



Report to the Membership

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NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

Easement Protects 570 Acres

In December NPC received its 23rd easement donation. The donation came from two couples who jointly own a 570-acre property in Lamar Township, Clinton County. The property is adjacent to State Game Lands, contains the headwaters of Axe Factory Run, and has the Run traveling through it. Axe Factory Run is a tributary to Fishing Creek, a high-quality, cold water fishery.

In addition to its natural resource values, the property is also highly visible to the public. The property is located within the viewshed of people traveling Routes 64 and 220. The property itself boasts wonderful views of Fishing Creek, Beech Creek, and rolling farm fields.

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Annual Appeal a Success

The board and staff of NPC would like to acknowledge the very high level of support we received during our 2000 annual appeal. This year's appeal brought in \$8,770 from 102 donors. Our average donation was more than \$80.

We want you to know that we take our mission, "to protect and preserve lands and landmarks of special natural and historic value" very seriously. Our goal is to

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Technical Committee Recognition Well Deserved

The NPC technical committee consists of a group of individuals with expertise in specific areas including agriculture, forest management, land use, wetlands and stream biology, ornithology, geology, and recreation. These volunteers meet on an as-needed basis to visit potential NPC project properties to determine whether or not a property should be recommended to the Board as a potential NPC project. This committee also assists in ranking a property's significance if NPC has to limit the number of projects on which it works.

Because schedules make it difficult to get the group together during the week, this committee generally meets on weekends. Most visits take at least eight hours, including travel time. Often the group needs to travel to places that are off the beaten

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Quilt Commissioned for NPC

NPC will be selling raffle tickets for a one-of-a-kind extraordinary quilt throughout 2001. NPC commissioned the \$2,500 art quilt from Anne Morrell Robinson, internationally-recognized for her 29 years of quilt artwork.

The Holiday Inn of Williamsport has agreed to be the corporate donor of the "Protect and Preserve 2001" quilt in this regional partnership project. The Holiday Inn generously agreed to purchase the quilt and donate it to NPC. Holiday Inn will help us take "Protect and Preserve 2001" to the people of our region until May 2002 when the drawing for the quilt will take place.

WNEP Channel 16 has already taken a strong interest in this project and will be televising the completion of the quilt on the Home and Backyard Show, and promoting NPC and the quilt on Pennsylvania Outdoor Life. In addition, WNEP has provided space for the quilt to be displayed at their Expo at the Lycoming Mall March 22nd through the 25th.

We would like to recognize the Holiday Inn of Williamsport for their extraordinary gift that makes this project possible. Without the support of corporations interested in preserving the quality of life in northcentral Pennsylvania, NPC could not accomplish its mission.

Thank You, Holiday Inn!

*"The clearest way into
the universe is through a
forest wilderness."
- John Muir*

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Membership Activity from 10/1/2000 through 12/31/2000

White Pine (\$25-34)

Mr. & Mrs. William R. Bailey
Marguerite Bierman
Casale & Bonner PC
Cathryn Connolley
Mary Cosgrove
Howard & Betty Cowles
Alfredo F. Daniele
Kenneth R. Flanigan
James W. Gillman
Richard C. Gleockler
Ronald & Mary Gower
W. E. Toner Hollick
Don Keefer
Charles W. Kiehl
Jay Leatherman
Raymond Rathmell
Frances Rodgers
Bill Roll
John & Teresa Schleich
William S. Seward
John A. Troisi
William V. West
Robert & Linda Yowell

Sugar Maple (\$35-49)

Eila & Jack Campbell
William & Joyce Davis
Daniel Glunk &
Margrit Shoemaker
Gordon & Mary Hiller

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lundy
Paul Martis

Luther & Charlotte Mengel
Neil & Shirley Polster
MAS Printing / Michael &
Camille Salvatori
Merle M. Thomas
David & Barbara Weaver
Joseph B. Sayah
D. Richard & Shirley Wenner

Red Oak (\$50-99)

Eph & Bess Baker
James & Elizabeth Baldys
Alvin C. & Betty Bush
Mrs. Anne Donnelly
James R. Eckert
Larry & Maggie Emery
Michael R. & Teri H. Fisher
Suzanne Foust
Charley & Lisa Hooper
Ronna S. McMurtrie
C. Edward S. Mitchell
Michael P. O'Brien
Mike Otto
Ms. Ruth Rode
John & Leah Tewksbury
Alex & Tracie Witter
Michael & Mary Wolf
Dan & Margery Wurster
David & Louise Stone

Black Cherry (\$100-249)

Charles &
Mary Louise Cannon

Rachel P. Craig
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Ecker
Bernette & George Fitzgerald
Jane Y. Herald
Wendy Janerella
Dwight & Josephine Lewis
Richard T. Nassberg
George E. Orwig II
Pine Creek

Preservation Association
Dr. Samuel Rockey
Neil & Mary Rollins
Christine M. Schuler
Paul O. & Patricia Wentzler
Phillip Zimmerman
Rodney & Susan Keller
Dr. & Mrs. Michael A. Gross
Walter & Trisha Nicholson

White Tail Deer (\$250-499)

Richard & Adrienne Craig
Dr. Kim Herrman
Louis & Wanda Irion
Stephanie &
Stephen Radulski
Linda Schramm
Alan R. Viani &
Jane Morgenstern
W. Holmes Yealy
Ann M. Tyler

Black Bear (\$500-999)

James W. &
Cynthia Mengel Bower

Small Business (\$100-499)

Century 21/
Wilkinson-Dunn Co.
Kleerdex Company
Larson Design Group Inc.
Pine Creek Outfitters; Chuck
& Susan Dillon
Sovereign Bank
Woolrich Inc.

American Kestrel (\$500-749)

Anonymous
Columbia Co. Corporation
Columbia Co. Farmers
National Bank
Equinox Ltd.
First Columbia Bank & Trust
PMF Industries Inc.
Staiman Brothers Inc.
Susquehanna Chapter of
Trout Unlimited
Ann M. Tyler CPA PC
Zimmer Insurance Agency

Additional Contributions

Katie Durrwachter
in honor of Sally Craig
Nancy Rainey

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Dean R. Fisher Endowment

Thank you to the following individuals for donating to Dean's endowment fund since the last newsletter:

Jeffrey & Amy Bodle • René Carey • Susan M. Hall

Chris Herrman • William & Kimberly VanCampen

More information on this endowment fund can be found on the NPC website at <http://www.npcweb.org>.

Donations of Appreciated Stock

In the past several months NPC has received two donations of appreciated stock. In both cases the donor had held the stock for some time and was facing capital gains taxes when the stocks were sold. Instead of selling these stocks, the donors gave them to NPC and received a tax deduction for the value of the stock. If you are in a similar situation, or are interested in more information, please contact the NPC office, or George Rodgers at First Union Securities (570-322-7788). George is working with NPC in receiving such donations.

Memorials

NPC has received the following memorial contributions since the last newsletter:

Bernette Kathryn Fitzgerald
Bernette J. & George E. Fitzgerald

Bill Hosler
Charlie & Helen Schwarz

Helen Dunlap Opp (mother of Jane Brink Matter)
William & Nancy Pfeiffer

Mrs. Mary Rode
W. Holmes Yealy

Cleo Confair
James W. & Cynthia Mengel Bower

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.

Don't Miss this Great Event!



Susquehanna Sojourn

After a nine year hiatus, the Susquehanna Sojourn once again will travel the West Branch, June 12th through the 22nd. The Sojourn is a Chesapeake Bay awareness program run by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (ACB). Planning and implementation of a Sojourn is undertaken by local individuals and groups who are stakeholders in the river segment being paddled. The process of planning this event builds awareness of local river issues in the communities through which the sojourners will pass. This year the trip will begin up river from Lock Haven and end in Sunbury. This is the same segment of the river that NPC's **River Conservation Plan** will be studying (*see page 4*).

The first Sojourn, held ten years ago, attracted more than 30 paddlers. Today these events bring hundreds of people to the water to celebrate the simple pleasure of traveling down the river in a canoe or kayak. The communities the sojourners pass through and visit gain a better awareness that "we all live downstream".

NPC was the lead local organization planning the last West Branch Sojourn. This year's Sojourn has the benefit of repeating a route paddled before, and having many members of NPC who have become regular Sojourners. Ted Lyon, NPC's chairman, has been on every Sojourn since the last West Branch trip, traveling with his wife Judee and several grandchildren.

NPC is the local organizer of this year's trip. Keep an eye on our website at <http://www.npcweb.org> for updates. You will also find a link to ACB's website. If you would like to get on our Sojourn contact list, email us at npcadmin@uplink.net, or call the NPC office. ♦

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Conservation of this property is also in accordance with the Lamar Township Comprehensive Plan and the Clinton County Comprehensive Plan. Both of these plans note the need to encourage growth and development in existing villages and towns in an effort to preserve open space.

Unfortunately, the photos taken of the property are too dark for publication. Hopefully, when we perform the easement inspection in 2001 it will be sunnier! As soon as a clearer photo becomes available, we will put it on the webpage and in the newsletter. ♦

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path and walk properties in less than ideal conditions.

NPC has decided that the recognition of these volunteers is long overdue. Our thanks to the following Technical Committee members (their individual areas of expertise are noted below):

- **Bob Carnein** (geology)
- **Tom Corbett** (agriculture, soils)
- **Kevin Drewencki** (recreation, resource management)
- **Robin Kennick** (official committee photographer)
- **Wayne Laubscher** (ornithology, stream ecology, biology)
- **Alice Trowbridge** (landscape architecture, recreation)
- **Jerry Walls, Chairman** (land use planning)
- **Paul Wentzler** (agriculture)
- **Mel Zimmerman** (wetland, stream biology, biology)

Without these volunteers NPC would not be able to accomplish the many projects that it does. The knowledge, time, and energy of these volunteers help NPC's projects move to completion. So the next time you see one of these individuals, thank them for their volunteerism! Thank you also to the other individuals who have participated on this committee over the past ten years.

If you were involved with this committee in the past and are interested in becoming active again, or if you would like to become a new member of this committee, please call Renee at the NPC office or e-mail her at npcweb@uplink.net. ♦

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www.npcweb.org

The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy is the proud parent of a high quality web site, thanks to the efforts of Stephanie Radulski, former NPC staffer, mother of two, and part-time internet consultant who enjoys designing and maintaining various websites.

The best way to keep current on NPC projects and events is to check out "NPC Events" at <http://www.npcweb.org>. Many of the features of the site simplify life by allowing you to get membership, specific event information, and registration forms with a few clicks of your mouse. You will also find links to other sites of value to the conservation-minded individual. Please bookmark <http://www.npcweb.org> and "click in" on us from time to time.

Buck Fund Established

You may remember the photo of Alfred and Helen Buck from the last newsletter. This extraordinary couple has continued their generous giving to NPC. In honor of their incredible support, the Board of Directors has established the "Alfred and Helen Buck Land Acquisition Fund." The fund is to be used in the acquisition of lands for "ultimate use by the general public and for access to public lands." The fund is to be used to acquire lands which are of a "much wilder, more natural character, provide or enhance habitat for wildlife, often contain significant natural features or landmarks, protect riparian waterways or communities, protect public view sheds, or provide public access to such areas."

For more information on this fund or the Dean R. Fisher Endowment Fund, contact the NPC office at 570-323-6222, or e-mail npcadmin@uplink.net. ♦

River Conservation Plan Update

NPC and its River Conservation Plan Consultant Selection Committee have chosen Rettew Associates as the lead consultant for the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan. Rettew has formed a team to work on the project which includes Larson Design Group, LandStudies, and Delta Development Group. Contract negotiations should be wrapped up in mid-February. Work on the plan will begin shortly thereafter.

The first round of public meetings is expected in March. A special mailing with dates, times, and locations will go out in advance of these meetings. If you did not receive this newsletter from NPC in the mail, but received it from a friend or another source, and are interested in receiving information about the upcoming public meetings for the River Conservation Plan, please call, 570-323-6222, or e-mail, npcadmin@uplink.net. ♦

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leave a legacy of special places in northcentral Pennsylvania. It is obvious from your support that NPC members care about legacy.

Our average donation increased by more than \$15, showing the importance of small increases in individual donations. The other factor of note is how significant the support of business leaders and corporations is to the quality of life in our region.

The NPC board and staff thank all of our members and supporters, and we applaud your commitment to "protect and preserve". ♦

2000 Annual Appeal Donors

Jay & Juli Alexander
Peggy A. Ault
Mr. & Mrs. William Bailey
Rob Barbour
Malcolm Barlow
Ron & Sondra Beach
Robert H. Berls
James W. & Cynthia Mengel Bower
D. & Mrs. Michael Bowser
Dr. John & Jean Burks
Alvin C. & Betty Bush
Russell & Linda Campbell
Charles & Mary Louise Cannon
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Renée Carey
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Sovereign Bank
Robert & Jean Teufel
Carolee & Dick Thatcher & Chad
David Tregoe
Inez L. VanCampen
Raymond Walters
Dr. Marshall Welch
William V. West
Ernie Wheeland
Wheeland Lumber Company
Mr. & Mrs. William F. Williams
Williamsport National Bank
Dr. Douglas Wion

Peter Herdic House Supports NPC through Local Events

Once again, Marcia and Gloria Miele are opening the Peter Herdic House restaurant for NPC's exclusive **Celebrity Waiter Night** on Friday March 9th. The Peter Herdic House, located at 407 West 4th Street, Williamsport, is one of the area's finest dining experiences. The Miele's have graciously donated the use of the Peter Herdic House for the past eight years.

Celebrity Waiter Night is always a fun and entertaining evening as local celebrities wait tables to earn tips for NPC. Reservations are required for this wonderful evening, so please mark your calendar and contact the Peter Herdic House(570-322-0165) for reservations.

In addition to hosting Celebrity Waiter Night, the Peter Herdic House has chosen NPC as their charity for **Mardi Gras**. Chris Franklin, known also as "the singing chef" is the Herdic House's candidate for the King of Mardi Gras. You can buy a vote for \$1, a portion of which will be donated to NPC. Voting has already begun, and will continue through Mardi Gras, February 22nd through February 24th. On Thursday the 24th, \$5 of every dinner at the Herdic House will be donated towards Chris' Mardi Gras votes. Chris will also be doing tableside food preparation during February while singing love songs. Come enjoy a great meal for a great cause!◆

Save the Land III Mountain Bike Race

Country Ski & Sports, Ski Sawmill Mountain Resort and NPC are teaming up once again to hold the third annual Save the Land mountain bike race. This event has been organized in an effort to raise awareness of the importance of land conservation in our area and to celebrate the great outdoors through biking. The event will be held at Ski Sawmill on Saturday & Sunday, June 2nd & 3rd. The cross country race will follow the same course as last year, and will be held on Saturday. The downhill event will be Sunday. There will be race classes for casual riders as well as serious experts.

Past races have featured entertainment on Saturday night, with camping, food and lodging facilities provided by Ski Sawmill. This event needs volunteer support to run smoothly. We need help with this event, so don't wait to call the office and let us know if you can give us a hand. Race information will be coming to you in the mail, and the race registration form will be posted on our website. We hope you will join us in supporting NPC and enjoy a great weekend of biking!◆



January's outing to **Jacoby Hollow Falls** turned out to be a great morning of hiking and exploring. Check out more photographs of the outing on NPC member Gary Hayes' website at <http://www.garysphotography.net/npc> or at NPC's website www.npcweb.org

Annual Dinner 2001

Our annual dinner will once again be held at DiSalvo's Restaurant in Williamsport on May 9th. The cost of this year's dinner will be \$35, which will benefit NPC's efforts to "protect and preserve land and landmarks of special natural and historic value." This fundraiser is vital to NPC, and is a bargain for a fundraising dinner, especially for the fine DiSalvo's cuisine.

Last year we had to turn people away, so make sure you book your reservations early. Invitations will be mailed to all current members by April. Membership and dinner reservation information is available on our website at <http://www.npcweb.org>.

The Tioga County dinner will be April 18th at the Penn Wells. The Clinton County dinner will be April 4th at the Clinton Country Club.◆

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FREE LUNCH? We don't claim to know how they do it but it sure looks like a "free lunch" to us.

iGive.com is an internet charity mall, with over 300 e-tailers offering donations to charitable organizations. Simply go to our website at <http://www.npcweb.org>, and click on the iGive icon under "How to Support NPC". Membership is free, and donations are sent directly to NPC. This is a great program that has the potential to increase our conservation efforts tremendously. Hey, give it a try- it might even ease your conscience a little on your next on-line purchase!.

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NPC Calendar of Events

MARCH

9-- Celebrity Waiter Night

MAY

9-- NPC Annual Dinner

JUNE

2-3-- Mountain Bike Festival

16-22-- Susquehanna Sojourn

JULY

19-- Paddling Clinic

AUGUST

2-- Paddling Clinic

SEPTEMBER

20-- 4th Annual Autumn Classic Golf Tournament

OCTOBER

7-- New Garden Tour

20-- Canoe & Kayak Float Trip

NOVEMBER

11-- Canoe & Kayak Float Trip

Please call the NPC office at 570-323-6222 or check out the NPC website at <http://www.npcweb.org> for more details.

Holiday Cheesecake Sale



Thank you to all of you who bought a delicious Pellman's cheesecake this year. NPC made \$800 on this fundraiser! We had several requests after our order was placed, which we unfortunately couldn't fill. It seems that after a few of you got a taste and shared a bite with someone, they wanted in on the deal too. We plan to sell cheesecakes again next year, so make sure you keep an eye out for your order form in next fall's newsletter, and don't forget to leave room for dessert!

A special thank you goes to the Lycoming County Red Cross for unloading our shipment of 126 cheesecakes early on a snowy morning, and providing freezer space for storage. Finally, the BIG CHEESE award goes to **Kim VanCampen** for selling 56 cheesecakes.

Woodland Owners Conference

Penn State Cooperative Extension, in cooperation with local woodland owners associations, and NPC, will be holding a woodland owners conference at Penn College, Williamsport, on Saturday, March 3, 2001 from 9am - 3pm. Topics include fires in the woods, biodiversity, growing shiitake mushrooms, and practical ways to establish trees. Lunch is included in the registration fee of \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 for two people from one property. For more information, or to register, please call Bradford County Cooperative Extension office, 570-265-2896.