the Donor, the date of the transaction, the value and the cost basis of the transferred cash or assets.



Col. Caroline E. Van Mason, USA (Ret.) gives a grand smile as she arrives at the Earth Day festivities on Governors Run Beach this year.

Charitable Remainder Trusts are a very effective means of obtaining professional asset management for the benefit of the Donor and the charity. They also provide a means of asset diversification for family farms and business interests. More information on CRTs is available from ACLT and from Chuck Petty at ESLC, who has agreed to give us technical help in setting up not only Charitable Remainder Trusts, but also other forms of planned giving arrangements, such as Retained Life Estate agreements, Charitable Lead Trusts, and Charitable Gift Annuities. Contact Karen Edgecombe at ACLT if you are interested in more information.

[Editor's note: If you are interested in this topic, please see Jim Greene's article in the Spring 2006 issue of the "Watershed Observer" available on our website. Jim opted to act as the trustee of the Charitable Remainder Unitrust he established for the benefit of ACLT so that he could direct the management of the investments.]

ACLT Calendar of Events – 2008

Saturday, September 27 – 13th Annual Silent Auction & Celebration – Bid on donated items at the auction, catch up with other ACLT members and enjoy the evening at ACLT's annual fundraising event!

Saturday, October 4, 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Parkers Creek to Flag Ponds Paddle. See details on page 6.

Friday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner* – The ACLT staff hosts this enjoyable evening to honor and thank our dedicated and faithful volunteers. By invitation.

Sunday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – *Fall Foliage Hike at Double Oak* – You can't beat the fall colors at Double Oak Farm! Don't miss the last guided hike of the year. (Remember to set your clocks back one hour.)

Saturday, December 13, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – *Greens Sale and Beach Hayride* – Purchase fresh cut evergreens for holiday decorations, drink hot cider and take a hayride to the beach.

In addition, ACLT offers guided canoe trips from April through October. The 2008 canoe trip schedule appears on page 9 of this newsletter and on our Web site, <http://actweb.org>.

EFM Celebrates its 15th Anniversary

The American Chestnut Land Trust has been a proud member of the Environmental Fund for Maryland since it was founded fifteen years ago in 1993. The Environmental Fund for Maryland is an umbrella federation that now represents 25 leading local environmental and conservation organizations in payroll contribution plans across the State of Maryland and in the Washington, D.C. area. Environmental groups include such well known organizations as the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and 1000 Friends of Maryland. Conservation organizations include other land trusts such as the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, the Howard County Conservancy, and the Accokeek Foundation, in addition to ACLT.

The EFM has an annual certification process to ensure that each of its members has the necessary credentials to operate as a 501(c)(3) charity. This certification process is just one benefit that the federation model offers employers. Through a partnership with a federation, an employer can easily and effectively provide expanded giving choices to its employees while feeling confident that they are supporting the most respected and responsible environmental, health and social service charities.

EFM has been working to expand the number of campaigns at which it maintains a presence, with a particular focus on government campaigns. A recent white paper was produced entitled "Improving and Expanding Maryland's Government Employee Giving Campaigns" (September 2007) which found that:

"Government employees have a long history of supporting community nonprofit organizations through employee giving campaigns at the workplace. Over the past 25 years, as new umbrella organizations (funds and federations) have been formed, workplace campaigns have expanded to include these new groups alongside the traditional United Way option. The new umbrella organizations have helped bring new donors and dollars into the campaign."

In Maryland, the Combined Federal Campaign, the State of Maryland, Baltimore City, Frederick County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County and Worcester County all offer a range of choices for employee contributions and include a "green" giving option. Where campaigns have been expanded to include a green giving option, the community benefits as more nonprofit organizations benefit and more employees find a reason to be in-

volved in their workplace-giving campaigns.

If you are a federal, state, or county employee in one of the jurisdic-



tions listed, you can readily donate to the Environmental Fund for Maryland and ACLT. General gifts to the Environmental Fund for Maryland support all participating member organizations. Donations may also be designated to one or more organizations. If you participate in the Combined Federal Campaign, you can designate ACLT by using code #53731. In the Maryland Charity Campaign, designate ACLT by code #1549.

If your employer doesn't currently offer the chance to support ACLT and the other Environmental Fund for Maryland organizations, we encourage you to visit the Environmental Fund for Maryland on the Web at <http://www.efm.org>, call 410-752-2644, or e-mail efm@efm.org. If you would be interested in having ACLT participate in your employer's workplace-giving campaign this fall on behalf of the Environmental Fund for Maryland, please contact Charity Higgs, ACLT's Community Relations Coordinator, at 410-414-3400 or email volunteer@actweb.org. Most workplace-giving campaigns are conducted from September through early November, so now is the time to begin looking for pledge cards in your workplace.

Karen Edgecombe
Executive Director

2008 Canoe Trip Schedule

September 7, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

September 13, Saturday, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

October 11, Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Depart from Warrior's Rest and enjoy a scenic, volunteer guided tour of Parkers Creek. **Reservations are required.**

A \$10.00 per person donation is requested.

Please call us at 410-414-3400 or e-mail us at info@actweb.org for more information or to make your reservation.

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• *American Chestnut Land Trust (MD): We promote land conservation throughout Calvert County, Maryland. We provide environmentally sustainable public access to 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.*

Each of these refers to either “conservation” or “preservation,” indicating what land trusts have in common. Local conditions provide the focus, be it the land, water resources or cultural heritage such as agriculture or ranching.

Most land trusts also have an implicit aspect of their mission—by tackling local conditions they also contribute to the larger “global” (or at least national) challenge of conservation. The collective experience of local land trusts constitutes a body of knowledge that supports and gives strength to the entire movement. A recent legislative success regarding conservation easements, the body of knowledge reflected in LTA’s “Standards and Practices,” and the many topics covered in regional and national workshops all reflect this collective wisdom. There is also strength in numbers when tackling legislative issues at both the national and local levels.

The ACLT is in the process of revising its Five-Year Plan. While ACLT’s mission reflects local conditions, there is a lot to learn by reflecting on the missions of other land trusts. Taken together, the collective local actions of the land trusts across America go a long way to helping solve the nation’s many conservation (global) challenges.

Ted Graham
President, ACLT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ...

Spring Appeal

The Staff and the Board of Directors wish to thank the following members who made a contribution to the 2008 Spring Appeal since the Spring Newsletter:

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Mr. & Mrs. Jon Ambler
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