



"Protecting and Preserving Lands and Landmarks"

Report to the Membership

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NORTHCENTRAL **P**ENNSYLVANIA **C**ONSERVANCY

Clearfield County Acquisition Complete

The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy (NPC) worked with the National Wild Turkey Federation, Ruffed Grouse Society, and Alfred and Helen Buck to acquire 150 acres in Gulich Township, Clearfield County. The property, known as the Robeson Property, is adjacent to State Game Lands 60, and contains wonderful areas of wildlife habitat. The property was mined previously, but now has forest in three stages of regrowth as well as fields and field edges that provide sizable and varied habitat.



The property also features water resources. Little Muddy Run, a stream running through the property, is a tributary to Clearfield Creek. Clearfield Creek is in turn a tributary to the West Branch Susquehanna River. Little Muddy Run is a stocked trout

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Russ Cowles Joins NPC Staff

We welcome Russ as the new NPC Development Coordinator. A member of NPC for 10 years, Russ has been actively involved in the membership committee for two years, implementing several NPC paddling and cross-country ski events. The canoe and kayak outings have been very popular and have gotten good media exposure putting NPC in the public eye.

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3rd Annual Golf Classic a Success

One hundred golfers hit the links at the beautiful Eagles Mere Country Club on September 21st for NPC's Golf Classic. Club pro Fred Pacacha and manager Dean Homer provided a great day of golf followed by a five star buffet. Several individuals were so enamored with the "to die for" dessert table that they made it their first stop. The tenderloin and baked chicken selections drew rave reviews from the crowd.

Due to generous support of this important NPC fundraiser by many businesses and individuals, all players walked away from the day with a great door prize. In addition, eight foursomes in the low net and low gross category split \$1000 in gift certificates for Fred's well-

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River Conservation Plan Update

The Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan is moving ahead slowly but surely. The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy (NPC) is working with a core group of River Conservation Plan Steering Committee members to review the qualifications and proposals of consultants interested in working on the plan. The hiring process is an important and time consuming process, but dictates the outcome of the Plan. NPC hopes to select a consultant in the next few months to begin working on the Plan after the holidays.

The River Conservation Plan Steering Committee hopes to schedule the initial

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Memorials

The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy received the following memorial contributions since the last newsletter:

Ernie Kimball
Linda Schramm

Robert Bullock
*George and Shirley
Durrwachter*

Memorial contributions are acknowledged not only in the newsletter, but also by sending a letter to the family notifying them of the donor's contribution in their loved one's memory.

Leave a legacy!

You can share your passion for nature and the preservation of our special natural and historic heritage with future generations through a bequest to the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Dean R. Fisher Endowment

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for donating to Dean's endowment fund since July 1, 2000.

Blair T. & Mary L. Carbaugh
Bernice B. Cotter
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Mr. & Mrs. Law Groner
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Linda Schramm
David C. & Pamela L. Shipman

Elion, Wayne, Grieco,
Carlucci, Shipman, & Irwin, PC

More information on this endowment fund can be found on the NPC website at www.npcweb.org.

Membership Activity from 7/1/2000 through 9/30/2000

White Pine (\$25-34)
Peter M. Sr. & Carol Borick
Bruce Buckle

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James G. Carn
Paul W. Duck
Rev. Andrew France
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Sugar Maple (\$35-49)
Carl & Marti Barlett
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Jack & Joan McKee
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Mary R. Engel
Kevin McJunkin & Marianne Tillotson

Red Oak (\$50-99)
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Georgia Pierce Steck
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Thomas T. Taber
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Trout Unlimited (Lloyd Wilson Chapter 223)

Black Cherry (\$100-249)
Evelyn Bodle
Dr. & Mrs. Bruce Burns
Kevin Drewencki
Dr. Werner & Anna Martha Fetter
Harold and Joyce Hershberger
Theodore S. Larson Jr. MD
Christine McNeill
Mr. & Mrs. John E. Person Jr.
Pine Creek Headwaters Protection Group
James & Cheryl Redmond
Lance E. Robson

Wayne H. Scott Sr.
Judith E. Styrcula
Tiadaghton Audubon Society
Chalmer & Ruth Ann VanHorn
Dr. Marshall Welch
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Osprey (\$1,000-1,999)
Keystone Financial
Keystone Forging Company
Mark C. Oberheim, DMD

Recent Stock Donation

Jane S. Mitchell has donated a gift of stock to the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy. NPC would like to thank Mrs. Mitchell for her generous gift.

If you are interested in learning how your gift of stock can help further our land conservation mission, please call the office at 570-323-6222, or talk to a professional about stocks and charitable giving.

The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy's website has been updated and has its own web address! Stephanie Radulski (a former NPC staffer) is now an internet consultant in the business of designing and maintaining websites. We feel that she has done a great job of creating a new and expanded website for the organization. We urge you to check it out and see for yourself at www.npcweb.org.

The new site features all the information you could ever hope for on NPC projects, events, available merchandise and general land protection information. Current and past issues of this newsletter are also available online, as well as links to related organizations. The website is a great tool for promoting NPC and our mission.

Forward our web address to a few friends and let them in on the best-kept secret in land protection for northcentral Pennsylvania!

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round of public participation meetings for February or March so that the new consultant can attend. The meeting dates should be available in our Winter 2001 newsletter and will be posted on our webpage at www.npcweb.org as soon as they are set.

In August, NPC met with several municipalities and individuals along the West Branch Susquehanna. The purpose of the meeting was to gain a better understanding of the River's features and presence in the communities. These meetings allowed us to learn what some of the activities and needs people feel are important in this area.

Attending these meetings with NPC was a member of the National Park Service's River, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (a program which provides conservation and community organizations with help in public participation/outreach). If NPC is selected to participate in this program, the National Park Service will help NPC find facilitators for public participation meetings, assist in designing public opinion surveys, and work with NPC to develop a marketing plan to reach as many individuals and groups as possible.

Official notice of selections for the River, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program should be made sometime this fall. Updated information will be available in the next newsletter. ♦

Don't Miss this Great Event!

Paddling Trip on the Susquehanna



The West Branch of the Susquehanna from Montoursville to Muncy is the "crown jewel" of the 75 mile River Conservation Plan. If you would like to see for yourself what is special about this river segment make plans to join us on at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, October 29th for a canoe and kayak trip.

We need to know if you will be using your own boat, or will need to rent one. NPC can make rental arrangements for you if you prepay your rental fee. Call 570-323-6222, or e-mail Russ at npc@uplink.net to make arrangements. ♦

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Russ was employed by the O'Shea family for 13 years at Country Ski & Sports in Montoursville, and is well known in the community for his active support of conservation. His contact with a large number of people in the area will be valuable in raising awareness of NPC's mission, "To protect and preserve lands and landmarks of special natural and historic value" throughout northcentral Pennsylvania.

Russ commented that his primary goal "is to raise the mark for support of NPC by increasing membership and financial support" and asks that current members help him in that goal "by giving NPC the best support possible, which is word of mouth. The next person you see who should be a member of NPC needs to become one because you invited them to join."

Russ replaces Cathy Connolly who served in the position for two years, and is continuing to support NPC as a member of several committees. We would like to thank Cathy for her past and future contributions and wish her the best of luck in her new career. ♦

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Need a gift Idea?

Consider NPC's new totebag manufactured by Equinox, Ltd. The cotton canvas grocery bags are perfect for carrying just about anything and are screened with a custom NPC design by Mountain Graphics. Help support this organization as well as these local businesses. See the newsletter insert, check on the NPC website, or call NPC at 570-323-6222 for price and ordering information on these and other great NPC items. Happy shopping!



Alfred and Helen Buck Work to Aid Land Acquisitions

NPC has been fortunate to receive seven donations since March from two generous California conservationists. Alfred and Helen Buck were born, raised, and spent all of their working years in Pennsylvania, but have retired to the sunny West Coast.

The Bucks now are working to give something back to the Commonwealth that gave them years of enjoyment. Whether camping in Kettle Creek State Park or hunting the Moshannon Forest, the Bucks enjoyed the natural resources Penn's Woods offered. They now hope that their donations will work to ensure that future generations also have the opportunities to hike, camp, and hunt.

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Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Buck for their *very* generous donations and the opportunity to protect and preserve more of lands and landmarks of Northcentral Pennsylvania. ♦

stocked Pro shop. The low gross team was the Groner foursome (Chris Keller, Bill Grandizio, Terry Stewart, and Law Groner). Low net was taken by the St. Boniface foursome (Larry Fiorini, Dr. Charles Pagana, Gino Hendershot and Monsignor Steven McGough).

In addition, Jay Alexander went home with \$152 as the winner of the putting contest. Jay came within six inches of winning \$5000 on a 50-foot putt in a special contest sponsored by Inez VanCampen. Joe Hiller paid for his dinner with the \$55 he won with his skill in the chipping contest. Longest drive (ladies) got Celia VanCampen the handsome Bradley Shoemaker print that she had been admiring and Sean Howell will be seen at quite a few restaurants/taverns over the next few weeks trying to use the gift certificates he won for men's longest drive. Steve Smith will be traveling in style after winning a three-day rental of a Spitler 2001 motor home in the closest to the pin contest.

If you would like a chance to play at Eagles Mere, the NPC Classic is a great way to do it. This year's tournament cost \$380 a foursome and included greens fees, cart, dinner, door prizes and some contest entries. Contact the NPC office if you would like to receive information for next year including special programs for NPC corporate members.

Thank you to all of our players, sponsors and donors. Mel and Susan Lewis get a hearty pat on the back for being our Eagles Mere club sponsors, and a very special thank you goes out to the tournament committee and especially to Celia VanCampen for her efforts as committee chair. ♦

Thank You to All Golf Tournament Sponsors and Prize Donors

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Please remember to support these businesses that support NPC and your community.

Shop to Benefit NPC

Do you shop on the Internet now? Thought that you might but couldn't think of a good reason to start? iGive.com is an easy way to connect to hundreds of e-commerce websites and benefit NPC.

Here's how it works. When you make a purchase through iGive.com, a portion of the money you spend at a registered site is donated to the charitable organization of your choice. To begin, go to NPC's new and improved website at www.npcweb.org and find the iGive.com logo on the "How to Support NPC" page. Click on the iGive.com logo which will link you to iGive's website. NPC will automatically be chosen as your charitable organization. Become a member (at no charge), and start your holiday shopping early. You'll find some of your favorite vendors like Orvis, Eddie Bauer, Patagonia and REI. You may even find new places to explore like Chocolate Source, Burpee Seeds and iParty.com. Even the Avon lady is online!

If it sounds really simple, it's because it is. The holidays are approaching, so join iGive.com today. With NPC as your organization of choice, some of your dollars will come back to northcentral Pennsylvania to provide a legacy of land preservation for future generations. ♦



NPC Staff Directory

With the recent staff changes, we wanted to remind you who is on the NPC staff and give you a general idea of what everybody does.

• Reneé Carey, Executive Director

Reneé is in charge of the land protection programs, administers the River Conservation Plan grant, and oversees the day-to-day operations of the office.
npcweb@uplink.net

• Russ Cowles, Development Coordinator

Russ has the daunting task of increasing NPC awareness, membership and financial support; as well as continuing great programs for NPC members and the general public.
npcadmin@uplink.net

• Cathy Weibley, Clerical Assistant

(she is greatly missed when she goes on vacation!) Cathy manages the databases, tracks memberships, and coordinates mailings, just to name a few of the million things that she does for the office.
npcadmin@uplink.net

You can reach any of the Conservancy's staff by calling 570-323-6222. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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stream. Dr. Mel Zimmerman, a Lycoming College professor and member of the NPC Technical Committee, documented crayfish, mayflies, stone flies, and caddis flies in the stream, all indicators of a healthy stream.

The potential for recreational enjoyment of the property is immense. The property could be used for hiking, wildlife observation, fishing, and hunting. The Pennsylvania Game Commission is interested in examining the potential recreational uses of the property.

NPC purchased the property at the end of August and immediately conveyed the property to the Pennsylvania Game Commission for ownership and management. This property will now be enjoyed by citizens of the Commonwealth for generations to come.

This is the first completed NPC project Clearfield County. NPC does not usually work in Clearfield County, but the Board of Directors reviewed the Pennsylvania Game Commission's request for help with the project and felt that the acquisition would further NPC's mission "to protect and preserve lands and landmarks of special natural and historic value." ♦



Help Us Protect Northcentral Pennsylvania -- Join Today!

The Conservancy is a nonprofit, land conservation organization that works to protect and preserve the lands and landmarks of northcentral Pennsylvania. If you are not a member, please consider joining the Conservancy today. If you are a member, please pass this newsletter and membership form on to a friend who shares your interest in protecting this special area. Fill out the form below and mail it with your check (made payable to NPC) to:

Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy
320 E. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor
Williamsport, PA 17701

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please enroll me as a member at the following level:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Pine (\$25) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar Maple (\$35) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Oak (\$50) | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Cherry (\$100) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Tail Deer (\$250) | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Bear (\$500) |

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Return Service Requested



How Much do You Know About Herons?



"Heron" is a common name for members of a family of tall wading birds of the **stork** order, found in wet areas (a few species in upland grassy areas) in all temperate and tropical parts of the world. Herons are even found here in northcentral Pennsylvania-- the most common are the "little" green heron and the great blue heron. Included among the herons are several groups of birds more commonly known as bitterns, boatbills, and egrets.

Test your heron knowledge. Read through the following statements about herons and try to determine if any of them are false:

1. Herons fly with their necks bent in an S shape, with their heads supported between their shoulders.
2. Herons belong to the family Ardeidae of the order Ciconiiformes. The great blue heron is classified as *Ardea herodias*, the gray heron as *Ardea cinerea*.
3. The great blue heron is about 46 inches long and has a wingspan of about 6 feet.
4. Herons have elongated necks, legs, and bills. Their bills are sharp edged and pointed.
5. Most herons feed on aquatic animal life, but some eat insects and even mice. Most species do not stalk their prey but, waiting in shallow water or on land, spear it with their long bills.
6. The great blue heron is widely distributed in North America and winters as far south as northern South America.