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**NEWSLETTER**

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Due to the extended absence of our primary science writer this newsletter will be an abbreviated edition, principally to update you on the status of our activities since the January newsletter and to let you know how our fundraising activities are progressing during this critical period.

**Financial Summary (1986 & 1987)**

Contributions	\$224,370
Miscellaneous Income	588
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>(5142)</u>
Net	\$219,816
<u>Firm Pledges</u>	<u>75,000</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$294,816</b>

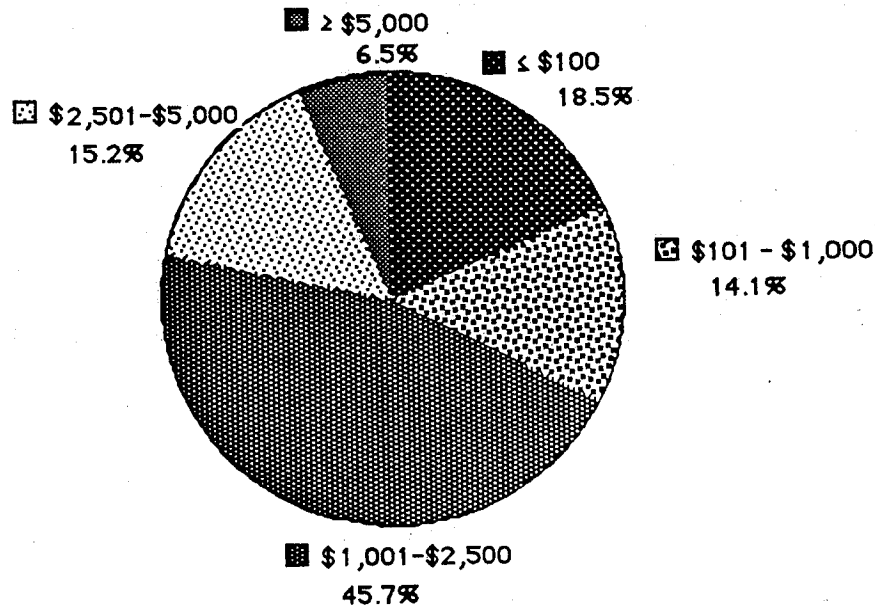
**Update**

While the Board of Directors is still the principal operating body of ACLT, other members are beginning to participate more. We have formed a Land Planning Committee cochaired by Peter Vogt and Aileen Hughes. The committee has met twice to date and is beginning to sort out the many decisions we will have to make when we become owners of the property. The Board has also appointed a Negotiation Committee, chaired by Ralph Dwan, to prepare for negotiations. We have obtained an independent appraisal of the property; however, as of this date the estate appraisal has not yet been completed. The request to the IRS for 501(c)(3) [tax exempt] status was formally submitted to the IRS on the 24th of February. We expect to receive notification in 60-90 days. On the lighter side Mitsy Poole is working on a logo for the ACLT. We should have it for you by the next newsletter. Lastly, Meetings of the Board, generally held at the Battle Creek Nature Center, are open to all. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held at 10:00 am on March 21, 1987.

**Estuarine Research Reserve Program**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources sponsored a public hearing at the Calvert County Courthouse on February 4, 1987, to present their recommendations on the designation of 3 sites in Calvert County as potential estuarine sanctuaries in the National Estuarine Reserve Program. A designated sanctuary would be protected from future development and preserved as a natural area for research and study. The three areas proposed in Calvert County include sections of Jefferson-Patterson Park, Kings Landing Park and Parker Creek. The ACLT provided verbal and written statements of our support for the Parker Creek site and expressed our desire to participate in future planning should it be designated as an estuarine sanctuary. It may be 2-3 years before the final decision is made.

### Distribution of Contributions



#### Keep those cards, letters and \$\$\$ coming

You can see from the Pie Chart illustrating the distribution of contributions that the majority of our contributions are for sums greater than \$1000. We are deeply appreciative of the commitment to this project represented by these large contributions. However, we are equally appreciative of the support shown by the smaller contributions and wish to encourage all who are interested in land preservation to consider at least a \$25 contribution which purchases a one year regular membership.

Some of the notes returned with the initial contributions were every bit as appreciated and encouraging as the contributions themselves.

- "If additional contributions are necessary to purchase the property please contact me. This purchase is so important."
- " I read the article in the Calvert Independent . . . Please accept this small contribution and a promise from me to be a small contributor in future years. I have contributed to [another organization] for several years . . . Each circular they sent told me of acres they were buying up in other states and other counties in Maryland . . . I'll be more satisfied to be contributing to a Calvert County trust."
- "I am anxious to be kept informed . . . in order that I might have another opportunity to contribute if we stand close to losing the property--I am definitely interested in the success of the ACLT project."

#### Volunteers

We need a newsletter editor, assistance with fund raising and land planning committee members. Please let us know if you would like to participate.

## Contributions

We would like to acknowledge the support to this project by publishing a list of the membership to date. We have 94 members(counting husband and wife as one, unless requested otherwise) so far and are progressing steadily. You have our thanks for getting us off to a good start: Encourage others to join with us.

## Charter Members

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## Late Breaking News

Some of you may receive this newsletter after the March 21st Board meeting. Modern technology has failed us. Mark Switzer's computer blew a chip and it took a couple of days to fix it and generate the mailing list. Ed Hacskeylo reports that we have received about \$10,000 in addition to the funds reported on the first page. We have passed the \$300,000 mark! Shortly following the Board meeting we will make an offer for the property. We hope to be able to advise you of the outcome of our negotiations in just a few more weeks.

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## Land Planning Committee

The Land Planning Committee has met several times during the past six weeks. During the first meeting Dave Chessler, the State Forester for Calvert County (who has also surveyed the timber to determine the suitability of the property for acceptability as an Agricultural Preservation District), discussed with the committee the preparation of a long term management plan. He has volunteered to assist with the preparation of a forestry management plan that would improve the forestry resources, provide varied wildlife habitat and permit other uses. He stressed that the land remains fully under the owners' control at all times. And, as with all plans, it is possible to revise the plan as needs change in the future.

Some committee members also met with Greg Bowen to discuss the procedures for submitting an application to be considered as an Agricultural Preservation District. In addition to learning what we must do to submit and process an application, the committee learned that the application must be submitted soon. This will probably be one of the principal activities of the committee during the next couple of months.

## Reminder

We encourage contributions in all amounts. If you have not yet contributed please fill out the enclosed form and join us with a \$25 regular membership. The larger our membership, the more responsive our trust will be to the needs of the of all people in the area.

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