

Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

NPC Creates the First Conservation Easement in Montour County

In the 1960s PPL purchased land north of Washingtonville in Montour County on which to construct the Montour Steam Electric Station. PPL recently made extensive improvements to the electric generating plant to improve air quality. In conjunction with the work on the plant, PPL constructed a mitigation wetland to replace wetland damaged by the construction.

PPL asked NPC to accept a conservation easement on the mitigation wetland in May 2006, before the first earthmoving began. After examining the site proposed for the wetland and adjacent areas, we recommended improvements in the design of the dike to allow for better management of water levels and suggested that more acreage be placed under easement.

NPC and PPL decided that it would be appropriate to include 59 acres of wooded wetland, some cropland and approximately 4,300 feet of Chillisquaque Creek in the area protected by the conservation easement.

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Conserving working farms and forests

Annual Election of Directors Held

Almost 90 supporters and members of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy gathered on May 22, 2008 in Williamsport. After a wonderful dinner, staff members Charlie Schwarz and Alice Trowbridge provided an update on various projects. After the project update, Board Chair Gail Zimmerman conducted the election of directors to the Board.

This year Bill Worobec and Kevin Drewencki were completing a single full term and were eligible for a second full term. Both Bill and Kevin were willing to serve a second 3-year term, and were elected. Bill is a financial planner with Wachovia Securities in Williamsport. Kevin works for PPL and manages several of the

recreational areas the company owns around the state.

Additionally, Carl Barlett, Bill Burdett, Charlie Grieb, and Lew Magent were elected to their first three-year term. A brief biography of these new board members is found on the back page.

Chris Dwyer and Rich Schluter were completing both of their full terms and rotating off the board. Chris is a retired teacher and currently serves as a township supervisor in Bald Eagle Township, Clinton County. Chris has been involved (and has agreed to continue his involvement) with the fundraising committee, working to increase our outreach in Clinton County. Rich is an attorney in Williamsport and served as the Secretary to the Board of Directors in addition to chairing the Board Development Committee. Both Chris and Rich received a plaque, with our favorite Margaret Mead quote, "Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

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In 2004 NPC entered into an agreement with PPL to plant trees and shrubs on 128 acres of streamside buffers under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As those plantings mature they will protect Chillisquaque Creek from siltation and runoff from agricultural fields. Parts of those plantings are also included in the conservation easement area.

In 2007, while the earth around the new wetland was still raw, we were delighted to see that Canada geese raised a brood there and dragonflies patrolled above the water. In 2008 wetland vegetation planted as part of the mitigation project is growing vigorously. Wildlife activity has picked up with several broods of ducks raised in the wetland. Even more exciting, the conservation easement area and wetland is below the peregrine falcon nest occupying one of the stacks of the generating plant and provides the falcons with a place to hunt close to "home".

In April 2008, the conservation easement was finalized to permanently protect 102.91 acres. The conservation easement area borders PA Route 54 for over 1,500 feet north of Washingtonville where it is located between the road and the power plant. The mitigation wetland is visible from PPL Road north of its intersection with Strawberry Ridge Road.

Have YOU Upgraded Your Digital Camera?

NPC needs a digital camera. Do you have one that you'd be interested in donating? Call the office and talk to Charlie. He'll let you know if your old camera meets our needs.

Accreditation Update

Policies and procedures are necessary. They aren't the "fun" part of the job, but they are part of the job. Over the past couple of months we've been working on reviewing the processes we use to determine stewardship fees and create our baseline documentation reports. This review has resulted in revised policies that the board will be considering and discussing in upcoming months.

Apple Appeal

Think about the beauty and benefit of a single apple. Then, think about the beauty and benefits of an apple tree, and apple orchards, and fields of various crops, and woodlands that provide wildlife habitat and forest products that we value. How can we not work to keep our surroundings covered with the natural greens and browns of the earth to balance the areas where there are roads, houses, stores and parking lots.



Whether red, yellow or green, apples are a fruit enjoyed by most of us. An apple is a great example of the multiple benefits of nature and the valuable uses of land. What if we didn't protect land where apple trees could flourish, where grains grow to nourish, where trees mature to protect the air we breathe as well as provide products, where beautiful landscapes weren't available to restore our souls? What if we didn't care?

In this summer newsletter we have included a special mailer for NPC's Apple Appeal fund-raising project. The Apple Appeal was introduced at our Annual Dinner in May and received a generous start from members who attended. Please join those who have already "polished the apple and taken a bite" to provide additional support for NPC.

The lands of north central Pennsylvania will thank you by continuing to be the area that we all enjoy as home. Help keep this a great area for future generations. **THANK YOU!**

Silent Auction Held

This year's Silent Auction had a few items that received so many bids that we had to add bid sheets!! Thank you to all our donors, bidders, and winners! Check out the list of donors, and thank them for supporting NPC the next time you see them, or visit their business.

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Thank You...to all of those who continue to support the work of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

Canoe Outing Planned – Mark Your Calendar!

NPC will be hosting a canoe outing on **Sunday, August 3, start time of 1:00 PM**. The trip will be with Canoe Susquehanna from Milton to below Lewisburg. For more details call the office at 570-323-6222.



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About Our New Board Members...

CARL BARLETT – Carl graduated from Franklin & Marshall before continuing at the University of Pittsburgh for law school. He joined the bar in 1971, and has been in private practice since 1974. He is currently a partner with the McCormick Law Firm. Carl has been NPC's primary legal counsel for many years. In Carl's own words, he is, "an enthusiastic supporter of NPC."

Carl and his wife Marti have five children and nine grandchildren. They recently moved back into the City of Williamsport from the Pennsdale area, and enjoy spending time in the Outer Banks.

Carl's other community service includes the board of the Susquehanna Health System, the Williamsport Kiwanis (where he is the past President), and the Northcentral Pennsylvania Estate Planner's Council (he helped form the organization and was the President for 2 years).

BILL BURDETT – Bill is the Loyalsock Township Manager. After graduating from Lock Haven University he worked for Carlisle's Parks and Recreation Department and Williamsport's Parks and Recreation Department before joining Loyalsock Township in the same capacity. After one year as the Recreation Department Director he became the Township Manager. Bill serves on two committees for the PA State Association of Township Supervisors. He is on the Township Manager and Secretary Committee and the organization's County Board Committee.

Bill and his wife Eileen have three daughters and a son.

CHARLIE GRIEB – Charlie is an architect working from Lock Haven. He's been an architect since 1972 and is licensed both in Pennsylvania and Arizona.

Charlie is a member of the American Institute of Architects, and past member of the Lock Haven Lions Club. When he's not working, you can usually find him fishing or riding his bike.

He resides in Lock Haven and has three children and two grandchildren.

LEW MAGENT – Lew has been a teacher since graduating from Lock Haven University in 1966, and has been most active with programs for special education and gifted children. He was part of the Lock Haven University staff from 1970 until his retirement in 2001, and served as Director/Professor of Lock Haven University's Driver/Safety Education Program.

Lew has chaired or served on numerous committees at the University and advised the Student Organization Council for Exceptional Children. The community beyond the University has benefited by Lew's involvement, too, including as a member of the Keystone Central Planning Commission and as Vice-Chair of the Clinton County Recreation Authority for more than 30 years, where he is still serving.

In his retirement, Lew enjoys traveling, gardening, hunting and fishing; and he is an avid golfer.