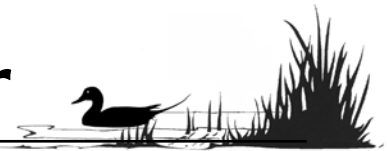


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Update On the Prince Frederick Wastewater Treatment Plant

Our efforts to convince the county to modify its plans for a wastewater treatment plant on Parkers Creek unfortunately fell on deaf ears. The Planning Commission voted to approve the plant with five conditions: 1) discharge is limited to 300,000 gallons per day; 2) no direct discharge to Parkers Creek is permitted; 3) no facility expansion at the Parkers Creek site is permitted; 4) the results of groundwater and surface water quality monitoring required by the county's permit will be made publicly available; and 5) there will be no spraying on slopes greater than 25%. The Planning Commission also expressed the "hope" that the County would begin by spraying on more level areas first, and they passed a separate resolution urging the County Commissioners to immediately begin the search for a site for future expansion needs.

ACLT was grateful to receive support for our position, in the form of letters addressed to the Planning Commission from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The county still needs approvals from the Maryland Department of the Environment relating to dam safety and construction in floodplains and wetlands. ACLT will continue to monitor the progress of the county's plans for the wastewater treatment plant.

Parkers Creek Celebration — June 9

You will not want to miss the biggest event in ACLT's fifteen-year history!

Join the ACLT, The Nature Conservancy and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in the dedication of the Goldstein, Turner, Somerville and Ward properties on the north side of Parkers Creek on **June 9, 2001**, beginning at 12:00 noon at Double Oak Farm.

There will be live music by Trespassers Will, chicken and barbequed ribs by the Rod 'N Reel, inaugural hikes on our new north side trails, as well as fun activities and exhibits for all ages. Please RSVP to the office by June 1, if you plan to join us for lunch.

This celebration is being generously provided by Mr. Kenneth Michael, former owner of Double Oak Farm.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK ...

I was elected by the ACLT Board of Directors in November 2000 to serve as President of the Board during the year 2001. I have been a member of ACLT for as long as I have known of its existence, joining in 1989, after moving to Calvert County in 1988. I am delighted to accept the honor of serving as ACLT's President, following in the distinguished footsteps of Ralph Dwan, Aileen Hughes and Joy Bartholomew.

To me, ACLT symbolizes what is best about Calvert County: a community of people who care deeply about their natural surroundings and who have a proven track record of success in achieving their mission of promoting land preservation for educational, recreational, conservation, scientific and historic purposes.

In this, our fifteenth anniversary year, ACLT's focus is on celebrating! In this issue, we celebrate You, our members and volunteers. Our Membership and Outreach Committee and our new full-time administrative assistant/volunteer coordinator, Dawn Rosenlund, are actively working to make sure you don't miss out on volunteer opportunities and membership events. Their success is evident in the fact that over 75 volunteers participated in our annual Earth Day event on April 21.

On June 9th, we will be celebrating the long-awaited preservation of the "north side properties" at the *Parkers Creek Celebration*. Our Land Management Committee and our full-time land manager, Dan Sampson, have been blazing new trails and developing a set of land use policies for ACLT's management of the Turner, Somerville, Ward and Goldstein properties on the north side of Parkers Creek. We can't wait for you to see our north side properties!

In other news worthy of celebration, our Administration and Fundraising Committee and executive director, Peg Niland, landed an impressive \$35,000 grant from the U.S. Bank Trust. At our Parkers Creek Celebration on June 9th, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, an important new funding source for the ACLT, will be handing us a symbolic check in the amount of \$14,225 for ecosystem restoration and public outreach.

Thank you for the opportunity to lead such a successful and impressive organization.

—Karen Edgecombe, President

Signs of Spring
Cup fungus and morel from ACLT trails (not to scale).



AROUND ACLT ...

Kushner, Lacouture and Starr Retire from the Board

It was announced at the ACLT Annual Meeting in November that three of ACLT's most outstanding directors were retiring from the Board of Directors. They are: JoAnn Kushner, Mimi Lacouture and Leslie Starr. We are extremely grateful for their many years of dedication and fine service to the Land Trust.

JoAnn Kushner was a member of several ACLT committees including Membership and Outreach, Governance, and Fundraising. She was responsible, in March 2000, for introducing the Land Trust to a wide cross-section of Calvert County via the Calvert Artists' Showcase (CASH), for which we are very thankful.

Mimi Lacouture served as the Co-chair of the Membership and Outreach Committee and continues to serve as Co-Chair of the Land Preservation Committee. She created numerous, successful activities for the Land Trust, which have become solid traditions. These include the several ACLT Art Shows, the Chili Cook off and Auction, canoe trips and other fine education and recreation events which have contributed greatly to ACLT fundraising and membership goals.

Leslie Starr for many years was the Chair or Co-Chair of the ACLT Land Management Committee. She was almost single-handedly coordinated and supervised all volunteer efforts in the

maintenance of the miles and miles of beautiful ACLT trails. When volunteers were not available, she worked tirelessly alone or with her husband, Joe Turner, painting and installing trails signs, maintaining the Chestnut arboretum and tackling special projects.

The work of these Board Members has created permanent, positive results. Their contributions will be appreciated and felt across the Land Trust for many years to come.

New ACLT Board Members

Three new members were elected to the ACLT Board of Directors at the November Annual Meeting. They are:

Paul W. Dennett

Paul Dennett has resided in Washington, DC since 1979, and has been a member of the ACLT since 1988, when he became a resident of Scientists' Cliffs. He served for five years as a Director of Scientists' Cliffs Association, also serving on the Budget and Finance Committee, the Nominating Committee and several other *ad hoc* and standing committees.

Paul is in the federal health care policy field. He currently serves as the vice president of health policy for the American Benefits Council, a trade association whose members are large American and multinational companies that offer health, retirement, and other benefits to their employees. Prior to the American

Benefits Council, Paul was the executive director for congressional relations for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association and he worked for U.S. Senator Max Baucus, a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee.

Paul is a graduate of Bowdoin College and has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington in Seattle. He and his wife, Diana, enjoy hiking, canoeing, and cross-country skiing on the American Chestnut Land Trust property. They are members of The Nature Conservancy and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. They are avid supporters of land conservation and the protection of the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Terry Moran Farman

Terry Farman has lived in Southern Maryland for over thirty years. She, and her husband Rick, have resided in Scientists' Cliffs since 1985 where they have been active members of the American Chestnut Land Trust and the Scientists' Cliffs Association. They are also very active members of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association, the Southern Maryland Sailing Association, and the Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation for Youth.

Terry has taught science at the Plum Point Middle School since its opening, serving as Science Department Head, Director of the Science Fair, Director of Centers for Science, Mathematics, and Engineering, Sponsor of Honors Science Seminar, Research Editor the

National Blue Ribbon Committee, Consultant for School Improvement Plan, Developer of Summer Students-at-Risk Program and Sponsor of Dare Plus After School Programs. With nine generations of Maryland farmers preceding her, Terry values and respects the land comprising the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Terry is a graduate of Saint Mary's College of Maryland with a degree in Biology and Secondary Science Education. She is now taking her 36th graduate course, this time in the Biodiversity of Fish Species. She enjoys fossil hunting, sailing and racing, scuba diving, cooking, gardening and her new grandchild. Terry is a farmer's daughter who believes fervently in land preservation. She is looking forward to fostering her land stewardship concepts in the young people of Southern Maryland.

Patrick J. Griffin

Pat Griffin is a resident of Wash-

ington, DC and of Scientists' Cliffs. He and his wife, Abbey, are longtime, very supportive members of the ACLT, and Pat has been serving on the Land Preservation (Acquisition) Committee.

Pat was appointed Assistant to the President and Director for Legislative Affairs in the White House in January 1994. Prior to service in the Clinton Administration, he was the founder and President of the government relations firm, Griffin/Johnson and Associates in Washington, DC. Pat was formerly Senior Vice President and Managing Director for the Government Relations Division of Burson-Marsteller, one of the leading public relations and communications firms in the United States. Prior to that, he was Secretary for the Democrats in the U.S. Senate where he served as the only Democratic elected officer of the Senate. He served as the senior floor assistant to the Senate Majority Leader, Robert C. Byrd. During his career in the Senate, Pat carried

out duties as professional staff of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee and the Senate Budget Committee. He also served as domestic policy advisor at the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Prior to coming to Washington, Pat was an assistant professor of education at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Pat Griffin is currently the Congressional Scholar in Residence and adjunct professor at the School of Government at American University, as well as Academic Director of the University's National Lobbying Institute. He is also providing strategic communications and planning advice to several organizations as founder and President of Griffin, Johnson, Dover, and Stewart.

Pat will continue to provide his high level of expertise to the ACLT as Co-Chair of the Land Preservation Committee.

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

Spotlight on Nancy Baer

"Though I have lived in Calvert County for over 30 years, I didn't really discover ACLT until 1999 when I picked up a brochure with trail maps at one of the community events. I retired in 1995 to pursue my hobby in woodturning. Now I have the time to take long walks, and I was thrilled to find this resource so close to where we live in Dares Beach.

"I feel strongly that if I am going to take advantage of the trails, I need to be involved and do my part. I've certainly enjoyed

the activities that I've participated in thus far, from acting as recording secretary for board meetings to helping staff the booth at Annemarie Gardens. And what a great way to meet some wonderful people! My husband, Len, and I both enjoy outdoor activities, particularly bicycling, hiking and kayaking. We plan to be in Calvert County for many more years and hope to continue to serve ACLT as volunteers.

"When we moved to Calvert County in 1969, the population was less than 20,000 and there was no

lack of open space. We moved here to raise our family 'away from the city' in an area where they could have horses and ponies, room to roam safely and opportunities to learn to appreciate the environment - the fields, the woods and the Bay.

"I was fortunate to be a 'stay at home' mom, spending time trail riding with our children, Kevin and Darcy, gardening, and volunteering as a 4H leader for nearly 10 years until I returned to work in 1981.

"Looking back over the last 30

years and comparing the present development to what was here in 1969, I am so thankful that there were people who foresaw the need to protect our natural resources like Parkers Creek. I don't know how anyone could hike the trails or canoe the creek without pausing to reflect what would be there if it had not been for those who saw the need, and had the vision, talent and energy to form ACLT and bring it to where it is today.

"I volunteer because I feel it is the least I can do. It is my small way of helping to protect this natural resource so our four grandchildren and others can enjoy it and of saying thank you to those who are

Spotlight on John Campbell

"Of the many different ways a person can spend time in volunteer activities, I can imagine few more inspiring, satisfying—and fun—than this one." So says John C. Campbell, an increasingly active ACLT volunteer who says his efforts the past few years with the land trust have made him even more interested in land preservation, wildlife conservation, and the Bay's environmental issues. "Plus, the people involved in ACLT are themselves extremely interesting, fun, and rewarding to get to know."

John and his wife Julie, who live and work in Washington, DC, purchased a cabin in Calvert County in 1997 and now spend the majority of their weekends there.

Most of John's ACLT activities have focused on Outreach, as he has frequently manned the trust's exhibit at Calvert County and Bay events. Julie has also shared in these. Most recently he helped with

the annual Christmas greens/hayride event at Warrior's Rest, selling wreath raffle tickets and serving hot cider to an appreciative crowd of young and old on an unseasonably cold Saturday.

When the annual ACLT chili cook off and silent auction was held this past fall, Patrice and Fred Ferris, strong supporters of ACLT, donated an evening of entertainment by their Satin Doll Trio as an auction prize. Excited and "spending more money than I would have considered proper," John successfully outbid other interested parties to win the Trio. He has decided to leverage the prize by donating it as part of a fund-raising event for the American Chestnut Land Trust, to be held later this year.

John says he plans to get more active in ACLT-related programs, and hopes to encourage more people to become involved. "The ACLT is becoming a model for environmental conservation not only on the Bay but in the mid-Atlantic and beyond," John notes. "To be even more effective, we need greater awareness, greater participation, greater contributions by more people and organizations—financially and in time and energy."

John is a longtime public relations, marketing, and communications consultant. He founded his firm, Campbell Communications, Inc., in 1980, following three years in the government—with the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Council on Wage and Price Stability. He is an active jogger and weekend athlete who enjoys tennis, fishing, cooking,

the Internet, "and the Chesapeake Bay," he emphasizes. Julie, and long-time ACLT member Susan Simon, are partners in Capital Insights Group, a policy and political analysis firm in Washington.

John and Julie each have two grown children by previous marriages and four grandchildren.

ACLT Receives Over \$100,000 in Grants

In addition to our members' contributions, ACLT depends on foundation grants to cover much of our administrative costs and assist with special projects. We are very grateful to the following organizations for their financial support and confidence.

The Nature Conservancy (for Land Management) \$20,000

Spring Creek Foundation (for Staff Salary) \$20,000

Janice Hollmann Grant, Maryland Environmental Trust (Administrative Grant) \$2,292

Chesapeake Bay Trust (for Parkers Creek Ecosystem Restoration Plan) \$14,225

U.S. Bank (for Staff Salary) \$35,000

Marpat Foundation (for Staff Salary) \$15,000

New on the ACLT Web Site

Visit the ACLT Web site to see images from the 2001 Earth Day cleanup event.

<http://acltweb.org/>

Flint Trail Reroute Complete

The Flint Trail on the Gravatt tract was officially reopened with an inaugural hike after the Annual Meeting on November 11. The popular trail had been closed for over a year due to erosion problems that undercut several portions of the trail along Jett Stream. Although the rerouted section of the popular trail was



Boy Scout Bridge

fairly short, the topography necessitated building three fairly large bridges to cross and recross Jett Stream, and a tributary thereof.

The first bridge was completed as an Eagle Scout project by Matt Lewis, son of long-time ACLT volunteer John Lewis. The next two bridges were built by volunteer work parties. Their help was instrumental in allowing ACLT to reopen the trail in time for the fall foliage; thank you volunteers!

If you're not familiar with the Flint Trail, it begins at the intersection of Gravatt Lane and the Blood Root Trail, parallels the winding Jett Stream through a bottomland hardwood forest, and rejoins the Blood Root Trail near the chestnut arboretum. We added a couple of spur trails to provide vistas of the hillside and the stream- take a



Bridge crossing tributary of Jett Stream.

step or two off the main trail for a fantastic view. Be sure to walk the trail early this spring when the wildflowers, mountain laurels, and dogwoods are in bloom.

—Dan Sampson

Highlights from the 2000 Annual Meeting

The 13th annual meeting of the American Chestnut Land Trust was held November 11, 2000 attended by a record-breaking, enthusiastic crowd. The meeting was opened by outgoing President Joy Bartholomew who welcomed the members, reviewed the program for the meeting and introduced the present and former members of the ACLT Board of Directors, guests, and staff.

In brief comments, treasurer Paul Berry reported another good year financially, again thanks to the support of ACLT members, several

significant grants, and further receipts from the sale of Transferable Development Rights (TDRs).

Presentations by committee chairs provided an update on our accomplishments of the past year and our visions for the future as they relate to the preservation and management of the Parkers Creek watershed. Outgoing board members Leslie Starr, JoAnn Kushner, and Mimi Lacouture were recognized and three new board members were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. New Board members are Paul Dennett, Pat Griffin, and Terry Farman.

We were truly honored this

year to have the Honorable Dr. Sarah Taylor-Rogers, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, as our guest speaker. Dr. Rogers delighted the attendees with her compliments to ACLT for its accomplishments and its partnership with her department. She then reported on several state programs providing funding to local communities: (1) funds are expected for historic preservation under the new heritage committee chaired by Mrs. Glendening; (2) Program Open Space, funded at \$121 million; (3) the Rural Legacy program that has helped preserve agricultural properties; and (4) the action by the Board of Public Works that provided \$5.5 million

for preservation in Parkers Creek. All of these are examples of the Governor's Smart Growth initiatives. Her department will continue to work for future preservation efforts throughout the state.

The meeting was followed by lunch and many members spent the afternoon on a trail hike on the recently improved Flint trail or joined a work party removing invasive species.

4th Annual Chili Cook-off/Auction Huge Success

On October 14, 2000, more than 250 ACLT members, their friends, and family came to the Scientists' Cliffs Community House, ate a tanker full of chili and left. Oh, and while they were there, they enjoyed a wonderful evening of lively conversation in a beautifully decorated setting arranged by Steve Peters and his volunteers. They also bid on an extremely interesting collection of auction items, sampled great varieties of food, bid on an extremely interesting collection of auction items, listened to the music of the Calvert County Dance Band, bid on an extremely interesting collection of auction items, danced and (did we mention) bid on an extremely interesting collection of auction items. The auction items went home with lucky bidders who left behind more than \$15,000 in donations to the ACLT.

While Paul Dennett and his enthusiastic volunteers readied the

buffet tables of an incredible variety of chili, salads, dips, breads and desserts, the judges were tasting the more than 25 entries in the chili cook-off. This year, prizes were given in 3 categories: hot, mild and children's.

Meanwhile, the crowd mingled and meandered between the auction tent and the dance floor. The band, led by Eric Pfeiffer, played swing music from the 40's and 50's made famous by Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and Glen Miller to name a few. More than a few revelers showed some steps that have not been shown in public for some time. No one was injured.

The main attraction for most folks was the auction tent. Jack Andrews' lighting of the tent gets better every year. Jerry Adams and his many volunteers collected and attractively displayed the donations of more than 70 of our members. Shirley Mihursky did a terrific job making up the bid sheets. The most hotly contested item was the week stay at the Bahamas home of Patrick and Abbey Griffin. The item was so desired that the Griffin's graciously offered a second week. Thanks to their generosity, ACLT earned \$3,000.

Other items donated for auction were trips to Rehoboth Beach and San Francisco, original art work, original jewelry, photography, sailboat cruises, gourmet dinners, scenic lunches, even a ride on a Harley-Davidson Hog with a stop at a real biker bar. We can't remember if the tattoo was included. The Children's Auction organized by Leigh Hamilton offered a variety

of Beanie Babies, homemade boomerangs, stuffed animals and educational toys.

Flo Ford and Peter Stathis headed a very efficient group of volunteers who collected the proceeds from the successful auction bidders. All-in-all, Alan Wilson, chair of the auction committee, enlisted the help of more than 20 volunteers who worked countless hours to make this our most successful chili cook-off and silent auction yet. See you next year.

—Jerry Adams, Auction Chairman

From Warrior's Rest...

On December 9, 2000 ACLT hosted the annual greens sale and hayride at Warrior's Rest. Despite the chilly and windy weather, turnout was good and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. The available greens last holiday season consisted of an interesting mix of pine, spruce, magnolia, and several festive holly types. We certainly hope that fresh greens from the lovely collections of Dr. Page Jett graced the mantles and doors of many families this holiday season. Bringing these lovely ever-greens inside gives us an opportunity to appreciate the wonderful smells and take in the beautiful detail of the many different species.

Many thanks to those that came together to make this ACLT event another great success! Terry Farman was kind enough to volunteer early in the morning the day of the event to help wire the bundles of greens together. John

Campbell was extremely kind in volunteering to handle sales and serve cider throughout the event. We know how chilly he must have been! Many folks purchased Parran Collery's gorgeous tiles and ACLT T-shirts along with their greens! Great gift ideas! The wreath and centerpiece raffle were also a success. Many thanks to Alan Wilson and Steve Peters for donating the much appreciated warm cider. Thanks also to both Marie Bundy and Ted Graham for bringing along some barbecue, coleslaw, and rolls. They too helped to make this event a success. Leftover bundles of greens were donated to Scientists' Cliffs to help decorate the Community house for the

Holiday party there the following weekend.

Aside from the wonderful greens for holiday decorating, the hayrides that Dan Hamilton generously guides with the faithful John Deere tractor always seem to be well enjoyed! Many of the folks that joined us that day daringly climbed aboard the trailer and went off on several excursions to the rarely seen tenant farmer's house. Younger participants seem to especially enjoy the element of adventure associated with these bumpy yet interesting rides around Warrior's Rest.

Now that spring is here, we look forward to seeing everyone again for the many wonderful, awe

inspiring canoe trips up Parkers Creek and other events that ACLT will host at Warrior's Rest. Anyone interested in participating in these events should consult the ACLT web site at <http://acltweb.org>, newsletters for event dates and times, or call ACLT at 410-586-1570 or Warrior's Rest at 410-495-8058.

Leigh Hamilton

[Special thanks to Leigh and Dan Hamilton for their diligence in caring for Warrior's Rest Sanctu-

A Commitment to Parkers Creek

ACLT is saddened by the departure of Jonathan McKnight from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) where he has served in a variety of functions for the past 15 years. With four generations of ties to the area, Jonathan has committed a major portion of his career to the conservation and stewardship of the Parkers Creek watershed.

Within DNR, Jonathan began conservation work in 1986 as an endangered species biologist. In that capacity he performed environmental reviews for State threatened and endangered species, and was instrumental in blocking the ditching of Parkers Creek for mosquito control, the first of his many significant contributions to the protection of the Creek and watershed.

Later, McKnight moved within DNR to Program Open Space where he targeted the Parkers Creek watershed as an area of highest priority for State

ACLT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 9 - PARKERS CREEK CELEBRATION - a celebration of the "grand opening" of ACLT's newest trails—look for further details.

JULY 22 - Canoe Trip*

AUGUST 25 - Canoe Trip*

SEPTEMBER 16 - Canoe Trip*

SEPTEMBER 22 - Chili Cook-off and Auction-Enter your favorite recipe in the chili cook-off, make your bids at the silent auction, and enjoy the sounds of a live band. You won't want to miss this one!

OCTOBER 6 & 7 - Patuxent River Appreciation Days-Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons Island. A great family event!

OCTOBER 20 - ACLT Annual Membership Meeting followed by a Canoe trip*

OCTOBER 27 - Tales of a Haunted Trail - A safe trick-or-treating celebration held in Annmarie Gardens.

NOVEMBER 3 - Canoe Trip*

DECEMBER 16 - ACLT Greens Sale and Hayride-Don't miss this ACLT "favorite." Greens for the holidays, hot cider, and a hayride to the beach!

*Depart from Warrior's Rest and enjoy a scenic tour of Parkers Creek. Reservations are a must. Please call or e-mail in the number in your party and whether you are bringing a kayak or canoe.

conservation. Moving on this commitment, Warrior's Rest Sanctuary was purchased in 1995; a move that laid the groundwork for future State acquisitions. While with Program Open Space, Jonathan helped to preserve over 8,000 acres of Maryland's best remaining natural lands. Although much land has been preserved by State and regional nonprofits, he cautions, "I believe that in Maryland we're in the last 20 years of large scale conservation. Those natural areas that we cannot protect in the next 20 years will be either developed or become so prohibitively expensive that we will only be able to protect small pieces of them."

Another move within DNR brought McKnight to the Wildlife and Heritage Division as Southern Regional Manager where he continued his commitment to Parkers Creek by entering into a cooperative agreement with ACLT to help manage the State properties within the watershed. A longtime member and supporter of the land trust, he notes "ACLT is the highest expression of a local conservation action I have seen, and working in this coastal wilderness has been one of the highlights of my work with DNR."

Jonathan recently accepted a position with The Conservation Fund, a non-profit conservation group that has protected over 2 million acres since its inception in 1985. As Maryland Program Manager, McKnight will carry on his passion for the preservation of Maryland's natural landscapes and endangered biological communities.

ACLT has worked closely with Jonathan in his roles as botanist, land preservationist, and land manager. His dedication, expertise, and enthusiasm will be missed!

Modern Charitable Giving: Donor-Advised Gift Funds

Do you have stock investments that are worth much more today than when you bought them? Donating appreciated stock can be a great way to make gifts to the American Chestnut Land Trust and other charities. You will get a tax deduction for the full market value of the stock, regardless of what it cost, and will pay no capital gains. Transferring appreciated stock to various charitable institutions, however, can involve a lot of work for you, your stockbroker, and the charity's stockbroker who must sell the stock and report its value on the day the stock is received.

One modern-day approach to make charitable gifts over a period of years is to establish a donor-advised gift fund. The key appeal to setting up a donor-advised fund is an immediate tax deduction for the full value of the charitable gift without the immediate need to determine where the gift should go. In the meantime, the irrevocable gift is invested and managed by a financial services company. Because tax rules require that only 5 percent be paid out each year, the rest can be left to grow while you decide what causes to support. Gift funds give donors the cachet of running their own private foundation without the legal and accounting costs

of creating and maintaining one. They give you and your family a convenient way to establish a legacy of giving.

Donor-advised funds are booming. Fidelity Investments began its Charitable Gift Fund in 1992, and the Charles Schwab Fund for Charitable Giving was launched in 1999. In addition, T. Rowe Price and The Vanguard Group have started similar programs. Although minimums vary, a donor generally has to set aside at least \$10,000 to establish a "giving" account. When you later decide to make a gift to ACLT or another charity, the fund's administrator will send a check in the amount you specify, generally of \$500 or more, issued in your name. And you can make additional contributions to the fund at any time.

Is a donor-advised gift fund right for you? The immediate tax deduction for gifts that can be spread out for years is certainly a plus, as is the opportunity to create a family foundation in name without the overhead or headaches of an independent organization. If convenience and flexibility are important to you, then a donor-advised fund may work.

—Peter Stathis, Co-Chair
Budget and Finance Committee



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Those not recognized earlier for their contributions to our Spring 2000 Appeal

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Honorary Gifts

A very special thank you goes out to the following individuals who made donations to honor others:

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Does your employer match your contributions? Why not ask? You *and* ACLT might be pleasantly surprised!

Ms. Diana Jacquot's gift was matched by Merrill Lynch.



Memorials

A very special thank you goes out to the following individuals and groups who donated to ACLT in memory of several of our departed members; Mary Helen Ayers, Congressman William Ayers, Marjorie Bickel, Elizabeth Bunch, Robert Coffin, Byron Hanke, Alberta Harms, and Leonard & Dorothy Schultz.

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Members Who Reached Sustaining Membership Status:

Ms. Joy A. Bartholomew & Dr. William B. Haile

Ms. Mary H. Smith-Enterprise Opportunities

Land Trust Named Forest Stewards

January 18, 2001 Prince Frederick: by Steve Stadelman, Maryland DNR

“The American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT) was recently named official Forest Stewards by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Maryland Forest Service. The Maryland Forest Service recognizes landowners that complete wildlife management, recreation, or utilization activities on their woodland. Some of the management activities recently completed by the ACLT include; trail maintenance, invasive species control, forest wildlife improvement cuttings, regulated hunting and educational workshops. The ACLT is non-profit and was founded in 1986 to preserve open space and protect local biodiversity. The Land Trust now manages approximately 2,500 acres within Parkers Creek watershed.

“ACL T operates with a minimal staff and relies on a strong volunteer force from its members.

Currently, there are approximately 600 members many of who serve on a variety of committees. When asked what is the most difficult part of managing 2,576 acres Dan Sampson, ACLT Land Manager said “the sheer size of the preserved land and the constant battle with exotic and invasive weed species.” The ACLT has Forest Stewardship plans on all the properties it manages and works closely with the Maryland DNR.”

Come Join Us!

Detach and Mail to: The American Chestnut Land Trust, Inc., P.O. Box 204, Port Republic, MD 20676

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ I (we) learned about ACLT from _____

_____ Land Saver - \$35.00

_____ Land Protector - \$60.00

_____ Land Conservator - \$150.00

_____ Habitat Protector - \$500.00

_____ Trustee of Land - \$1000.00

_____ Sustaining (Lifetime) - \$2500.00

_____ Corporate - \$150.00

_____ Youth Gift Memberships - *To encourage youth involvement with the environment, memberships will be given to eligible youth in the community. Contact ACLT office for further information.*

The American Chestnut Land Trust is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. A copy of the current ACLT financial statement is available on request. Requests should be directed to the American Chestnut Land Trust, Inc, P.O. Box 204, Port Republic, MD 20676 or call (410) 586-1570. For the cost of copies and postage, documents and information submitted under the Business Regulation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland are available from the Secretary of State.

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