

## Report to the Membership

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## Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

"The purpose of conservation: The greatest good to the greatest

number of people for the longest

of the U.S. Forest Service

~Gifford Pinchot, first Director

#### 2003 in Review

The year 2003 was another year of progress in working toward our mission of conservation. It was a year of change, and several projects moved forward throughout the year.

One of the best things we can celebrate this year is the continuing conservation efforts that have been made possible by our members and friends. Although we did

not accept a new conservation easement donation in 2003, we anticipate the donation of three new easements in early 2004 that are the result of our land protection work throughout 2003. Of course, the donation of these easements is not an ending, but a beginning. As

with all of the conservation easements we hold, we are responsible to uphold these easements and keep our promise to monitor the properties on a regular basis to make sure the terms of the easements are followed in perpetuity. It is a big responsibility every time we accept the donation of a conservation easement, but we can continue to meet this challenge through your support.

A project that reached completion this year is the River Conservation Plan. This is the result of several years of research, listening, processing information and compiling information. The final product is a document that will provide local input into the future of our region, and is reflective of the many comments and ideas that were brought to the table during the process. Now that

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time."

## **Golf Tournament a Huge Success**

The Sixth Annual Autumn Classic Golf Tournament held at the Williamsport Country Club on September 15, 2003, was a huge success. The largest group of golfers we have hosted in the history of our tournament participated.

The tournament morning began with the threat of showers but our luck held as a nearby storm bypassed us.

In the end we had a beautiful fall day, and not until the last golfer had returned to the clubhouse for dinner did it rain.

This is the first year we have held the golf tournament at the Williamsport Country Club, and it proved to be an overwhelmingly popular venue.

In fact, the event nearly sold out, with only one available *GOLF continued on page 5.* 

## **Stream Cleanup Funding Received**

Good news! The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy received a Growing Greener Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to continue the funding of the stream cleanup program. This grant will allow NPC to fund cleanups along streams for the next several years.

NPC's stream cleanup program was created last year, and has already assisted several watershed groups with their efforts to clean up the banks of waterways throughout our region. The program provides assistance

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# Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan to be Reviewed

After years of work, the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). DCNR will review

the plan to ensure that the terms of the grant were met, as well as whether or not the public participation process used met DCNR's minimum requirements.

The Steering Committee meets in January to determine what role the committee should serve now that planning is complete and various groups are working on implementation. The full plan, as well as the shorter executive summary, are available at www.npcweb.org. NPC also has copies of the Executive Summary available at the office. Feel free to stop in and pick up a copy. •

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## Membership Activity from 9/1/2003 through 12/31/2003

#### **CORPORATE MEMBERS**

Many thanks to our corporate members for their support of NPC's mission. Please take note of those businesses who have shown they care about the future of our communities with their corporate membership, and show YOUR support to them.

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## **Special Appeal Donors**

We extend a huge thank you to everyone who responded to our Special Appeal. Thanks to your overwhelming response, we exceeded our goal! Thank you to the following NPC members and friends for your thoughtful generosity in helping to ensure NPC can continue the work with which we have been entrusted:

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A Special Thank You! NPC would like to extend a special thank you to Herman & Molly Logue, for donating the lettering for our glass entrance door that faces West Fourth Street, and for loaning us artwork to add some color to our bare walls!

Are We in Your Will? Remembering NPC in your will can be a way to leave a legacy to future generations. If you will a gift to NPC, please be sure that you have designated your gift to "Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy," federal employee id number 23-2606163. There are many organizations that use the word "conservancy", so please include our full name to ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intend.



the plan is on file, municipalities and other eligible groups along the corridor will be able to apply for state grants that were previously unavailable for projects listed in the plan. These projects include things like parks, flood mitigation and other projects that our communities said they wanted to see happen.

We continued to provide educational events at low-cost or no-cost to both NPC members and the public. One of the most popular events this year was the Spring Canoe outing, which sold out two months before the trip. The response to this trip was so overwhelming that we have planned another canoe outing and added a kayak outing in 2004. Another popular event was our Rail Trail Bike Trip, guided by DCNR volunteer Weldon Cohick, Jr. Participants enjoyed one of the most beautiful days of the summer of 2003 on a gorgeous trail, and were treated to sightings of wildlife, most notably, a bald eagle. Inquiries about our hikes grew, and the three hikes led by our expert leader Ruth Rode featured views from the Farrandsville river cliffs, views of a property in Sullivan County that NPC protected in the early 1990's, and vistas overlooking the Susquehanna River in Clinton County.

One of the biggest changes for NPC was the move to our new office space. In early 2003 we began to realize that our old office space was not going to meet our needs much longer. As the need for space for our volunteers and board members to work on projects grew, we began to look for our new home. Luckily, a perfect space was available at 330 Government Place, and we moved in June. The new offices are great, and we have plenty of storage space and work areas for our volunteers and staff. Our first-floor location means that we are now much more accessible. Since our move, we have had an increase in the number of visitors stopping by

Not only did we have a change in location, but the look of our office was overhauled through the generosity of PPL. PPL donated workstations, conference tables and chairs that have improved staff and volunteer efficiency, and spruced up our offices.

to ask for information and offer input and assistance.

Although 2003 was a tough year for the economy, NPC's members and friends reinforced their support of conservation in our region through their membership, gifts to our Special Appeal, and by responding with gifts to the Annual Appeal. We are thankful for the enormous outpouring of support from all who responded to these requests.

Fundraising events supplemented this support. In March of 2003, we held Celebrity Waiter Night at the Peter Herdic House. It was an evening of good friends, good food, and good-hearted waiters who donated their

## College Student Volunteers for NPC

This fall NPC was lucky to have Lycoming College student Mary Ganz in our offices as a volunteer. During her time spent volunteering, Mary provided many hours of assistance with numerous office tasks, including helping out with mailings, entering information into computers, and running errands. Mary also took the opportunity to help out with land protection work by travelling with NPC's technical committee on a recent visit of a property. Mary's assistance to NPC has been an invaluable resource to us and we thank her for choosing to give her time to us!

## Lycoming College Students Help Get Annual Appeal Underway

We would like to extend a big thank you to the Lycoming College students who helped us get this year's Annual Appeal underway. The following students gave their time on a Friday evening to help fold, stuff, seal and stamp the Annual Appeal letters that were mailed out in November. We are deeply appreciative of all their help! Our thanks go out to:

Melinda Dreisbach Andrew Derr Sarah Painter Heather Chonoles Walter Makarucha Jennifer Schilansky Alexis Bortle

And special thanks to Mary Ganz for coordinating her fellow students'efforts!

## **Annual Appeal Update**

As of our publication deadline, we are working toward our Annual Appeal goal of \$8,000. To those of you who have already sent in gifts, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support. If you have not already sent in a gift, please consider helping push us over our goal! For more information or to give a gift, please call the NPC office.

time in support of our cause. Our annual Earthday Celebration was held again in April thanks to the generosity of Franco's Lounge. Our Annual Dinner at DiSalvo's Restaurant was again a culinary delight to all in attendance, with a great crowd of NPC members. The Sixth Annual Autumn Classic Golf Tournament was a great success, with a full house of golfers and wonderful sponsors who made the day at the Williamsport Country Club a great one. •

foursome left the day of the tournament.

Many thanks go to Ray & Shelly Mattie for serving as our hosts at the country club.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made this tournament such a success. A full listing of all of our sponsors, door prize donors, players, committee members, volunteers and others who made the day such a success are noted below. •

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#### Thanks to our volunteers

Jay Alexander, Juli Alexander, Joanne Fisher, Oscar Knade, Molly Logue, Ray Mattie, Mike Piaskowski, Brian Pick, Rich Schluter, Christine Sleboda, Bill Van Campen, Kim Van Campen

#### Thanks to our Golf Tournament Committee members

Jay Alexander, Jim Lazorka, Ray Mattie (Chair), Brian Pick, Bill Van Campen, Kim Van Campen with disposal fees related to cleanups.

If your watershed association is interested in conducting a stream cleanup this spring, contact the NPC office, or visit www.npcweb.org/stream.html for more information. A brochure will be ready by late January.

## NPC Board Member "Displays" Her Talent

As part of NPC's ongoing effort to get the word out about our organization and membership, our volunteers and staff often visit festivals, expos, fairs and other events to set up our display. One challenge we sometimes face is the question of how to get the display from the Williamsport office to an event an hour or two away. A solution to this problem is to have several displays that can be stored in locations away from our office in Williamsport. With that in mind, board member Sue Sprout volunteered to construct three new displays on lightweight display boards that can be easily stored and taken to events. As a retired teacher, Sue has plenty of bulletin board experience, and the displays that resulted from her efforts are wonderful tools that will be used to reach out to many more people in the communities throughout our region. Thanks very much, Sue!

# Pine Creek Watershed Conservation Plan Update

The Endless Mountains RC&D is leading the effort to develop a river conservation plan for the entire Pine Creek watershed. NPC is just one of many groups and individuals serving on the Steering Committee for this project.

If you are interested in providing input, please visit www.npcweb.org and fill out the questionnaire. Your answers will help form the management options and recommendations in the plan.

If you would like to be notified by e-mail when public meetings are scheduled, please contact the office at office@npcweb.org with your name and e-mail address. If the survey compilation goes as planned, there should be another series of public meetings this spring.

## Susquehanna River Facts:

- "Susquehanna" is a Delaware (Lenape) Indian word meaning "The Long Winding River." The Iroquois referred to the Susquehanna as the "Great Island River."
- The Susquehanna River is the largest river lying entirely in the US that drains into the Atlantic Ocean.
- The Susquehanna River contributes more than 50% of the water in the Chesapeake Bay.

### **Bike New Section of Pine Creek Trail**



This year we will partner with the Alpine Club to provide our members with the opportunity to ride the new section of the Pine Creek Rail Trail with guidance from NPC and Alpine Club member Charlie Schwarz.

Charlie plans to lead the group on the new section of the trail, starting in Waterville (possibly starting in Jersey Mills if the group is so inclined) and ending in Jersey Shore.

This ride will feature a view of the Townsend Property, the very first project NPC completed. The property is surrounded on three sides by State Forest land, has nearly a mile of frontage on Pine Creek, and contains meadows, mountain land, wetlands, and two small tributaries to Pine Creek. Acquisition and transfer of this property to state ownership assured protection of the property and public recreational access to Pine Creek.

# **Tioga County Gathering Features Program on Nature-based Tourism**

On October 20, 2003, Tioga County members and others gathered at the Penn Wells Hotel. The evening's program featured a slide presentation by Patrick Maier, owner of Nature Quest and Mountain Trail Horse Center in Wellsboro. Maier, along with his wife, Jill, has built his business on sharing the beauty of the outdoors with others, shared some of his experiences with the group. The slides Maier brought with him were a reminder of the outstanding natural beauty of northcentral Pennsylvania, and the Pine Creek Valley.

Many thanks to Pat and Jill for giving of their time to speak to the group. Thanks also to all of our Tioga County members and friends who came to hear about the projects NPC is working to complete in Tioga County!

## "Return to Jacoby Falls" Hike

Since we closed the books on the Smithgall/Ging project, which ensured public access to Jacoby Falls, we continue to receive telephone calls asking for information on how to reach the falls, where to park when visiting the falls, and how to access the property. Join us as we "Return to Jacoby Falls" in Lycoming County and hike to a special place in our area that is protected through the support of NPC members and friends.

Through the years, we have visited Jacoby Falls in its different forms, sometimes frozen, sometimes not. This year, we plan to hike on May 22, when, if the weather cooperates this spring, the water should be at a nice level to see the falls. If you would like to join us, contact Julie Adams at 570-323-6222 or jadams@npcweb.org for meeting time and location. We recommend that you wear sturdy hiking shoes, and bring plenty of water and a snack or packed lunch. This hike is free and open to the public.

## "Canyon Vista/Flynn Property" Hike Planned for the Fall

Hike with us to Canyon Vista for a view to behold on September 18! This hike will take place at World's End State Park in Sullivan County. After we hike to the vista, which overlooks Loyalsock Creek and the valley it formed, we will visit a rock labyrinth area for a bit of exploring. This is another hike where we will revisit a property that we have been able to protect through your support. The Flynn property was purchased by NPC at an auction and transferred to state ownership in the early 1990's. Since then, visitors to World's End State Park have enjoyed the view that we protected with this purchase.

This hike will be of moderate difficulty; expect an ascent to the vista, which is at 1750 feet. We recommend that you wear sturdy hiking shoes and comfortable clothing. Also, bring plenty of water and a snack/packed lunch. For meeting time and location, please contact Julie Adams at 570-323-6222 or jadams@npcweb.org.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

This year, did you make a resolution to get more involved, and volunteer? We have a great opportunity for people who like to talk! The Education Committee has worked to develop a presentation to present to local groups, and now we are looking to recruit speakers for a Speaker's Bureau. This would be an ongoing volunteer opportunity, and we will provide initial training early this spring.

We often receive requests for a speaker to travel to local service club and professional association meetings to share information about NPC. These opportunities are a wonderful way to reach out to the community, and get the word out about NPC. With a Speaker's Bureau in place we can reach more people throughout the region, and help free up staff time for more program work.

Can you help? For more information or to sign up, please contact the NPC office at 570-323-6222.

## Kayaking the Susquehanna



All skill levels welcome! This year we are providing an opportunity for members and others (ages 13 and older) to learn a bit about paddling and enjoy a leisurely kayak trip down the

Susquehanna. The excursion will begin in Montoursville and end in Muncy. The trip will take place on Saturday, August 7, 2004.

Cost of the trip is \$40 which includes boat rental, life vest rental, shuttle service and expert instruction. We will team up with Canoe Susquehanna to provide rentals and instruction to those of you out there who want to experience the Susquehanna in a boat of your own.

## **Big Canoe Trip**

If you missed out last year, here is your chance to join us May 22, 2004 as we travel in Canoe Susquehanna's Big Canoes down the Susquehanna from Montoursville to Muncy. Last year's excursion was so popular, it sold out months before the trip, so register early to reserve your seat!

The section of the Susquehanna that we will be travelling is truly unique, as it is a section that has no road running along the river. There will be plenty of opportunities along the way to spot wildlife and enjoy the natural beauty surrounding the river.

Cost of the trip is \$30 per person and includes boat rental, life vest rental, and an expert guide in each canoe. This is a rain-or-shine event, and registration is limited to 22 people.

You may register for either (or both!) of the paddling events by simply filling out the form below and mailing it to the NPC office. For more information please contact Julie Adams at 570-323-6222 or email jadams@npcweb.org. Don't miss these great outings!

## 2004 Paddling Events Registration Form

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[Note: preregistration is required]

To register, simply fill out the form and mail it, along with payment, to NPC at PO Box 2083, Williamsport PA 17703, or fax it to us at 570-321-1697.

All registrations will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

These trips are appropriate for those aged 13 and up.

Name(s):_				
Address:				
State:	Zip:	Telephone:		
		Number of participants	Cost	Total Due
Big Canoe Outing (May 22, 2004)			\$30/person	
Kayak Trip (August 7, 2004)			\$40/person	
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## 2004 NPC Activities

March - Date TBA
Celebrity Waiter Night

April 17

Earth Day Celebration at Franco's Lounge



May 4

Annual Dinner at DiSalvo's Restaurant

May 22

Big Canoe Trip (limited to 22 people)

May 22

"Return to Jacoby Falls" Hike

August - Date TBA

**Bloomsburg Member Gathering** 

August 7

**Kayaking the Susquehanna** (reserve space by May 1) August 15

Rail Trail Bike Trip w/Alpine Club – New Section of Rail Trail

September 18

"Canyon Vista/Flynn Property" Hike

September 27

7th Annual Autumn Classic Golf Tournament

## **Bloomsburg Member Reception**

As of our publication deadline, we are planning a Bloomsburg Member Reception that we hope will include other groups with similar conservation goals in the Columbia County area. We will keep you posted as the details are ironed out!

## **Celebrity Waiter Night to be Held in March**

Mark your calendar, and plan to attend this year's Celebrity Waiter Night, to be held at the Peter Herdic House on Friday, March?, 2004. Once again, this will be an evening of good friends, good food and the good feeling you get knowing that you are helping further NPC's conservation efforts.

On March?, local celebrities will do their best to earn tips to benefit NPC. All tips earned during the evening will directly benefit NPC and our land protection efforts. Celebrity Waiter Night is a great way to combat winter doldrums, and it is

## Mark Your Calendars for the Seventh Annual Autumn Golf Outing!

Mark your calendar now for the Seventh Annual Autumn Classic Golf Tournament on Monday, September 27, 2004. Last year's tournament was so successful we nearly sold out! Make your plans to attend early this year so you don't miss out on a great day of golf at the beautiful Williamsport Country Club course. This is also a great opportunity for sponsors to get their names out to the community. Sponsorships include publicity at the event, publicity in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, and publicity in our newsletter. For more information please contact Julie Adams at 570-323-6222.