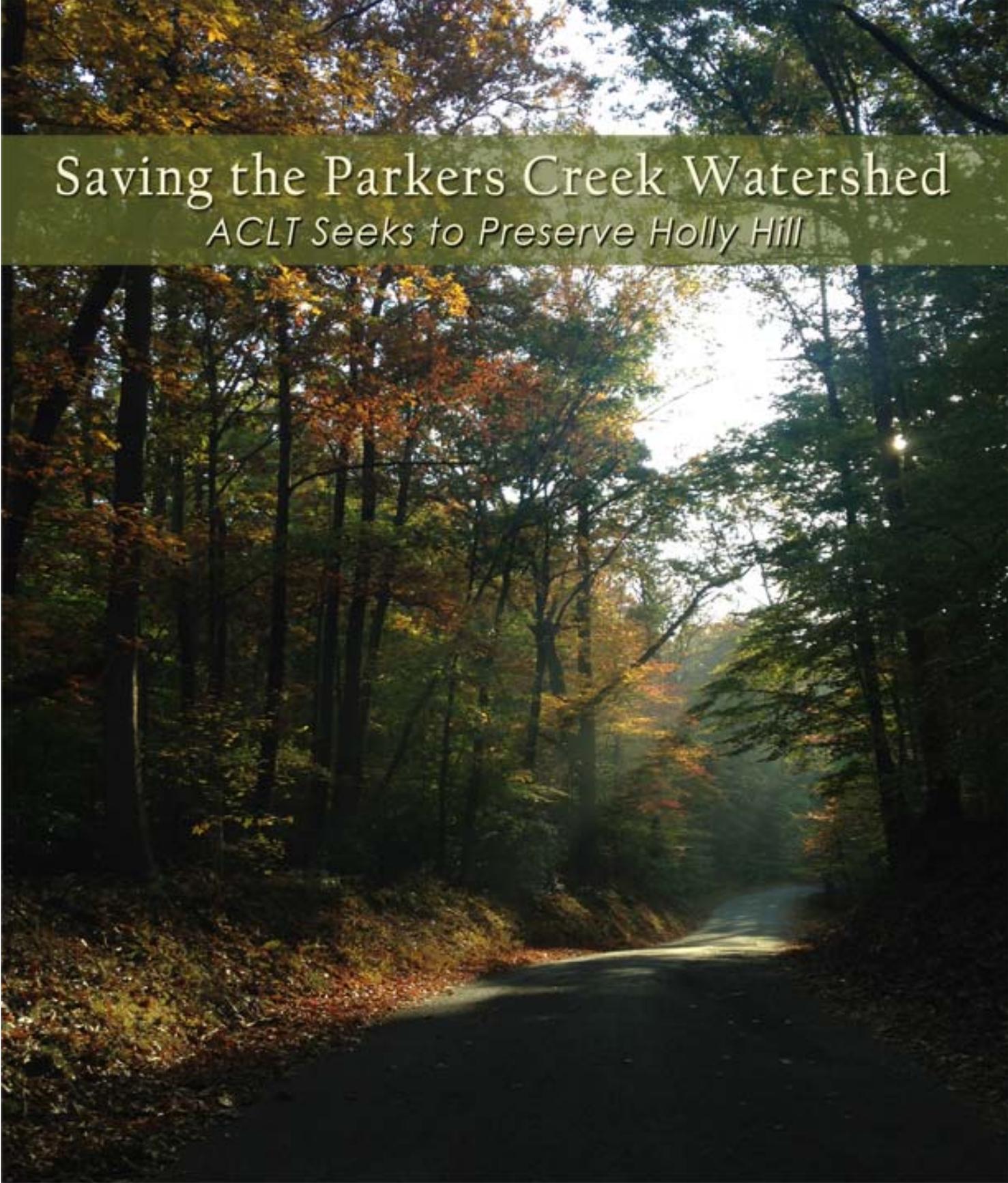


# Watershed Observer



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A large photograph of a forest path. The path is dark and curves through a dense forest. The trees have vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a dappled light effect on the path and the forest floor. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

## Saving the Parkers Creek Watershed

*ACLT Seeks to Preserve Holly Hill*



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## From the President's Desk

*God Bless America  
Let's save some of it.*

Edward Albee

In addition to all the hustle and bustle Spring usually brings to ACLT, the board and staff have been working feverishly to save a large parcel of land that could be the brightest star in our constellation of ACLT preserved properties. The name of this property is Holly Hill. It is a spectacular 405-acre parcel of land with forests, rolling hills, streams, and a working farm. It is also one of the most strategically important properties to ACLT. It completes the protection of the Horse Swamp and it fully protects the northern boundary of the Parkers Creek Watershed, which has been a goal of ACLT for 20 years.

It also preserves the scenic and historic landscape that we all drive through once we turn onto Double Oak Road. Without protection, development would be very likely. We would be passing paved driveways, fancy fences and new homes instead of the bucolic vistas we now enjoy.

Over the years, we have made several overtures to the current owners of the property. Unfortunately, the initial asking price was beyond our reach. However, the board went into high gear when we became aware that Maryland Rural Legacy Easement money might still be available along with a modest reduction in price.

The process that has brought us to where we are today has been a long and tedious exercise with many uncertainties. Greg has done a masterful job in guiding us on this journey. He began with negotiating a sale price that was realistic, managing the requirements of various government bureaucracies, and assisting the board, in particular, Gary Lowe who has been leading our effort in assembling the fundraising infrastructure necessary to meet our goals.

Notwithstanding all the hard work that already has taken place, there is still a significant financial gap between how much we will be getting from the State of Maryland and the amount necessary to purchase and manage the property. Each member of the board is personally committed to this project in very concrete ways. As of now, they have given and or pledged over \$400,000. This reflects an unprecedented commitment from these folks. It acknowledges the importance of this particular piece of property and their commitment to the inherent goals of the ACLT.

As I suggested earlier, there are many moving parts to this effort. We have until October to finally determine whether or not we will be successful in making this purchase—the largest ever contemplated by ACLT. We have a good way to go but we are confident that with the help of our members, we will bring this stellar piece of property into our universe.

Please consider doing what you can financially to be part of this effort. No amount is too small! We have a chance to save another little piece of America. With your help, we will make this happen.

Patrick Griffin, President

Dear Members,

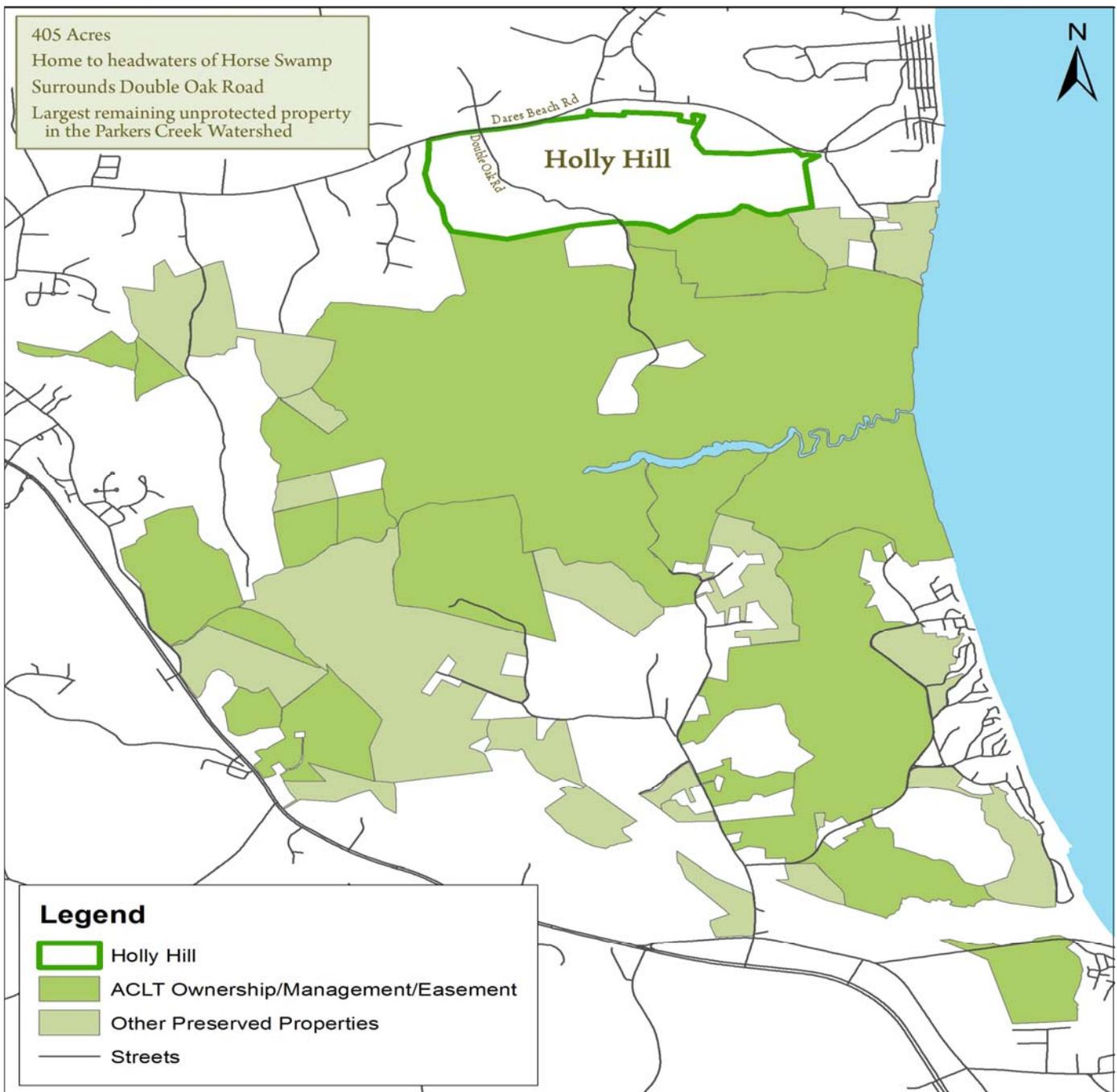
Holly Hill, a 405 acre parcel at the northern-most border of the watershed, is a critical and vulnerable property. Its development could forever change the health of the Parkers Creek Watershed - its wildlife, its lands and its waterways. It's so important, the state has already tried to purchase the land but without success.

**ACLT is exploring a rare opportunity to save Holly Hill from development and damage  
- a chance that may never come again.**

At this point, we are attempting to align pieces of the puzzle that will make success possible. Your support will be a crucial element in our decision to move forward. Please take some time to read the articles contained in this issue which explain the ecological, cultural and historical significance of this important project. As always, please feel free to contact ACLT staff or Board Members with any questions or comments.

**We invite you to be part of the team that  
preserves Holly Hill and protects the Parkers Creek Watershed.**

Greg Bowen, Executive Director



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## COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR

### JULY

15 SAT – SUNRISE GUIDED CANOE TRIP (6:00 A.M.–9:00 A.M.) (SUNDAY RAIN DATE)

### AUGUST

12 SAT – SUNSET CANOE TRIP (6:00–9:00 P.M.) (NO RAIN DATE)

SEE MORE OF THE 2017 CALENDAR ON PAGE 10 OR ONLINE AT [HTTP://ACLTWEB.ORG](http://acltweb.org).



Dr. Thomas Turner  
Right: Aerial view of  
Holly Hill Property.

## Holly Hill — a timely opportunity

*“. . . where aged oaks and tulip poplars shade a verdant softness and a deep, life-sustaining loam.” Thomas Turner, MD.*

In 1987, ACLT was deep in discussions concerning the purchase of its first property, the Gravatt property, over four hundred acres of land that extends to the southern boundary of the Parkers Creek watershed. The Trust settled on the land in October of that year. In 2017, the Trust has the opportunity to acquire Holly Hill, over 400 acres of land that extend to the northern boundary of the Parkers Creek watershed.

We are in the midst of a contract contingency period that could result in purchase of the property in October, thirty years to the month after the Gravatt purchase. From southern boundary to northern boundary, the width of the tidal portion of the watershed is 3.7 miles (much longer by trail). In that 30 year period, ACLT and its partners have protected nearly everything in between.

Holly Hill, and Double Oak Road that meanders through it, are reminiscent of days gone by. Tall trees line the driveway leading up to a 1940's cottage, and, before that existed, a brick home now in ruins. Holly Hill farm was well-situated for access to the steamboat landing at Dares Beach as the Weems' Steamboat Line was the preferred form of transport for passengers and for goods in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

A main purpose for roads at the time was to gain access to the steamboat lines as water transport was the fastest and most efficient. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Parkers Creek Road crossed Parkers Creek, connecting residents from the south side of the Creek to Double Oak Road, thence to Dares Beach Road and the Wharf.

Holly Hill property was named after Holly Hill School that still stands as a residence on an adjacent property. At the turn of the century, Thomas Turner's grandfather owned Holly Hill and young Thomas attended a one-room school house near the property. Thomas went on to attend St. John's College in Annapolis and the University of Maryland School of Medicine. From there he eventually migrated northeast to Baltimore where he took up residency at the Johns Hopkins University's School of Medicine, eventually serving as its dean for many years.

His work took him to many parts of the world. In his autobiography, he says "Though in later life I fancied myself a citizen of the world—at home in the blackout of wartime London, the tropical rainforests of Jamaica, the brick



and mortar jungles of New York, and the beauty of Geneva—it is the roads and fields and streams of Calvert County that evoke nostalgia and a yearning for stability and continuity.”

In many ways, the tidal portion of the Parkers Creek watershed has been an area that time forgot. The great hurricane of 1933 destroyed most of the wharves and steamboat shipping along the Chesapeake Bay and water transport virtually ended. Truck transport had become more popular for hauling freight once better highways were developed. However, in parts of the Parkers Creek watershed, roads were not improved. Storms wiped out two bridges that linked areas south of Parkers Creek. The beautiful hills and meadows that had been farmed for generations receded into forest as the productivity of the highly erodible soils slipped away. Much of the land was transferred through tax sale or foreclosures on loans, due to lack of economic viability.

Holly Hill is one exception. The original farm, about 60 acres of farmland (the rest woods), was highly productive and not damaged by erosion over time. Turner heirs resolved to hang onto the land rather than sell it for development. Through their persistence and stewardship, this property remains much the way it was over one hundred years ago.

Likewise, Double Oak Road remains in the same alignment and form as it did over a century ago. When the Parkers Creek bridge was destroyed and most of the farms died, there was no need for the county to straighten and widen it. It was perfectly fine for those who don't mind taking their time.

By no means is the Holly Hill deal done, but prospects are promising. Imagine the potential historic and environmental magnitude of this accomplishment. An archeological survey conducted in 1998 for the American Chestnut Land Trust, and funded by a Maryland Historical Trust grant, found a plethora of prehistoric and historic pieces on Holly Hill dating as far back as the Early Archaic period (7500-7000 BC). Molly Stephens, archaeological consultant, speculates that it served as a large short-term resource procurement camp or as an area that was used by prehistoric hunters given the number and date range of the projectile points and tools collected.

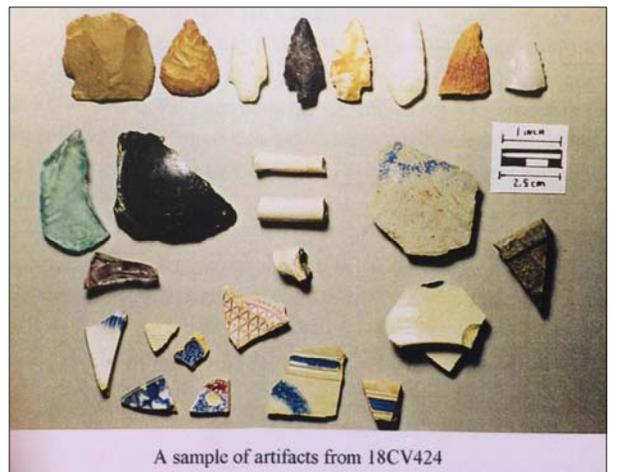
Likewise, its protection is a key to the near pristine condition of Parkers Creek. Its wide forest buffers protect 20 acres of upland wetlands and 5,000 feet of feeder streams that form Horse Swamp Creek, which is the largest tributary on the northern side of Parkers Creek.

As a measure of the significance, one hundred percent of the Board of Directors are pledging money toward its purchase and there is the opportunity to utilize a Maryland Rural Legacy Grant which was awarded to Calvert County.

The tranquility and sense of discovery traveling Double Oak Road is never lost on me. With each dip and turn of the road, one feels stress and modernity vanishing in thin air. The road forces you to take your time and enjoy the scenery. That will not change, should we be successful.

Our contract will expire in October. For now we are imagining the possibilities and exploring the strategies toward a purchase. Holly Hill is a priceless gem that could be lost in the next generation if it is not protected. Now might be the time.

Greg Bowen, Executive Director



A sample of artifacts from 18CV424

# Land Manager's Corner

## The Ecological Features and Importance of Holly Hill, ACLT's Newest Potential Land Acquisition

ACLT's newest prospective acquisition is a 405-acre property that spans either side of Double Oak Road from Dares Beach Road all the way to the border of the Double Oak property where the ACLT Office is located. While generally known as Holly Hill, the property has also been dubbed "The Gateway to the Preserve" since it borders both sides of Double Oak Road as it winds through the woods almost a mile before terminating at the open fields by the North Side trailhead. This large tract of beautiful woodlands has always seemed like such a natural piece of ACLT that I've spoken to many people who were surprised to learn that it wasn't already a part of the preserved properties in the Parkers Creek watershed. Indeed, those of us who have taken the drive down Double Oak Road know the magic that would surely be lost if it was lined with houses instead beeches, oaks, and poplars. Holly Hill is one of the most ecologically important properties in the watershed as well as one of the most in danger of development. Most of the land in the Parkers Creek Watershed is within the farm and forest district which limits the housing potential to 1 house per 20 acres. The Holly Hill property does not have this designation and therefore has a much higher development potential.

### Ecological Importance

In addition to serving as a beautiful wooded entrance to the ACLT office and North Side Trailhead, Holly Hill is ecologically significant for a variety of reasons. First, it provides a large wooded buffer around the headwaters of the Horse Swamp Creek which is one of the largest tributaries feeding into Parkers Creek. The forested land on the steep slopes leading down to the headwater streams of Horse Swamp Creek minimizes erosion and absorbs nutrients in the soil to prevent them from entering the creek and eventually the Bay. The tree cover in this area also helps to regulate a more steady flow of water into the headwater streams by reducing evaporation in drier weather and releasing water slowly during and after rain events. These moist, shaded ravines are largely fed by groundwater and provide habitat for a variety of mosses, salamanders, and dragonflies, including the State Watch listed Gray Petaltail dragonfly which was observed on the property when we visited with DNR's Regional Ecologist Kathy McCarthy. Kathy noted that hillside seepages within deciduous forests, such as those found on Holly Hill, are required breeding habitat for Gray Petaltails.

Horse Swamp Creek flows downstream, eventually crossing onto the Double Oak property where the Horse Swamp section of the Prince Frederick to Bay Trail passes the beaver dam that has flooded a section of the Horse Swamp Creek. In the unique woodland swamp created by the beaver dam we have observed a huge

variety of wildlife including great blue herons, kingfishers, wood ducks and screech owls that are nesting in the boxes we have established there, a variety of frogs, and of course the architects of it all, the beavers themselves. By protecting the woodlands upstream, we can help ensure good water quality for all of these wildlife species living downstream by the beaver dam.

In between the shaded headwater streams and the woodland swamp created by the beaver dam, there is a sunny open wetland area on the Holly Hill property that could house flowering native plants such as cardinal flower and swamp milkweed. On my visit with Kathy McCarthy, we also observed Long-beaked Arrowhead which is found throughout the marshes of Calvert County but it not found many other places in Maryland according to Kathy. Throughout the property you can also find cranefly, puttyroot, and downy rattlesnake plantain orchids as well as the fairly uncommon Large-seeded Forget-me-not. The property also has Bigtooth Aspen which are native and uncommon in southern Maryland. The steep, wooded slopes also provide great habitat for Single-headed Pussytos, a wildflower that is listed as Threatened in the state of Maryland and has been found on other ACLT-owned properties in the area.

### A Variety of Habitats

In addition to the large diversity of wildlife that has already been observed on and around the Holly Hill property, the variety of habitats on



Gray Petaltail dragonfly Photo by Vicki DeLoach. Shared under the Creative Commons License.

this 405-acre property have the potential to support an incredible amount of other species. On some sections of the property there are dense stands of loblolly pine which provide great habitat for great-horned owls. There are ridge tops and hillsides covered with Laurel so dense they are almost impassable and acres of old-growth beeches, oak, and hickories that provide habitat for many species that require interior forests for foraging and nesting areas. As these forests continue to age they will provide even better habitat for these Forest Interior Dwelling Species (or FIDS).

The value of this habitat for FIDS is increased due to its proximity to the over 3,000 other acres of forested habitat that currently make up the Parkers Creek Preserve. Large contiguous patches of native forests are becoming increasingly uncommon as fragmentation and development occur. With it, the species that rely on these ecosystems are seeing large population declines. Therefore, it is even more urgent that we seize this opportunity to protect this large forested tract that is adjacent to another 3,000 forested acres of prime FIDS habitat.

While the majority of the property is forested, approximately 60 acres of the property near Dares Beach Road is prime farmland. This will add to the diversity of landscapes within the Parkers Creek Preserve and will provide another way for ACLT to preserve the agricultural heritage of Calvert County and maintain healthy natural ecosystems. ACLT plans to have the fields farmed in a sustainable manner so that they will continue to be productive while also minimizing sediment and nutrient runoff into the nearby streams. Some of the practices that will be incorporated include leaving forested buffers between the field edges and headwater streams, minimizing soil disturbance, and planting cover crops between growing seasons to take up excess nutrients and hold the soil in place over the winter.

I mentioned above that large contiguous forests play an important role because they are a habitat that is becoming increasingly rare. However, the edges between forests and open fields or meadows are also a hotspot for wildlife diversity. While a monoculture agriculture crop does not support much wildlife, allowing for a border of grasses, flowers, and shrubs between the forest and field edge can provide another very limited habitat type that supports a great diversity of birds, insects, and small mammals. Humans often disrupt the natural pattern of forest succes-

sion that would progress from meadow to shrubland to mature forest after a disturbance. We do this by limiting natural disturbances such as fires and floods and by maintaining early successional habitats, such as meadows, by mowing them rather than gradually letting them convert into forest. As a result, today the edges between two different habitat types are usually clearly defined. Edges that transition “softly” from open field to forest edge provide wildlife habitat and increase crop pollination

without reducing crop yields, despite the fact that farmers end up planting less acreage of cropland. If we are able to acquire Holly Hill, this is yet another practice that we could work towards in the future to employ sustainable agriculture and provide enhanced wildlife habitat.

It is rare to find such a large property in a prime location in such great condition. To date, we have found no trash dumps on the property and the invasive plant species are limited to small areas that have experienced disturbances in the past. Most of the property has been unchanged for decades. The time is right for ACLT to make the push to preserve the Holly Hill property forever. If we are successful, we will have had a hand in permanently protecting the land all the way from the southern boundary to the northern boundary of the Parkers Creek watershed. This important piece to the puzzle will ensure that the winding, wooded entrance to the ACLT office will remain that way. It will ensure almost 400 acres of prime woodland wildlife habitat will be protected forever. And it will help ensure the health of a main tributary that flows into Parkers Creek and eventually into the Chesapeake Bay.

Autumn Phillips-Lewis  
ACLT, Land Manager



Screech owl and babies. Photo by Bob Field.

*We look forward to sharing more information with you as it becomes available. Contact us as at 410-414-3400 or at [gbowen@acltweb.org](mailto:gbowen@acltweb.org) to talk to us in greater detail about this effort.*

# Around ACLT

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## SMECO Selects ACLT As One of Their 2017 Corporate Charities

ACLT has had a long standing friendship with the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative and has been grateful for their frequent actions to further environmentally conscientious corporate decision and their reliable support of ACLT's annual auction. This spring however, we were surprised with an added vote of support.

### From SMECO's Announcement:

SMECO is committed to the protection and preservation of natural resources and strives to balance the needs of our customers with our goal to protect the environment, all while providing reliable, competitively-priced electricity and related services. Our commitment to enhance the quality of life in Southern Maryland is aligned with our commitment to environmental stewardship, and we demonstrate our commitment through leadership, advocacy, and engagement.



In that regard, we've selected the following four organizations concerned with the environment to be our 2017 corporate charities: the American Chestnut Land Trust in Calvert County, the Port Tobacco River Conservancy in Charles County, the Alice Ferguson Foundation in Prince George's County and the St. Mary's River Watershed Association in St. Mary's County.

Each year SMECO employees host two fundraising events, the SMECO 75 Bike Ride and the Annual Charity Golf Outing. At the end of the year all proceeds from the events are awarded to the charities.

We send our sincerest thanks to SMECO for their support and for their dedication to a healthy environment in Southern Maryland.



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## Regeneration International: ACLT's Double Oak Farm Receives an Honorable Mention

The ACLT staff is proud to announce that out of 216 project submissions from 60 countries, our very own Double Oak Farm was placed in the top 20 most innovative regeneration projects. Regeneration International is an organization devoted towards connecting sustainable development, environmentally-conscious minds, and regenerative food production operations around the world. In early 2017, it announced a call for organizations to submit relevant projects currently in design and/or implementation. Projects are rated based on the scope of work, the ease of replication for other organizations, and the scalability of the project. The top five programs were awarded a micro-grant to aid with continuing their work and the top 20 were listed as an honorable mention for the rest of the world to view and collaborate with. It is inspiring when one realizes that the work we are dedicating ourselves towards here in Calvert County is being recognized on a global scale.

Our "Agriculture Supporting the Community" operation enhances and educates the community in innovative and holistic agricultural techniques while donating 75% of all produce to a local food pantry. Each year ACLT has donated roughly 4,000 lbs. of produce, while the remainder goes to ACLT's farmers markets to raise funds for the farm, and to our dedicated volunteers who collectively log over 2,000 hours annually. This operation models low environmental impact



production for the community to replicate and seeks to improve the soil in the process.

In these troubled times when many continue to prioritize profit over preservation of natural ecosystems that have sustained our species hitherto, it is reassuring to view a web of international organizations who are dedicated to the same cause as us here at ACLT. Furthermore, to be ranked in the top 20 invokes a sense of responsibility that inspires us to continue moving forward and further improve. "Think Global, Act Local," is a phrase being tossed around in conversation as of late and I believe it is a mindset that manifests itself in the workings of the ACLT, Regeneration International, and all of the organizations represented by Regeneration International.

Another intriguing aspect within Regeneration International is the cultural and financial diversity of the organizations it represents. Some have started these projects based off of necessity (think how the Green Revolution produced high quantities of food, yet has adversely impacted many developing nations) and others out of responsibility, such as Farming for Hunger in Benedict, MD and Double Oak Farm. The moral is that we cannot save the world with one individual sweep of a broom. Instead, there must be local efforts that collectivize to establish a global community that is devoted and enthusiastic about contributing to our planet's vitality.

Regeneration International has started this movement to enable these compatible projects and organizations to network, so please take some time to visit their website, check out the range of phenomenal projects, and support them in any way possible.

Mile Molina,  
Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member

<http://regenerationinternational.org/>  
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(<http://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Chestnut-Land-Trust/250928382473?ref=ts>)



## Peg Niland Retires

We learned recently that Peg Niland, ACLT's first employee, retired as Executive Director for the Harford Land Trust this June. We congratulate Peg on a highly successful 25-year career in land conservation!

Peg approached her land conservation career via a somewhat circuitous route. Randi Vogt, an ACLT charter member and then senior planner at the Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning, first met Peg in the early 1990's when she ventured into the planning office to inquire about subdivision review procedures on behalf of her employer, a developer, who was planning a large residential development and golf course on the north side of Parkers Creek. Randi recalls, "I remember being aghast when I saw the plans, but tried to stay professional." After providing the requested information, Randi mentioned that she was a member of the American Chestnut Land Trust. When Peg expressed interest, Randi went on to tell her more about the nascent land trust. One thing led to another, the development did not proceed, and Peg eagerly accepted a newly created part-time position at ACLT.

Eventually, ACLT established its first office in the log cabin at the entrance to Gate A of the Scientists Cliffs Community. Peg became the full-time Administrator and, when the time came to add additional staff, she was promoted to become ACLT's first Executive Director. Peg applied herself to learning everything about land conservation, building bridges to county government, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Nature Conservancy, the Department of Natural Resources, as well as local land owners. She was instrumental in the acquisition of many of the properties within the Parkers Creek watershed that are now owned or managed by ACLT.

Possibly her greatest strength, however, was her ability to cultivate friendships for ACLT in the community. Her daughters, Beth and Diane, were recruited as active volunteers. She forged ties with local hunters to provide volunteer service hours performing various and sundry land management activities in exchange for the privilege of participating in ACLT's novel deer herd management program. She made sure that ACLT volunteers not only knew their efforts were appreciated, but that they were well fed; her Volunteer Appreciation Dinners were legendary.

In 2005, Peg decided to relocate to Harford County, and Harford Land Trust has been the beneficiary of her many talents since then. ACLT wishes Peg a very healthy, happy and well-deserved retirement.



Karen Edgecombe

## American Chestnut Land Trust

### Calendar of Events

#### July

9 Sun – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Farmers  
Market (1:00–4:00 p.m.)  
15 Sat – SUNRISE Guided Canoe  
Trip (6:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.)  
(Sunday Rain Date)

#### August

12 Sat – SUNSET Canoe Trip  
(6:00–9:00 p.m.) (No Rain Date)  
13 Sun – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Farmers  
Market (1:00–4:00 p.m.)

#### September

16 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip  
(11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.) (Sunday  
Rain Date)  
22 Fri – Volunteer Appreciation  
Dinner (6:30–9 p.m.)  
30 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip  
(10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.) (Sunday  
Rain Date)

#### October

7 & 8 Sat & Sun – Patuxent River  
Appreciation Days (10:00 a.m.–  
5:00 p.m.)  
14 Sat – Fall Hiking Trail  
Maintenance Day (9:00 a.m.–  
12:00 p.m., picnic lunch)  
14 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip  
(10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.) (Sunday  
Rain Date)  
28 Sat – Guided Canoe Trip  
(9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) (Sunday  
Rain Date)

#### November

4 Sat – 21st Annual Auction &  
Dinner  
19 Sat – Fall Colors Guided Hike  
(1:00–3:00 p.m.)  
30 Thu – Wreath-Making Work-  
shop (6pm–9 p.m.)

#### December

1 Fri – Wreath-Making Work-  
shops (10am–2pm)  
2 Sat – Holiday Wreath &  
Greens Sale at ACLT South Side  
Barn (11:00am–2:00pm)

## Thank you for your support ...

### New Members

ACLT would like to welcome the follow-  
ing new members since the Spring 2017  
newsletter:

Kevin Achorn  
Kristen Adamski  
Billy Joe Campbell Aris  
Judy Ball  
Andrea Banks  
Karen Braman  
Michelle Daubon  
Vicki & Bill Denenea  
Katrina Drew  
April Ebey  
Gerri Fattizzi  
Donald Griffin  
Dale & Barbara Graff  
Gretchen Hambricht  
Jeannine Harris  
Jenny Heinritz  
Jennifer & Noller Herbert  
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Joan Humphreys  
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Maurice Walters  
Melinda Whitfield  
Janet S. Wright

### Sustaining Membership

Congratulations to the following mem-  
bers who have reached the level of Sus-  
taining Membership:  
Dawn & Steve Balinski  
Jody Longhill & James Borell

### Memorial Contributions

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

In memory of **Sandy Anderson** who  
was a dedicated member and strong  
supporter:  
Joan & Melvin Axilbund  
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Annette Davis  
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Kristine & Robert Evans  
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who were Sustaining Members and dedi-  
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In memory of **Richard Kay** who was a  
Sustaining Member and a dedicated sup-  
porter:

Joy Bartholomew & Mark Edmondson  
Pamela Jean Moran

In memory of **Russ P. Mogel, Jr.** who was a strong supporter of our deer management program and a dedicated volunteer:  
Barbara S. Mogel

### Gift Memberships

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Joy Bartholomew & Mark Edmondson

### General Contributions

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