



"Protecting and Preserving Lands and Landmarks"

## Report to the Membership

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# NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

### NPC Assisting in Land Acquisition

The Mokoma Conservancy and Foundation, the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy and the Lake Mokoma Association are working together to conserve the Conklin Run Tract in Sullivan County. The tract contains 243 acres of forest adjacent to State Game Lands 13 in Laporte Township. This property is environmentally significant to the water quality of both Lake Mokoma and Loyalsock Creek. The tract drains almost entirely into Conklin Run, the largest sub-watershed to Lake Mokoma. In turn, Lake Mokoma drains into Loyalsock Creek, a stocked trout stream that is a major tributary to the West Branch Susquehanna River.

In addition to environmental benefits to the property's acquisition, recreational benefits will also be realized. The Mokoma Foundation and Conservancy, the ultimate owners of the Conklin Run Tract, intend to allow public access to the property for appropriate recreational activities.

This project is being funded in part with a Community Conservation Partnership Program grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. To date the Mokoma Foundation and

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### Look into the Crystal Ball...

Have you ever wondered what Lewisburg would look like with a river connection? What about a conserved view of Bald Eagle Mountain? Do you have any ideas on how to connect the two areas of the Woodward Township (Clinton County) Recreation Authority's parks for pedestrians?

On November 8 and 9, the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership will be holding a charette in Williamsport to look at two themes: "viewsapes" and "connections". The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is a state-wide effort to develop a greenway the entire length of the Susquehanna River. For two

weekends in November they will be working with a team from Ball State University to conduct community visioning charettes in each of the six Susquehanna Greenway study areas.

Charettes are workshops in which architects, landscape architects, engineers, planners and others gather together to "problem solve." The end product is a visual representation of what an area could look like, or what a solution(s) to a particular problem could be.

The "viewsapes" theme will focus on the views of Bald Eagle Mountain in the Lycoming and Clinton

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"The nation that destroys its soil destroys itself."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Letter to state governors,  
February 26, 1937

### Annual Appeal to Begin in November

In the bustle of the holiday season, as you rush to decide what to give to friends and loved ones, please consider the gift you would like to give to future generations. The kind of gifts you buy in a store are temporary, but the beauty of the lands and waterways of northcentral Pennsylvania can be permanently protected for future enjoyment by your support of NPC's mission.

At the end of November you will be receiving your Annual Appeal letter from NPC. We ask that you help us meet our goal by giving to this year's appeal. This year's goal is \$8,000 and we will only reach this goal with your support. This appeal is very important to NPC because it helps provide necessary general operating funds that are vital to maintaining an organization that is ready to act quickly when properties of special character are in danger of development. □

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## Membership Activity from 6/1/2002 through 9/15/2002

### CORPORATE MEMBERS

#### **Bald Eagle (\$2,000+)**

DiSalvo's

#### **Osprey (\$1,000-1,999)**

Montour Oil Service Co.

#### **American Kestrel**

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Jersey Shore State Bank  
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##### **(\$100-499)**

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Northern State Bank  
Williamsport National Bank

### GENERAL MEMBERS

#### **Black Bear (\$500-999)**

John M. Confer

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#### **White-tailed Deer**

##### **(\$250-499)**

Reneé Carey  
Paul Dembowski  
Dr. W. Scott Flipse  
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Brian & Angela Haas  
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Harold &  
Joyce Hershberger  
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Tamara D. Lubbe  
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Perciballi  
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Rodgers Family  
Charles & Helen Schwarz  
Robert & Jean Teufel  
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Van Campen

#### **Black Cherry (\$100-249)**

Gregory & Julie Adams  
Karl & Karen Baldys  
John & Susan Best  
Dr. & Mrs. Mike Bowser  
Rep. Steven W. Cappelli  
Tom Cioffi  
Mr. & Mrs. Brett Feese  
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Jack & Suzanne Murray  
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Alvin L. Snowiss  
Linda Stein  
Jim & Lynn Tooley  
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#### **Red Oak (\$50-99)**

Patricia W. Booth  
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Jim Hamilton & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hazlak  
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Landplan Inc.  
Ronald & Martina Johnson  
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Celia Van Campen  
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Alan & Diane Himes  
Charles W. Hummer Sr.  
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Dean W. Palmer  
Patricia A. Reeder  
Heidi Schwarz-Hosler  
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### ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

#### **General Contributions**

Corning Incorporated  
Foundation  
Larson Design Group, Inc.  
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#### **In Honor of**

George Durrwachter's  
birthday  
*by Suzanne & Allen Martin*

#### **Memorial Contributions**

In memory of  
**Al & Marie Logue**  
*by Linda Stein*

In memory of  
**Dr. Luther Fetter**  
*by George & Shirley  
Durrwachter*

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## Thank you

Many thanks from NPC to Lycoming  
Abstract for their recent assistance and support!!!

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## Are we in your will?

Have you planned a gift that will protect a way of life for your children, grandchildren, and THEIR children? A gift to the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy can help ensure that generations from now, people will have the chance to enjoy the special places in our region.

If you have already designated such a gift, or are planning to, please make sure that your will lists our full name, "Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy." There are many organizations with the word "conservancy" in their names; listing our full name ensures that your wishes will be carried out as you intend them.

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## Ketchum Run Hike Highlights Waterfalls, Vistas

Once again, on Saturday, June 29, 2002, fearless NPC hike leader, Ruth Rode, escorted a group of enthusiastic members and friends on an NPC hike. She gave us a wonderful tour of Ketchum Run and some of the vistas and waterfalls along the way.

The hike began with a brief history of the area that the participants were about to hike. Ruth, whose knowledge of area trails and the history of the areas surrounding them is extensive, led the group onto a portion of the Loyalsock Trail. She explained many aspects of the history of spring rafting on Ketchum Run, which occurred during the lumber era in the region.

The group was rewarded with sights that included a beautiful vista and waterfalls along Ketchum Run. One waterfall that participants viewed holds a special connection to Ruth – it is named after her! Rode Falls was named in Ruth’s honor after a portion of the Loyalsock Trail was relocated due to a change in property ownership. Ruth was part of the team of volunteers that helped relocate the trail, and the “new” section of the trail was routed past the waterfall.

The June hike was offered in cooperation with the Eagles Mere Conservancy and gave members from both NPC and the Eagles Mere Conservancy a chance to appreciate the natural beauty of our area.

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County segments of the study area. In Union and Northumberland Counties the viewscapes will address what can be seen from the river. This is a good opportunity to demonstrate how private and public property can work together.

The “connections” theme will have 3 specific focus areas: Lewisburg, Jersey Shore, and Woodward Township (Clinton County). The Lewisburg aspect will address how to connect the town and river together. Jersey Shore is interested in developing a “boardwalk” that will play on the name of the town, so this will be the focus for that element of the “connections” theme. Finally, in Woodward Township, two parks on the river are separated by a road. The team will explore options to connect those parks for pedestrian traffic.

Once a location has been secured and more information is available, a postcard will be sent inviting you to attend the open house-style workshops and share your ideas and provide input. □

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## Meet our New Intern

At the beginning of September, I, Natalie Kittell, joined the team here at the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy as an intern. Last spring I searched for an internship to undertake through the business department during this, the fall semester of my senior year at Lycoming College. My major is Business Administration with a concentration in Finance, and I am also obtaining a minor in biology. Working at the NPC allows me the opportunity to combine both of these fields.

Under the supervision of Julie Adams, I am investigating ways to improve the member benefits that the NPC offers its members. After all, members provide NPC with the resources necessary to carry out its mission. Thus far, I have learned quite a bit about the funding, conservation plans, and special events of the NPC. I hope to provide this organization with a variety of ideas on how to improve its member benefits and, time willing, help to see some of those ideas implemented.

I think the NPC is great for our community and the surrounding areas. I am happy to be working for an organization whose sole purpose is to help conserve our natural resources and historical landmarks. I would like to give special thanks to NPC and its staff for providing me the opportunity to intern here and for helping me to feel right at home. On a final note, if any of you current members have suggestions for my project, please don’t hesitate to contact me!

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### Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Update

The Steering Committee for the River Conservation Plan project has been working very hard to review a draft document and to plan for the public presentation meetings. These meetings were originally set for this September then moved to October, and are now being planned for January 2003.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resource’s grant advisor for the plan has a copy of the draft, but is backlogged. So to avoid hunting seasons and holidays, the Steering Committee felt that it would be in the best interest of the plan to move the meetings to January. A postcard with locations and dates will be sent out in early January, after the holiday mail rush is over.

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## Golf Tournament

Thanks to the hard work of NPC's Golf Tournament Committee, and the generosity of many sponsors, prize donors and players, the Fifth Annual Autumn Classic Golf Tournament, held at the Eagles Mere Country Club on Thursday, September 12, 2002, was a success. Seventy-two golfers enjoyed a day of bright, sunny, perfect golfing weather at the Eagles Mere course.

NPC would like to extend a big thanks to the following sponsors listed below:

### Bald Eagle

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A new feature of this year's tournament was the Par 3 Raffle. Players purchased raffle tickets prior to the start of the tournament. On the Par 3 holes, if a player hit the green from the tee, he/she could enter to win a prize for that hole. After players finished on the course, they had one last chance to win. NPC thanks our generous Par 3 Raffle donors:

Kilburn Electric  
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Spitler, Inc.  
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*The 5th Annual Autumn Classic Golf Tournament was a fun way to show support for NPC's mission!*

Also, thanks to the many door prize donors, who contributed prizes for our players:

AML Development/Burger King  
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Finally, we would like to thank Pepsi, Frito Lay and Kellogg's for donating plenty of drinks and snacks to keep our players happy on the course.

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## NPC Art Exhibit

Looking for something to do? Don't forget the NPC Art Exhibit to be held at B&S Gallery on Market Street in Williamsport. The gallery has generously donated the space for our exhibit, and 35% of the purchase price of each piece in the exhibit will go directly to benefit NPC's mission! The show runs from October 18 through November 1 during B&S Gallery's regular business hours. Come out and buy yourself a new piece of art to benefit the NPC!

## For that Hard to Buy for Person...

Need to buy a gift for someone who has everything and is hard to shop for? Why not give them a gift that will last for generations to come? A gift membership to NPC helps further our mission of conserving lands, landmarks and waterways of special character, and is a thoughtful way to honor someone you know. Membership includes this quarterly newsletter and access to many fun and educational outings throughout the year.

For more information, or to order a gift membership, contact NPC at 570-323-6222.



### New NPC T-Shirts Have Arrived!

Thanks to Mountain Graphics, located near Wellsboro, we are able to offer NPC t-shirts again! Attendees of the golf tournament previewed the shirts and many people made positive comments about the quality and design of the shirts.

These super tees come in a wide variety of colors and sizes (we have kids sizes and adult sizes from S to XXXL). They feature the NPC tree logo, screen printed on the front in either ivory or black ink. Most are 100% cotton, and a few are a 50/50 blend. We have color groupings of blues, greens, reds, purples, white, black, and neutrals. Cost of the tees is only \$12 for most sizes.

To purchase, simply fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and return it to NPC, 320 E Third Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Williamsport PA 17701. You may also stop in and purchase shirts at the NPC office.

**NPC Shirts would make great gifts for friends and family!**

## Paddling clinic draws a crowd

On August 1, over forty members and friends of NPC gathered for a Paddling Clinic at the mouth of the Loyalsock Creek.



Held with the support of Country Ski & Sport in Montoursville, the event gave those interested in learning more about kayaking and canoeing the opportunity to get out on the water and learn the skills needed to control their boats in moving water.

The group started out from a spot along Mill Street in Montoursville, and paddled out to the mouth of the Loyalsock Creek and into the Susquehanna River. Along the way, volunteer instructors provided assistance to novices. NPC members Russ Cowles, Marc Lewis and Kevin O'Shea were all on hand to provide participants with tips and advice throughout the evening. The event included lessons on safety, steering and the proper technique for paddling.

Many thanks go out to Russ, Marc, Kevin and the staff at Country Ski & Sport for providing our members and others with the opportunity to participate in the event and learn new skills.

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Conservancy has received approximately \$60,000 in additional donations to assist with the project. The group has received a \$25,000 challenge grant from a donor and is on its way to meet that challenge.

The Mokoma Foundation and Conservancy works to preserve the ecosystems of the Lake Mokoma watershed and surrounding areas for future generations. Formed in 2001, the group is a nonprofit organization. The Lake Mokoma Association is a homeowner's association working to improve Lake Mokoma. □

### October Float Trip Cancelled due to Drought

The Float Trip originally scheduled for October 19 has been cancelled due to low water conditions created by this year's drought. However, we are currently working on some new membership events on the water for 2003. Watch upcoming issues of the newsletter for information on these events as they are scheduled, and in the meantime, keep thinking RAIN!

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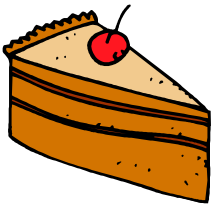
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## NPC Calendar of Events

**OCTOBER**  
 6.....Ken Hunter Program  
 8.....Clinton County Dinner  
 18.....Art Exhibit at B&S Gallery through November 1  
 20.....Canoe & Kayak Float Trip -- CANCELLED  
 21.....Tioga County Dinner

**NOVEMBER**  
 8 & 9...River Charette



### Cheesecakes are back - just in time for the holidays!

If you have ordered the Pellman cheesecakes from NPC around the holidays before, you know how convenient and delicious they are when unexpected guests drop by. Each cheesecake is pre-sliced and slices are separated with paper dividers, so you can take out as many or as few slices as you need. For more information, see the order form included with this newsletter or call 323-6222.

### NPC T-Shirt Order Form (see page 5 for more info)

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

Shipping address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Color preference* – if you have a preference, please specify a general color preference (e.g.: blue, red, green, etc.), and whether the shirt is for a male or female. We will make every attempt to honor your request, and will contact you by telephone if we do not have the color/size you need.

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Shirt #2	_____	A or C	_____	M or F
Shirt #3	_____	A or C	_____	M or F
Shirt #4	_____	A or C	_____	M or F
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# of shirts at \$17 (XXXL):	_____			
# of shirts at \$8 (children's sizes):	_____			
Subtotal:	_____			
Shipping:	_____			
<small>1-2 shirts=\$3.85; 2-4 shirts=\$7.70; For each additional 1-2 shirts, add \$3.85</small>				
<b>Total enclosed:</b>	_____			