

# Newsletter



## What is the Parkers Creek Watershed?

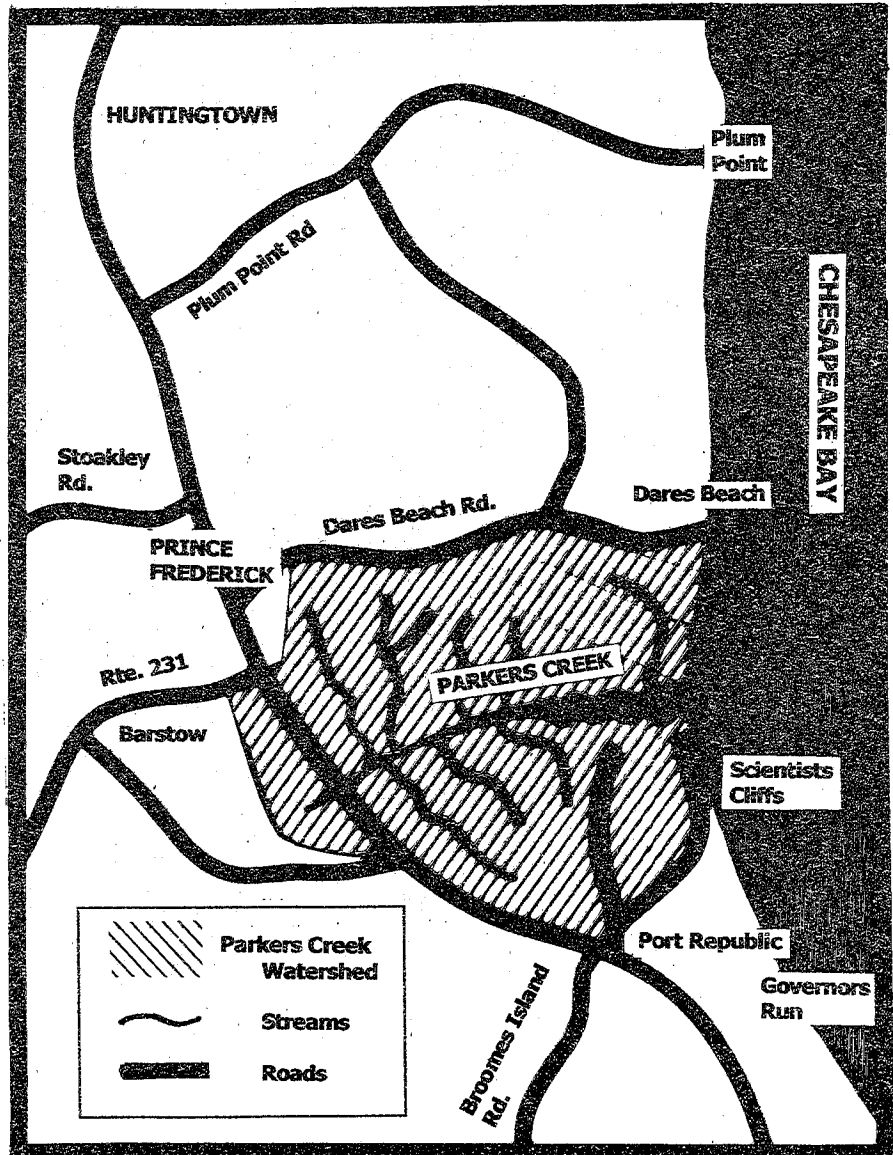
*(Watershed—Isn't that what ducks do?)*

Members often hear us make reference in articles and presentations to “watershed protection,” “watershed strategy teams,” or the “Parkers Creek watershed.” What is a watershed? What land is contained within the Parkers Creek watershed? These are the questions we hope to answer with this article and which will in turn explain why the Parkers Creek watershed has been the main focus of the ACLT.

A watershed is an area of land from which all water drains into a common body of water. Watersheds can be quite small, such as a few hundred acres draining into a small creek, or very large, like the 64,000 square mile drainage basin of the Chesapeake Bay.

The total area of land that drains into Parkers Creek is 7,321 acres, or roughly 11.4 square miles. As shown on the map at the right, it is bounded by the Chesapeake Bay to the east, Dares Beach Road to the north, encompasses about one-half of the Prince Frederick Town Center crossing over Rt. 2 on the west, and runs along Scientists Cliffs Road in Port Republic to the south.

Water enters a watershed through both direct and indirect means. Precipitation, rain or snow, enters directly as surface run-off or indirectly as water seeping through the soil via the ground water. There are hundreds of small streams that drain the Parkers Creek watershed; the largest of these streams are designated as “Blue Line Streams” (see map) and carry the largest quantities of water into Parkers



Creek and eventually into the Chesapeake Bay.

These streams and the creek itself are filtered through 941 acres of wetlands, or 13% of the total watershed area. About 36% of the wetlands are present in the main stem of

Parkers Creek. The remaining wetlands provide stable conduits for the transfer of water and forest organic material to Parkers Creek from the surrounding uplands.

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## From the President's Desk

From just about every perspective, 1997 was a very good year for ACLT. Debts were paid on schedule, trails were mowed, additional lands were preserved, membership increased, crops were planted and harvested, canoe trips were organized, and new board members were elected. The list could go on and on, thanks to all of you who volunteered your time and contributed your money. The year began in earnest with an impressive gathering of ACLT members at Double Oak Farm for Committee Day '97 and ended at the Calvert Marine Museum with a reception for the artists that Mimi Lacouture gathered to produce works inspired by Warrior's Rest and the Parkers Creek watershed with some fifty paintings, sculptures, and photographs on display.

On the financial side, as shown by Paul Berry's report, the support ACLT received last year was outstanding. With the grant from the Maryland Historical Trust, we were able to complete phase I of the archaeological study of sites around Parkers Creek. The increased revenue from the semi-annual appeals, gifts of stock, and memorial gifts supplemented by grants and the sale of TDRs enabled us to continue our normal activities and substantially reduce our debt. In addition, we were able to add a part-time administrative assistant, install a new roof at Double Oak Farm, and complete the purchase of the Commodore family tract on Parkers Creek Road. We have also been able to move forward with plans to acquire a new computer with the necessary software and training package and to build a storage barn adjacent to the parking area.

Organizationally, the ACLT Board has almost reached the end-point of developing a new Five-Year Plan under the guidance of Ewing Miller. We also established an Ad Hoc Governance Committee, chaired by Joy Bartholomew to help the board, committees, and staff operate more efficiently. These efforts should allow us to become more focused on what we want to accomplish and how best to get the job done. I want to thank all who have worked and continue to work in getting us on the road to the new millennium.

Ralph Dwan, President  
February 1998

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# Treasurer's Report for 1997

## ACLT Expenditures

<b>Administration/Fundraising:</b>	
Accounting	2,275.00
Bank Charges	109.53
Cost of Merchandise	1,273.09
Equipment Repair	326.03
Fundraising	267.84
Insurance	4,041.59
Miscellaneous	372.64
Occupancy(Office)	586.75
Postage/Shipping	514.93
Salary/Benefits	8,583.41
Supplies	780.96
Telephone 193.40	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>19,325.17</b>
<b>Land Acquisition/Preservation:</b>	
Appraisals/Surveys	315.00
Committee Materials	445.64
Legal	432.78
Occupancy(Office)	219.36
Salary/Benefits	21,470.65
Taxes	87.43
Telephone	870.26
Double Oak Center	8,772.78
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>32,613.90</b>
<b>Land Management:</b>	
Boundary Surveys	30.00
Contract Services	2,291.04
Equipment Operat/Maint.	2,054.14
Forestry Management	585.00
Land Management	3,021.47
Occupancy(Office)	438.72
Postage/Supplies	458.54
Salary/Benefits	4,294.10
Telephone	232.07
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13,405.08</b>
<b>Outreach/Member Service:</b>	
Dues	1,369.00
Meetings/Training	2,371.16
Occupancy(Office)	219.36
Outreach	816.76
Postage/Supplies	1,815.35
Printing/Publications	1,782.58
Salary/Benefits	8,588.28
Telephone	638.23
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17,600.72</b>
<b>Operating Expenditures:</b>	
Capital Purchases (Copier)	3,624.80
Commodore Property Purchase	38,265.85
Double Oak Loan Repayments	284,226.54
Parkers Creek Survey (MHT)	12,829.00
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>421,891.06</b>

## ACLT Receipts

<b>Non-Designated:</b>	
Memberships	18,865.00
Contributions	1,655.00
Spring Appeal	10,520.00
Fall Appeal	15,276.61
<b>Grants:</b>	
First St. Paul	20,000.00
Environmental Fund for MD	2,967.81
Auction	6,880.00
Sales of Merchandise	1,829.00
Services Rendered	315.00
Reimbursements	1,533.14
Interest	10,059.08
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>89,900.64</b>
<b>Designated:</b>	
Land Acquis.--General	0.00
Land Acquis.--Commodore	1,000.00
Land Acquis.--Double Oak	179,631.10
Memorial Funds	10,270.00
<b>Grants:</b>	
MET Hollmann	3,600.00
Spring Creek Foundation	15,000.00
Maryland Historical Trust	21,425.33
MarPat Fund	6,500.00
Calvert County(Commodore)	2,500.00
Calvert Cty. Cult. Arts Council	500.00
Holly Arboretum	5.00
Sale of TDRs	104,440.00
Interest on Endowment	156.68
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>345,028.11</b>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>434,928.75</b>
Land Management Endowment:	16,252.04
Carry over from 1996:	110,020.80
<b>Total Funds Available in 1997:</b>	<b>561,201.59</b>
Less expenditures:	(421,891.06)
Balance to 1998:	139,310.53
Bank Balances (for 1997):	139,310.53

Paul L. Berry  
Treasurer

# What's Happening

## Earth Day 1998

Governors Run, Kenwood Beach, Scientists' Cliffs,  
Parkers Creek, and Double Oak/Dares Beach  
April 18, 1998

Plans are under way for the seventh annual five-community cleanup and picnic. As usual, dumpsters will be placed at the end of Governors Run Road, Double Oak Road, and at the ACLT parking lot for local roadside cleanups. Our special project area this year is the cul-de-sac at the end of Parkers Creek Road. After the 9 a.m. to 12 noon cleanup effort, we will gather on the beach of Scientists' Cliffs for a picnic.

This is always a fun event and we encourage you to bring along the kids, grandchildren, and your neighbors! Water and trash bags will be provided. We need trucks, people-power, and lots of enthusiasm! We hope each community will send a "delegation" to Parkers Creek Road. There's lots to do.

**Remember:** Picnic - 12:00 noon  
Scientists' Cliffs Association Community Beach (Gate A)

## Current Events

### *Barn Raising Set for Mid June*

Plans are under way to construct our new equipment storage barn this spring and to complete it in mid-June; tentatively on June 13 or 20, weather permitting. It will be a typical southern-Maryland style pole barn located adjacent to the main parking lot on Scientists' Cliffs Road and will house the tractor, the Gravely mower, and other tools. A longer roof on one side will cover a decked verandah where our various brochures can be displayed and where visitors can change shoes or seek shelter from bad weather. Electricity will be installed for power tools or in case work needs to be done after dark.

Volunteer and project leader John Lewis drew up plans and a materials list in early fall and has spent much time since then cutting pole-

sized locust trees to be used as supports. He plans to set the poles in concrete footings as soon as the building permit is obtained. The next step will be to install the top plates and end rafters, which will be covered by a standing-seam tin roof. A concrete floor, which will facilitate indoor work and prolong the life of the equipment, will be set after the roof is in place. While these early construction phases will require a few volunteers, many will be needed to put up the poplar siding. We hope to make this into a community event. The more able-bodied can saw and lift and wield hammers. Others can help by fetching and carrying and by providing refreshments. Jugglers and musicians will be welcome. Plan now to be a part of this fun and gratifying project!

—Leslie Starr

## *Second Phase of Cultural Resources Survey to Begin*

The ACLT has received a second grant from the Maryland Historical Trust to continue the cultural-resources survey in the Parkers Creek watershed. This archaeological survey will be carried out in close cooperation with Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM). The award of this \$30,000 grant will enable archaeologist Molly Stephens to continue the work begun by Matt Reeves. Professional guidance and project coordination will be provided by Kirsti Uunila, Calvert County's Historic Preservation Specialist and research staff member of JPPM. Last year's survey turned up many exciting finds, both historic and prehistoric. A total of 16 archaeological sites were located within the Parkers Creek and Bay Critical Area (within 1,000 feet of mean high tide). Prehistoric artifacts that have been collected from the Parkers Creek area range in date from the Early Archaic (8,000 B.C.) to the Late Woodland (1,600 A.D.). During historic times there is documented occupation of the watershed since the 17th century.

Molly's focus will be on ridges both north and south of Parkers Creek outside of the "Critical Area" and areas south of Dares Beach Road. She is looking for interested volunteers to assist during the weekdays and/or weekends from now until the end of July 1998. Volunteers will assist in mapping out the test areas, excavation of shovel test pits (STPs), and washing and labeling artifacts recovered during the survey. No previous experience is necessary to help out in the survey; however, those interested in the field work phase should be prepared for long walks, steep climbs, and lots of shovel work! If you are interested in being involved in hands-on archaeological work and a very exciting field season in the Parkers Creek watershed, please call the ACLT office, or Molly Stephens directly at (202) 822-8929.

## ***Rural Legacy Application Submitted***

As reported in our Winter, 1997 Newsletter, ACLT has been working with the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners as one of three land trust partners in the application for a grant from the state of Maryland's Rural Legacy Program. Coordinated by the Department of Planning and Zoning, a grant application for \$7,000,000 has been submitted. These applications are now being reviewed, and we await the results of this highly competitive program. Twenty-three county and local governments or land trusts/government partners have submitted applications totaling over \$120,000,000 for the \$28,000,000 to be awarded this year.

Our joint application requests a total of \$4,000,000 for the partners: American Chestnut Land Trust, Calvert Farmland Trust, and the Battle Creek Nature Education Society for purchase of conservation easements and for fee-simple land acquisition. The other part of the request asks for \$3,000,000 to establish a Rural Legacy Purchase and Retirement Fund (RLPAR) to purchase approximately 820 development rights from land for which development rights have not previously been sold, and to purchase another approximately 400 development rights from properties for which some development rights have already been sold.

Calvert County's designated Rural Legacy Area forms a nearly con-

tinuous band of prime farm and forest land along the Patuxent River, provides a greenways corridor connecting the Patuxent River to the Chesapeake Bay, forms a greenbelt around the county seat of Prince Frederick, and surrounds all of Calvert County's navigable creeks, including a 6,000-acre natural area surrounding Parkers Creek. The entire Rural Legacy Area is 54,000 acres in size, 18,000 acres (1/3) of which has already been permanently preserved.

Fourteen properties, totaling 1,330 acres, were identified by the three land trusts as priority protection areas in the plan. Some will be protected by acquisition, most will have conservation easements purchased.

Peg Niland

## **Going, Going, Gone ...**

### ***1997 Annual Meeting***

ACLT's Annual Meeting, held on October 25 at St. John Vianney Parish Hall in Prince Frederick, was attended by nearly 100 members and guests. Members heard reports from committee chairs on the land trust's activities for the past year and new

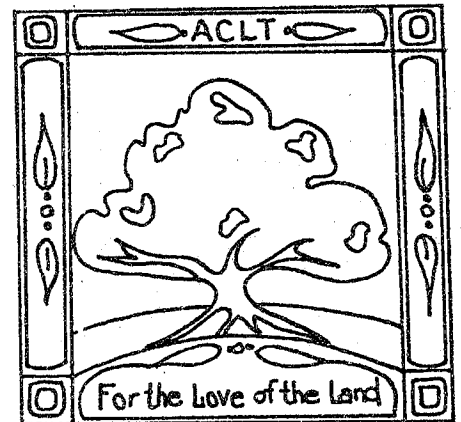


board members, Karen Edgecombe, JoAnne Kushner, and Jim Sanders were introduced.

The keynote speaker was Steve Bunker from the Maryland Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Steve brought members up to date on preservation activities in the Parkers Creek watershed by TNC and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and challenged ACLT with thought provoking land stewardship issues.

Following Steve's remarks, which noted successful negotiations with the Somervell/Turner Families, President Ralph Dwan introduced ACLT's 1997 Conservation Award recipients: Dr. Thomas B. Turner, who lives in Baltimore, and his sister, Virginia T. Somervell of Prince Frederick.

*Dr. Thomas B. Turner and Virginia T. Somervell, Recipients of ACLT's 1997 Conservation Award.*



### ***Tile Art***

The 1997 edition ACLT ceramic tiles "For the Love of the Land" make wonderful, thoughtful gifts. The tiles can be purchased at the ACLT office for \$25.00. Available colors are blue, teal, or green. Those of you who ordered tiles can pick them up at the ACLT office.



Artist Terri Beck at Parkers Creek  
(Above)

Artists' Reception for "Warrior's Rest—  
An Artist's Perspective." (Right)

### Hayride and Greens Gathering

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the hayride and greens gathering at Warrior's Rest in December. Resident Managers, Dan and Leigh Hamilton, impressed everyone with a great hayride to the bay, a lovely wreath to auction, and the beauty of the well-kept grounds. The arboretum, under the guidance of Karen Lucas, has flourished, and tours were a highlight of the day. No one needed to gather their own greens this year, thanks to Karen, Leigh, and new member and Warrior's Rest neighbor Kathy DeAngelis. They gathered, bunched, and tied mixed sprigs for ready purchase and use. Under the tent set up by Dan and Warrior's Rest Committee Chair, Bob Pfeiffer, we sold ceramic "Love of the Land" tiles by Parran Colliery and served hot cider and venison chili. Proceeds from the event went to the continued restoration of the Holly Arboretum.

### Warrior's Rest—An Artist's Perspective

When you invite thirty-two artists to interpret and be inspired by their natural surroundings, you will never end up with two interpretations that are the same. The artwork that resulted from three days of painting and sketching at Warrior's Rest was exhibited at the Calvert Marine Museum's Lower Gallery. The diversity and quality of the artwork was outstanding.

The opening reception was held during the festive Solomons Christmas Walk and was attended by over 150 people. The artists were in attendance to discuss their works and explain what inspired them to create this artwork. Over fifty pieces were displayed in a

variety of mediums that included oil paintings, watercolor, glass, pottery, jewelry, quilting, sculpture, photography, and painted furniture. The artwork was a tribute to the beauty of Warrior's Rest and the work that went into preserving this unique habitat.

The ACLT received a grant from the Calvert County Cultural Arts Council for this project. The Calvert Marine Museum helped with their expertise on exhibit presentation, building displays, and preparing the labeling needed to explain the works of art.

—Mimi Lacouture



### Bittersweet Project

Carolyn Van Mason, Peter Vogt, and a host of volunteers participated in the "Bittersweet Project" this past fall. Carolyn contacted a wholesale florist in Washington, DC, who was willing to buy all the bittersweet that we could provide. The bittersweet was gathered from Warrior's Rest and ACLT property. This project delivered double benefit by getting rid of an invasive

weed and raising over \$700 for ACLT. Many thanks to the pickers, strippers, coilers, and deliverers who helped make this possible.



# Thank you for your support ...

## 1997 Fall Appeal Contributors

Once again, our members have proven their commitment to their organization's efforts by their generous contributions to our annual fall appeal. As shown in the Treasurer's report, over \$15,000 was raised by the following members:

Mr. Gerald Adams and  
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Ms. Mimi Lacouture

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Mr. Wilmer Waller  
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Mr. & Mrs. James Williams

In addition, an anonymous donor gave \$150,000 toward the payoff of the Double Oak Farm debt.

## Special Thank You

In addition to the many members who have helped with our planned activities such as the chili cookoff, annual meeting; artists reception, and annual hayride, we want to express a special thank you to volunteers for their quick action and hard work following the burglary at Double Oak Farm.

Jack Andrews moved right into action and spent a full week installing a monitored security system in the complex facility. John Hollowell

moved the telephone equipment indoors and ran a telephone line for the security system, rekeyed all the locks, and installed deadbolts. John was assisted by Steve Howerton and Wayne Thompson who also improved the outdoor lighting.

Our further appreciation goes to a new member, Detective Laura Childress, and the Maryland State Police for their assistance and diligence. A suspect was apprehended and awaits

trial. Peg Niland, Double Oak's resident manager, will always be grateful to hunter Frank Buckler for coming to her immediate assistance and entering the house with her to call police and assess the damage.



## A Sketch of the History of Warrior's Rest

The land south of Parkers Creek was part of a 1666 colonial grant called Gary's (or Garey's) Chance, associated with a Quaker family first headed by John Gary. According to an article by Ailene Hutchins published in the fall 1995 issue of the *Calvert Historian*, Gary's widow later married Peter Sharpe, owner of the nearby property called Sharpe's Outlet, as well as Sharpe's Island, the site of a mid-Bay lighthouse that still stands, visible from the cliffs.

The property we call Warrior's Rest passed through various hands during the 18th and 19th centuries. One owner was a Capt. John Hance, a veteran of the War of 1812, who traded the property (then listed as 500 acres) in 1869 to a Capt. Samuel B. Wilson, described in Charles Stein's

county history as a Civil War veteran. Local tradition holds that one of these returning soldiers gave the property its picturesque name. Hance was a member of the prominent and well-branched Calvert County family. His neighbors (and probably kin) were Benjamin Hance (1757-1812) and his son Y. D. Hance (1791-1855), both buried in a nearby graveyard on land once part of the Gary's Chance and now owned by the ACLT. Two tracts of 97 and 109 acres were purchased in 1955 by Dr. Page C. Jett. After Dr. Jett's death, his family sold this land to the state in 1995.

Stein's county history reports that the current main house replaced a dwelling that burned in the 1820s. The old part of the main house includes some hewn sills that suggest 19th cen-

tury construction, although probably later than 1820. Charred evidence of a former structure was uncovered during a 1996 archaeological survey carried out for the ACLT with funding from the Maryland Historical Trust and assistance from Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. The survey also found evidence suggesting a 17th or 18th century habitation some distance from the house.

Warrior's Rest was once a tobacco farm, and the property includes one standing dwelling that served for many years as a tenant house. A number of other tenant houses stood until the 1930s or 1940s, testimony to the need for labor to cultivate and harvest tobacco.

—Carl Fleischhauer

## Planned Giving

ACLT deeply appreciates the donations of personal time and money that so many ACLT members have given to help fulfill our shared goals to preserve the Parkers Creek/Governors Run watersheds. Without your dedication, ACLT could not have achieved the impressive results we have experienced in the past decade. We hope that we can count on your continued support to further our goals. To some it may be a source of satisfaction to provide advance direction, either in the form of a bequest in your will or a trust, to ensure that, by your thoughtful planning, you will continue to support ACLT causes after you are gone. There are many forms for such advance planning; however, since many people have not heard of a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT), this is the topic featured in this article.

A Charitable Remainder Trust allows you make a gift to a qualifying charity (such as ACLT) while benefit-

ing one or more non-charitable beneficiaries for a period of time. The non-charitable beneficiaries, which may be you and/or your spouse, receive a payment from the trust for a specified term (may extend to the death of the last surviving beneficiary) and your designated charity receives the remaining trust assets at the end of the term. In the year that the CRT is funded, you are entitled to a charitable deduction equal to the value of the assets transferred into the CRT less the actuarial value of the expected benefits to the non-charitable beneficiaries.

If this sounds a little complicated, let me illustrate this with an simple example. Michael Brown, age 65, decides to establish a CRT with a one-time payment of \$100,000 and to designate ACLT as the charitable beneficiary. During his lifetime Michael is to receive an annuity of \$5,000 each year. Upon Michael's death, ACLT would receive the unspent assets of

the CRT. Michael would be entitled to a tax deduction of \$59,207 in the year that the trust was established.

The assets used to establish the CRT can be in the form of appreciated securities or properties, in which case you would be exempt from paying any capital gains tax on the transferred assets while still receiving "credit" for their full value. Even at the newly reduced capital gains tax rate, the combined Federal/Maryland income tax burden on such a sale could be as much as 25% of the asset value if it were sold directly by the owner.

As mentioned earlier, there are many other instruments that can be used for advance planning. If you are interested, please call the ACLT office to set up a meeting to discuss your personal objectives. We can work either with your attorney or we can refer you to experts who are qualified to establish the advance planning instrument that fits your needs.

—Ed Greene



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Watersheds are an integral component of a healthy ecosystem—one that sustains water quality suitable for fish, waterfowl, and other aquatic life. The Parkers Creek watershed is unique because it is one of the most undisturbed watersheds remaining on Maryland's western shore. It contains non-tidal wetlands, and a pristine saltwater/freshwater marsh surrounded by some of the largest unbroken woodland left in Calvert County.

The Parkers Creek watershed has extensive and varied wildlife and plant habitat areas: breeding or foraging habitat, large upland areas for more mobile species, vegetation for area-sensitive species. The watershed is 76% forested (5,594 acres) and over 4,455 of those acres are habitat for forest interior dwelling birds. Sixty-four species of neotropical migratory birds have been sighted in this forest

and over two hundred different species of birds have been observed in the watershed or the adjacent Chesapeake Bay.

Several rare, threatened, or endangered species within the watershed including bald eagles, two federally listed endangered species of tiger beetles and two species of state-listed threatened wildflowers, have been identified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Watersheds are complex ecological systems which are home to plants, birds, animals, and yes, mankind. Taking care of streams and rivers is an important part of cleaning up the environment and preserving the land and water for future generations.

—Mimi Lacouture

*Look for the next two articles in this series which will outline what land has been protected by the ACLT and others to date and what land is being sought for future preservation.*

## Welcome to Members of PPELT

We have a opportunity to further conservation efforts in Calvert County by welcoming members of the Plum Point Environmental Land Trust (PPELT) to ACLT's efforts to preserve a part of the natural and cultural resources of Calvert County. The PPELT ceased operation after learning that the purchase of the Neeld Estates could not be completed. That was sad news to ACLT members, even more so since we had worked closely with PPELT members on issues of conservation even before PPELT was formally established.

ACLT has extended a complimentary one-year membership in ACLT to PPELT members. We hope they will join us in pursuing our common goals through efforts to protect Parkers Creek and its watershed and to develop a greenway extending from north to south in the county.

### Call for Volunteers for Archaeological Survey

If you are interested in being involved in hands on archaeological work and a very exciting field season in the Parkers Creek watershed, please fill out the following information and return it to the ACLT office.

Volunteers will assist in mapping out the test areas, excavation of shovel test pits, and washing and labeling artifacts recovered during the survey. No previous experience is necessary to help out in the survey, however those interested in the field work phase should be prepared for long walks as well as lots of shovel work!

Mail completed forms to: Molly Stephens, c/o ACLT, P.O. Box 204, Port Republic, MD 20676, or phone Molly at 202-822-8929.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Interests/Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.*

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