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## Acquisition of the Goldstein Property

On April 2, 1999, The Nature Conservancy purchased its fifth and largest parcel of land on Parkers Creek; the 820-acre Louis L. Goldstein property. The property, known as the "Bay Farm," includes approximately one-half mile of shoreline on the Chesapeake Bay and over one mile of shoreline on Parkers Creek. From the Chesapeake Bay, the property borders our Double Oak Farm, runs westward to the previously protected Somervell property, and south of the creek to the boundary of our Commodore/Russell tracts (see accompanying map).

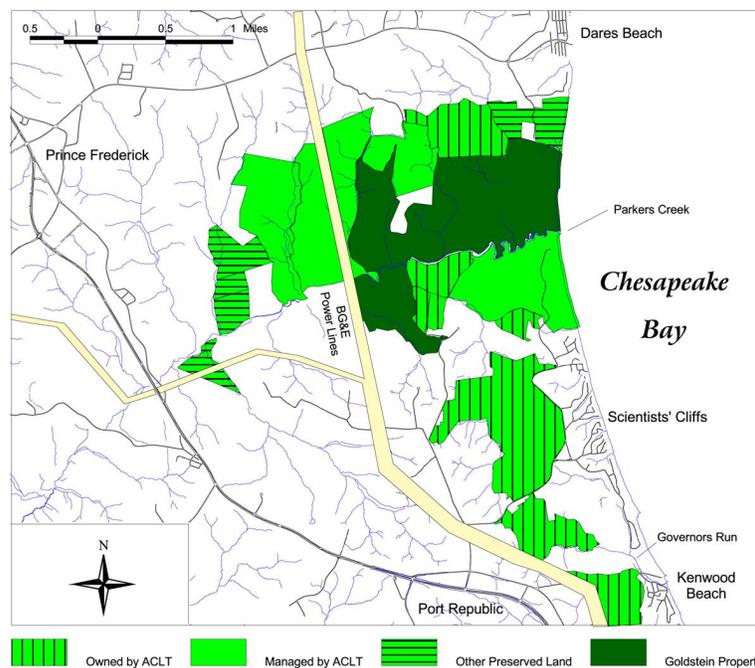
Negotiations for this magnificent parcel began in 1985 and were brought to conclusion by Mr. Goldstein's son and daughters, Philip Goldstein, Margaret Janney, and Louisa Goldstein, as a memorial to their parents. This property will offer protection to several rare plant and animal species, Miocene fossil deposits in the cliffs, and historic and culturally significant sites. Its beautiful forests will provide passive recreation for public enjoyment. As you can see from the map, this parcel of land was a major missing piece in the puzzle to preserve and protect land surrounding Parkers Creek.

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## CALENDAR

- MARCH 5 — CALVERT ARTISTS SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE
- APRIL 1 — CANOE TRIP
- APRIL 15 — VISIT THE ACLT'S BOOTH AT GARDENFEST, ANN MARIE GARDENS
- APRIL 29 — Earth Day
- JUNE 3 — CANOE TRIP

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Preserved Land in the Parkers Creek and Governors Run Watersheds

Map by Ted Graham - February 2000



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## From the President's Desk ...

### Partnerships Make Progress

1999 was a terrific year because we brought many aspects of our operations in sharper focus and increased our capacity to accomplish our goals—to do a good job for you, our members - our shareholders. I'm happy to report to you that things are going very well for ACLT.

Over the past year we've built some administrative infrastructure that improves our ability to get our job done. We've refined our governance structure and personnel policies—in the nick of time—as we have added two terrific new staff members to the ACLT team, Fran Stump, our Administrative Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator and Dan Sampson, our Land Manager. Fran and Dan are a wonderful addition to our long term volunteer office staff members, Paul Berry, ACLT's Treasurer and Ginny Murphy, Membership Coordinator. We have added many fantastic new volunteers in the field this year. Thanks to each of you for your help, support, and great ideas.

Through expanded community activities and outreach in the past year ACLT broadened and deepened its relationships with other individuals and organizations who share our goals. Internally we improved the links between our program planning, budgeting, and fundraising. We took stock of our portfolio by studying our land, parcel by parcel, and we've made decisions that will guide its current and long-term uses. We revised our forest management plans to prioritize long term stewardship and conservation.

Our partnership with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) resulted in the protection of the Goldstein Bayside Farm this year, an addition of over 800 acres. With this land comes additional land management responsibilities.

During the past four years ACLT has been a partner in bringing over 1,700 acres into long term protection from development, this is in addition to our own holdings of 812 acres. Most of this land lies on the north side of Parkers Creek. With the acquisition of the Goldstein Farm we have successfully protected both sides of the Creek. You and future generations will be able to canoe up the creek and see what much of the Chesapeake region must have looked like before development began.

Do you ever wonder why organizations like TNC and DNR come to the aid of our beautiful Parkers Creek watershed? Perhaps some of their reasons are the same as mine. I'd like to share with you some of my reasons for giving my personal time on nights and weekends to promote the welfare of this watershed. For me it is important to form a connection to something that is larger than myself, to promote the welfare of parts of the planet that can't speak for themselves. I believe that the land and the creatures that belong to it have a right to exist for their own sakes, whether or not we humans happen to have thought of a "use" for them.

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# AROUND ACLT ...

## New Board Members

At the annual meeting held in October, ACLT recognized the retirement of two of its long-standing board members, Carl Fleischhauer, and Ed Greene. Carl was elected to the Board of Directors in 1987, and has been a leader in the study, preservation, and printed presentation of the cultural and historical resources on and near ACLT property. Ed Greene came on board in 1993 and served diligently as chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee and has contributed frequent newsletter articles on planned giving. Leaving the board earlier this year, was Jim Sanders, who chaired the ad hoc Land Use Committee, which prepared ACLT's first Land Use Plan. Jim left to become a department head at Old Dominion University. We are sincerely grateful for their service and dedication.

### *Peter N. Stathis*

Peter and his family are long-standing, original Charter members (14 years) of the American Chestnut Land Trust. Many of you know and admire Peter for his involvement in various community activities. He has been serving on the ACLT Budget and Finance Committee for the past two years.

Peter is recently retired from the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) where he served as the audit manager for management and financial reviews of programs at various Federal Agencies. He is now volunteering during tax season with "Community Tax Aid,"

helping low-income city residents with their tax returns. He is also the Chairman of the Audit Committee for the Scientists' Cliffs Association.

Peter is a Certified Public Accountant, and holds an MBA degree from the George Washington University. He and his family reside in Washington, D.C., and in Scientists' Cliffs. Peter has generously agreed to be nominated for a three-year term on the ACLT Board and to assume Chairmanship of the ACLT Budget and Finance Committee.

### *John C. Smith, Jr.*

John Smith is a long time (almost 10 years) Corporate member and strong supporter of the ACLT. He is one of the best-known participants in community activities in Southern Maryland and has been a great friend of the ACLT and other environmental organizations for many years. He is an active member of too many organizations to mention here, but a few are summarized below.

John is the Government Affairs Representative of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BG&E) for Calvert, Charles, Dorchester and St. Mary's Counties and has been actively employed by the company for the past 44 years. His job is to be engaged in government and community relations and advocacy on behalf of BG&E customers, employees and stockholders. Just a few of John's many activities which relate to ACLT and to Calvert County are listed here to give you an idea of his breadth

of experience and interest in the community:

- Chairman, Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland
- Member Advisory Board, Calvert Farmland Trust
- Past President/Chairman of the Board, Calvert County Chamber of Commerce
- Member, League of Women Voters
- Member: Maryland Waterman's Assoc., Maryland Association of Counties, Maryland Municipal League, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Elks Club, Knights of Columbus, Animal Welfare League, Chesapeake Environmental Protection Assoc., Jefferson Patterson Park, Calvert Marine Museum, Southern Maryland Economic Development Assoc., Calvert Historical Society, Solomons Island Business Association.

John has received the following distinctions:

- Governor's Citation for commitment to working to preserve Maryland's bountiful history
- Calvert County Board of County Commissioners Citation for Public Service
- The John C. Smith Public Service Award established by the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce.

John lives in Huntingtown, Maryland. He has graciously agreed to be nominated to the ACLT Board of Directors for a one-year term, and to be a part of the Membership and Outreach Committee. He has enthusiastically agreed to spearhead a new Corporate/Business membership program for the ACLT over the coming year.

—Alan Wilson

## ACLT Welcomes New Staff Members

In May of 1999, ACLT hired Fran Stump, a full-time Administrative Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator. Fran serves as office manager, and assists me, the executive director, Paul Berry, ACLT's treasurer, and Ginny Murphy, our membership coordinator. Fran is the first line of contact for the public and is the cheery voice you hear on our phones. Her professionalism and talents have added a new level of efficiency to the day-to-day operation of the business. As Volunteer Coordinator, Fran works closely with committee chairs in the recruitment, training, job assignment, and keeping data records for our many volunteer needs.

Dan Sampson, ACLT's full-time Land Manager, joined us in November. His primary responsibility is to oversee stewardship of approximately 2,800 acres of land either owned or managed by ACLT. Dan contributes his considerable expertise and assistance to the ACLT Land Management Committee in order for them to meet their goals and objectives. He monitors each parcel of land to conform with the specific usage as determined by the ACLT Board of Directors, The Nature Conservancy, The Department of Natural Resources and easement restrictions of the Maryland Environmental Trust.

Below, both Fran and Dan talk about their positions with ACLT, their interests, and past experiences.

—Peg Niland

### *From Fran Stump:*

“For those of you who haven't met me yet, I am the new Administrative Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator for ACLT. If I haven't called on you yet to volunteer, I soon will!

“I come to ACLT with over five years of experience in volunteer program management in a state government setting. I held a tri-county position with the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services, as the Volunteer Activities Coordinator. I had an office in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's, and rotated daily between the three counties. For each department, I recruited, trained, and often directly supervised volunteers for projects such as the Emergency Food Pantry distributions, clerical projects, the Representative Payee Program, Christmas in April, Transitional Emergency Medical and Housing Program, and many others. The number of volunteers greatly increased around Thanksgiving and Christmas, when each department coordinates an annual food and toy distribution to county residents in need. As the Volunteer Coordinator, I was responsible for conducting these holiday projects in each county, locating sources of and funding for food and gifts, recruiting volunteers to staff the distributions and scheduling distribution times for each county. During the holidays alone, I had the responsibility of coordinating the efforts of 120-150 volunteers in the various holiday giving programs.

“For ACLT, I currently provide administrative support to the Executive Director and Treasurer, to include managing the daily operations of the office, writing checks

for the Treasurer to sign, handling the membership database with Ginny Murphy, and designing and collating materials to put into introductory packets for new and/or potential members. I am also working with the Volunteer Committee to streamline volunteer recruiting and coordinating for the organization.

“As another part of my duties, I represent ACLT on the Environmental Fund for Maryland Board of Directors, and am also a representative on the Calvert Artist Showcase Committee.

“I graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland in 1991 with a B.A. in Human Development. After graduating from college, I worked as an assistant director for a daycare center, and Job Developer for United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Maryland, before working with the Department of Social Services.

“In addition to spending time with my husband Mike, and our 13 year-old cat, my hobbies include cross-stitch, reading, painting ceramics, and spending time with family, including my five nieces and one nephew. Mike and I also frequently visit Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where we were married almost 2 years ago.”

### *From Dan Sampson:*

“If you haven't met me yet, I am the ACLT's newly hired Land Manager. I will be assisting ACLT with the preparation and implementation of ecosystem and forestry management plans, maintenance and upkeep of the ACLT's cultural resources (for example barns and cemeteries), and en-

forcement of land use rules and policies. In addition, I will be helping out with ecological surveys, vegetation mapping, and the ACLT GIS (Geographic Information System).

“I graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Entomology, and before returning to school full-time, I took environment-related coursework at Harvard and Tufts Universities. In 1999, I received my Master of Environmental Management from the Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment where I focused on habitat evaluation and reserve design. While at Duke, I was a teaching assistant for Marine Invertebrate Zoology and Environmental Analysis Using GIS.

“Between UNH and Duke, I worked at Millipore, Corp., a leader in separations technology, building and testing water filtration prototypes for a home hemodialysis unit as well as performing Quality Control work. In addition to my work at Millipore, I worked in a hardware store, a screw factory, a pharmacy, a bulk mailer, and a public marine laboratory. In addition, I have worked as a chambermaid, a trash collector, and a water quality analyst.

“Some of my favorite activities include playing the guitar, carpentry work, reading, photography, and sailing. I look forward to seeing the rest of Maryland, and hiking the mighty Catoctins this spring and summer.”



Administrative Assistant Fran Stump (l.) and Irmey Flinn, a ‘temp’ who helped out until Fran arrived.

## Calendar Highlights

### *Calvert Artists Showcase*

The Calvert Artist Showcase (“CASH”) is a benefit event that reaches out to the community in a brand new way. The Showcase pairs 10 performing acts with 10 local non-profit organizations. Each of the acts has agreed to share talents on stage at the Mary Harrison Center beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2000. Each performer, in turn, has chosen a Calvert County-based non-profit group to receive 10 percent of the event’s net proceeds. One of the participating performers, jazz musician Harriet Yaffe, selected the American Chestnut Land Trust as her “chosen” non-profit to benefit from her participation.

Tickets for the event are \$15.00 each, or \$10.00 for those age 18 and under or 60 and over. Tickets are available for sale at the American Chestnut Land Trust office, 2420 Aspen Road, or through any of our board of directors as well as additional locations. Please call the land trust at (410) 586-1570

## EARTH DAY 2000 APRIL 29 – 9:00 AM

GOVERNORS RUN, KENWOOD BEACH,  
SCIENTISTS CLIFFS, PARKERS CREEK  
AND THE DOUBLE OAK AND  
SOUTHERN MARYLAND HUNT CLUBS

JOIN US FOR THE TENTH ANNUAL FIVE-COMMUNITY CLEAN UP AND PICNIC. MEET AT THE ACLT BARN FOR DIRECTIONS TO SPECIAL PROJECT SITES.

PICNIC TO FOLLOW AT DOUBLE OAK FARM (EAST ON DARES BEACH ROAD TWO MILES, SOUTH ON DOUBLE OAK ROAD).

for further information or to schedule ticket purchase.

Remember to buy your tickets early, and mark Sunday March 5, 2000, 2:00 p.m. on your calendar!

### *ACLT Canoe Trips*

ACLT sponsors canoe trips at several of times of the year for public enjoyment and education. The canoe trips are usually held on a Saturday, starting at 10 a.m., departing from Warrior’s Rest Sanctuary. For approximately two hours, you can enjoy a ride in a canoe, and learn about Parkers Creek. Reservations are required for each trip. Please call the ACLT office at (410) 586-1570 with the number in your party, and whether or not you will be bringing your own canoe. As weather conditions may cause a cancellation or postponement, we suggest you call the office if conditions are questionable where you will hear a recorded message announcing any changes. The schedule for the year 2000 is as follows: April 1, June 3, July 15, September 9, and November 4.

## Coverts Program

Late this winter, ACLT will host Maryland's "Coverts Project," a special educational effort tailored to educate woodland landowners about multiple-use management practices that enhance both wildlife habitats, and timber and fuel wood growth. The Coverts Project is sponsored by the Maryland Cooperative Extension Program, the University of Maryland College Park and Eastern Shore, and the Ruffed Grouse Society, and has been working with individual landowners since 1990. A covert, (pronounced like "cover" with an added "t"), is a thicket that provides sheltering habitat for wildlife.

ACLT became involved with the Coverts Project in 1999 when Art Cochran, ACLT volunteer extraordinaire, attended the annual Forest-Wildlife Management conference in Sharpsburg, MD. As a result of this meeting, ACLT became a Coverts Project Cooperator, agreeing to aid in outreach to other local forest landowners.

On Sunday, March 12 beginning at 1:30 p.m., Art will lead a group of Forest-Wildlife Conference attendees on a tour of ACLT lands to serve a refresher course and to highlight the Land Trust's commitment to maintaining and

creating wildlife habitat. The hike is open to ACLT members; registration is required. If you would like to attend the event, please contact Fran at ACLT (410) 586-1570 to reserve a space.



## Out, Out Darn Weeds!

### *Who Are They?*

Biological pollution including the Fire ant, Gypsy moth, dandelion, chestnut blight fungus, kudzu, Tree-of-Heaven, purple loosestrife, Dutch Elm disease, pigeon, house mouse, zebra mussel, balsam woolly adelgid aphid, house sparrow, cheat grass.... The list could be quite lengthy as the United States is now home to a staggering 50,000 exotic species, representing almost 7% of our total flora and fauna! These species span the gamut of life ranging from single-celled bacteria to plants and mammals. And the list of resident exotics continues to grow with new introductions occurring at an ever-increasing frequency due to increased population growth, alteration of the environment, and increased global trade and travel.

While the term exotic often conjures up images of foreign, rare, and beautiful; in a biological context, exotic often equates to a dangerous foreign invader. Exotic species are known by several names including: introduced, non-native, non-indigenous, or in the case of plants, weeds. All these names refer to species that have been taken from their native habitats (either intentionally or unintentionally) and brought to an area where they hadn't previously existed. In most cases, exotics do not become established outside of controlled environments, but when they do, exotics have the potential to grow out of control and cause problems. Big problems.

### *The Biological Impact*

When exotics do become established in new areas, they can cause

irremediable damage to our natural resources by disrupting the ecological relationships forged over the millennia between plants and animals and their physical environment. Exotic plants have the potential to out-compete and displace or even entirely eliminate native plants. The altered landscape may in turn cause the other plants or animals dependent on the natives for food and shelter to also fall into decline. The result is a cascade of damaging ecological disruptions resulting in diminished land and water quality. The journal *Science* recently devoted an issue to exotics, and stated that, "Biological invasions are the second biggest cause of biodiversity loss in the United States, after habitat destruction...they could soon become the first."

### *Does ACLT Have Problems With Exotics?*

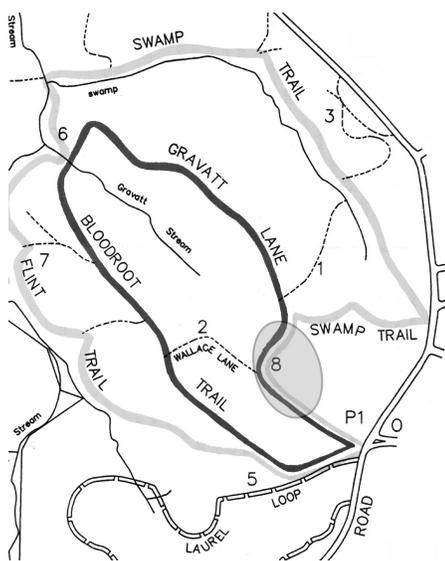
ACLT is home to a rogue's gallery of invasive exotic plant species including: *Ailanthus altissima* (Tree-of-Heaven), *Celastrus orbiculata* (Oriental bittersweet), *Lonicera japonica* (Japanese honeysuckle), *Microstegium vimineum* (Oriental grass, Japanese stilt grass) *Paulownia tomentosa* (Princess tree), *Phyllostachys nuda* (bamboo), *Pueraria montana* (the infamous kudzu that now covers large portions of the Southeast), *Phragmites australis* (common reed), and *Rosa multiflora* (multi-flowered rose). These species occur in areas of disturbance: old fields, along roads and paths, blow downs; essentially any area where the forest canopy has been opened and light reaches the forest floor. Some of the hardest hit areas are

Gravatt West Stand 8 (the area around the privy off Gravatt Lane, see map below) and both sides of Double Oak Road on the Ward property. These areas have been transformed from open woods into a virtually impenetrable blanket of bittersweet and honeysuckle vines laying atop dead and dying trees. The cycle of invasion and death will continue until checked.

I will lead a tour on Sunday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. to show firsthand how the exotic vines have overgrown living trees and hedges, killed them, and spread. Meet at the ACLT barn next to the Gravatt parking lot.

### ***ACLT Exotics Control Program***

The ACLT Board of Directors, in cooperation with Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Calvert County Forestry, and Envirens Inc. (an ecological restoration company specializing in vegetation management), has developed a comprehensive exotics control strategy. Key components of the ACLT control program include:



From ACLT trail map. Many exotics are found in the area around the beginning of Gravatt Lane.

***Mapping:*** Detailed mapping of exotic/invasive stand locations is best accomplished using a GPS unit (global positioning system). Maps are to be updated on a yearly basis; comparisons of maps allow a quantitative assessment of control efficacy.

***Control methodology for small to medium sized exotic/invasive stands:*** Hand weeding selected small areas of infestation (for example, bittersweet and honeysuckle vines) starting with the best stands of native vegetation (those with the least extent of infestation) and working towards those stands with the worst infestation. As the native plants stabilize in each cleared area, work deeper into the center of the densest exotic patches.

***Control and restoration methodology for large stands:*** Identify densest, most contiguous stands of exotic vegetation. Mark live, healthy trees, bulldoze the remainder leaving marked trees, and burn or chip the slash. On the perimeter of the bulldozed area, cut vines and treat stumps with a systemic herbicide to prevent regrowth. Restoration involves an immediate replant with fast growing native tree species (Virginia pine, tulip poplar, ash, locust) and grasses at a high density. Monitor and prevent re-establishment of exotics via spot mechanical or chemical control means. Use the Small to Medium control methodology for stands remaining outside the replanted area.

Stands identified for the bulldozing and replanting regime are on the Ward and Gravatt properties. A four-acre stand on the Ward property at the end of Double Oak Road is currently being cleared,

and upon assessment of satisfactory regrowth of native species, work is planned for the Gravatt trail area (likely to begin in Spring 2001 or 2002). An informational sign will be installed on the Gravatt property to keep people abreast of our plans to control invasives on this stand. ACLT recognizes that the areas subject to bulldozing will initially be aesthetically unappealing. Some vegetation that we are familiar with will be removed, heavy equipment will be heard, and bare soil will be exposed. However, the long-term health and maintenance of the resources that ACLT was founded to protect is dependent upon exotics control and subsequent restoration. Every effort will be made to minimize our impact, and the growth of native species will occur with amazing rapidity. Please contact me with concerns and suggestions—your input will be most welcome. I can be reached by phone at the ACLT office or by e-mail: [danaclt@chesapeake.net](mailto:danaclt@chesapeake.net).

### ***What You Can Do***

Take the tour and regularly visit the Ward property and Gravatt Stand 8. Read up on exotic species: an excellent website is maintained by The Nature Conservancy at <http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/>, and a fascinating economic analysis of exotics is found at [http://www.news.cornell.edu/releases/Jan99/species\\_costs.html](http://www.news.cornell.edu/releases/Jan99/species_costs.html). Volunteer to help with ACLT exotics control. Use only native species or non-invasive ornamental species for landscaping (go native!), and avoid disturbing natural areas whenever possible.

—Dan Sampson  
ACLT Land Manager

## Supporting the Environment

### Environmental Fund for Maryland

The Environmental Fund for Maryland (EFM) is about to kickoff its best campaign season yet to raise money for Maryland's environmental community. EFM is a federation that represents 22 diverse environmental organizations from across the state. EFM's mission is to raise awareness and funds for its member groups by gaining participation in public and private workplace giving campaigns so that donors can support Maryland's environment through payroll deduction. EFM is participating in nineteen workplace-giving campaigns this year. Most of the campaigns are in the fall, including the Combined Federal Campaign, the State of Maryland and Baltimore City Campaigns. Last year employees pledged over \$106,000 to EFM and its member organizations through workplace giving.

Donations to the fund support environmental programs that protect and conserve the Chesapeake Bay, beaches and coastal bays, forests, mountains, wetlands and streams; work for clean air and water; and promote biological diversity through advocacy, citizen action, natural resource preservation, pollution prevention and the education of Maryland's youth and citizens.

The American Chestnut Land Trust has been a member of EFM since 1993. Monies raised through workplace giving have enabled ACLT to:

- Preserve and protect historical and cultural sites in Calvert County, and

to increase public awareness and enjoyment of these sites.

- Engage in environmentally responsible land management, including timber culture, and the protection of endangered species of plants, animals and habitats.

Workplace giving is an easy and cost effective way to support the tireless work going on across the state to ensure a safer, cleaner environment.

EFM needs your help! If you work for a state or federal agency, Baltimore City, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince Georges or Anne Arundel County and are willing to hand out a few brochures to co-workers and hang an EFM poster on your office bulletin board, please contact Marie Kulick at the EFM office at (301) 698-5545 or email her at [efm@frederickmd.com](mailto:efm@frederickmd.com). Thank you!

—Fran Stump

Administrative Assistant, ACLT

### Charitable Remainder Trusts

Recently I faced a problem with a stock I owned. It was my first purchase of stock, about 100 shares in a small bank in the mid-west. More out of sentiment, I left it alone all these years. Through splits and dividends, it had been modestly successful, but it paid out very little in cash dividends and I needed to increase my income. I didn't want to sell (because capitol gains would be prohibitive) in order to invest in other bonds or stocks with greater returns, so I looked for other alternatives.

All of us wish to select a few

things dear to our hearts to contribute to, when we are called. I happened to be redrafting my will at the same time, and my wife suggested I look at a Charitable Remainder Trust. As a development officer at the Smithsonian Institution, she was quite familiar with its ability to do several of the things I wanted to do. I thought that such trusts were only for the very wealthy. I was wrong. Both my broker and my accountant had worked with many of their clients to structure modest CRT's, and encouraged me to do the same.

First of all, choose an attorney who has experience in CRT's. It is very boilerplate in the forms you have to file. I went to a large firm, where one young man did nothing but trusts. The fewer meetings and the least time filling in the computerized forms keeps the cost down. The cost of the work should not be based on the size of the trust. A modest sized, uncomplicated trust ought to be in the \$1000.00 range.

Second, think through, before going to an attorney, who you wish to include and what percent of the trust they should get. Percents are much easier to apply to the trust than the explicit stipends.

Third, you must become the administrator of your trust, and can receive income from the trust during your lifetime. Normally this is around 7%, and here there is a fork in the road where a choice has to be made. You can take the value of the stock at the time of the gift and take 7% as a fixed income for each year thereafter; or, you can elect to take 7% of the stocks value at its value as of December 31. The first gives you a

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*PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
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Last, but certainly not least, I invest my time in ACLT and the Parkers Creek watershed because I want this ecologically and culturally significant piece of our local natural heritage to remain in an undeveloped state. I enjoy thinking about the land's past—I am intrigued by the tantalizing traces of life that we glimpse in the 12 million year old fossils that come from the cliffs. I enjoy thinking about the land's human past too. Our archaeological investigations reveal the glimpses of the lives of the prehistoric and colonial people who lived in this watershed in days gone by.

Our past and natural heritage are great and form the base for thinking about the Parkers Creek watershed in the future. It is fascinating to try to envision what it will be like, say 100 years from now, when it will be even more of a green oasis and haven for humans and other species alike to escape from the pressures, the noise, the consequences of a planet that has doubled in the numbers of humans it is supporting.

And finally, I love being part of ACLT because it attracts a community of humans who share my appreciation for this land in its current state. They are the kind of folks with whom I want to partner—you, our members.

Best wishes for a magnificent year 2000!

—Joy Bartholomew  
President, ACLT



*ACQUISITION OF GOLDSTEIN PROPERTY  
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The Goldstein property, while still under ownership of The Nature Conservancy, will be transferred to the State of Maryland and is managed by ACLT. ACLT will also manage the previously protected Somervell, Turner, Ward, and Jett properties as well as the newly acquired Constantine and Vlassides tracts. These latter two 1999 acquisitions by The Nature Conservancy, one 40 acres and the other 50 acres, are on the north side of Parkers Creek and provide an extension of the riparian buffer along the non-tidal portion of the creek. Further yet up the creek, a conservation buyer and ACLT member, purchased the Hill property, a critical piece on the south side of the creek, and enrolled it in the Calvert County Agricultural Preservation Program. This parcel of land bordering the creek is the connecting corridor from both TNC and privately protected land, to the culvert under Route 4.

In addition to ACLT's 625 acres in the Parkers Creek watershed, The Nature Conservancy has purchased 1,775 acres; the Department of Natural Resources, 230 acres; and private owners have protected 298 acres. This outstanding partnership has preserved a total of 2,698 acres in Parkers Creek and an additional 289 acres in the Governors Run watershed.

The Goldstein property has been the key property to ensure the protection of the creek. The American Chestnut Land Trust members are fortunate to have the dedication and support of the Department of Natural Resources - Program Open Space, The Nature Conservancy -

Maryland Chapter, and private conservationists for this unique conservation and stewardship partnership. To date, the partners have invested over \$12,400,000 in land acquisition.

Thanks to the support of our members and partners, ACLT has the strong organization to provide sustainable management and long term protection of these lands. We have exciting times ahead.

Each partner provides important resources to the effort. With your continuing help, ACLT and the lands for which we are responsible will continue to provide increased public enjoyment and improved habitat protection.

—Peg Niland

Executive Director, ACLT



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guaranteed income, but you don't participate in the stock's growth, if any. The second choice allows you to participate in growth, but you risk smaller income if the Market goes down. Either way you earn more than a low dividend stock pays annually.

The other advantage is that the CRT is considered a donation as far as the IRS is concerned. It is just a deferred donation. But it certainly saves when tax time rolls around. The IRS has a table, which takes into consideration expected longevity and number and age of children. The more years administrative fees are paid, the smaller the amount you get to deduct, of course.

—Ewing Miller  
ACLT Board Member

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## ACLT Merchandise

### ACLT T-Shirts

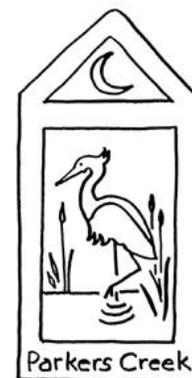
The importance of the Parkers Creek watershed dictated the design of the shirt illustrated here.

Shirts are available in medium, large, and x-large sizes. \$15.00.



### ACLT Tiles Still Available

After a sell-out for holiday gifts, we've reordered these fantastic Parkers Collery designed tiles depicting the Great Blue Heron and Parkers Creek. These 4 x 8" tiles are available with teal or light green borders for \$35.00.



Please call the ACLT office at 410-586-1570 to place your order.

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