



"Protecting and Preserving Lands and Landmarks"

Report to the Membership

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NPC Receives Growing Greener Grant

The Department of Environmental Protection awarded NPC a \$14,000 Growing Greener Grant. The grant program uses local, watershed-based planning, restoration and protection efforts to address nonpoint sources of pollution such as abandoned mine drainage, urban and agricultural runoff, atmospheric deposition, on-lot sewage systems and earthmoving.

NPC will be working with Rettew Associates, Inc. to videolog the study corridor of the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan, Lick Run Clinton County to the confluence of the West Branch with the main stem of the Susquehanna River in Northumberland County. Videologging is a new technology that utilizes video, geographical positioning systems (GPS), and geographic information systems (GIS). A helicopter with a stabilized video camera flies over the study area at a low altitude. The video camera is connected to a GPS unit so that each frame of video footage is labeled with the latitude and longitude.

This information is then transferred into a GIS system. Once this conversion takes place, an individual or group can then "fly over" a section of the study area from a computer. This fly over can take place in a school's

"The best friend of earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources on the earth."

~Frank Lloyd Wright

Pennsylvania Passes Conservation Easement Legislation

This information is taken from the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association's "Guide to the Conservation and Preservation Easements Act." Act 29 of 2001 can also be referenced as House Bill 975, PN 2294.

Until now, Pennsylvania's land trusts have had to rely on "common law" when enforcing their conservation easements. Common law is based on centuries of courts decisions rather than on laws passed by legislative bodies. Different decisions from local courts have created a body of law that is not consistent throughout Pennsylvania regarding the rights, duties and powers related to these easements. Furthermore, Pennsylvania common law does not assume that conservation easements are valid. An easement is essentially "presumed guilty until proven innocent." This has resulted in unnecessary legal expenses being incurred to defend against challenges to conservation easements.

The *Conservation and Preservation Easements Act* changes this. At its heart, the Act says that, as a matter of public policy in Pennsylvania, conservation easements conforming to this law are valid. Furthermore, where there is ambiguity in an easement

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Please Consider a Donation to NPC's Annual Appeal

This November NPC members will receive an annual appeal letter. It will be easy to set it aside, along with the many other requests for support you will undoubtedly get this fall. However, the NPC Annual Appeal is critical to our organization's ability to meet our mission on a yearly basis.

The income we received last year was more than 5% of our total operating costs. In a small organization like NPC, any donation makes a big difference. Doubling the number of last year's contributions of \$50 or less would increase our Annual Appeal by 30%. It is our hope that you will take the time to consider the reason we all love living in this area, and what it will take to keep it that way in the future.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy. ♦

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Membership Activity from 7/1/2001 through 9/30/2001

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Mary R. Engel
Henry & Michelle Frey
Alan & Diane Himes
Heidi Schwarz Hosler
Jack & Joan McKee
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Gerald A. Wolfe

White Pine (\$25-34)

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Thank you to the Jersey Shore State Bank for its in-kind contribution towards the Smithgall and Ging acquisition.

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Bill Hosler

Charles & Helen Schwarz

Don't forget to check out NPC's Calendar of Events on the back cover. We'd love to see you at our next outing!

Volunteers Make a Big Difference

The following is a partial list of dedicated people who have donated much time and effort supporting NPC's art quilt fund-raiser. **Raffle ticket sales to date are over \$20,000!** Volunteers have accumulated more than 1000 hours to make this project such a success thus far. Besides actual work hours, volunteers have traveled great distances to events, even staying overnight to work at northern tier fairs. The enthusiasm our volunteers have shown is very heartening. The effort they have made makes it clear that NPC will be a force protecting special places for future generations.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Carl Barlett	Tim Holladay
Steve Bason	Sarmite Judson
Beth Bason	Herb Larson
Cindy Bower	Wayne Laubscher
Bob Bower	Jim Lazorka
Nancy Bower	Mel Lewis
Bob Carnein	Ted Lyon
Nell Carnein	Jill Masemore
Mary Cosgrove	Christine McNeill
Howard Cowles	Charlotte Mengel
Betty Cowles	Madelene Murphy
Bob Cox	Les Noelk
Sally Craig	Joe Pecchia
John Crossen	Nancy Pfeiffer
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Skip Heller	Mike Wiley

Protect & Preserve Art Quilt

New Club 100 Members

Lester Beck	Oaks Restaurant)
Don Breon	John C. & Mary Metz
Dr. & Mrs. Bruce Burns	Keller & Munro
James H. Maguire (Restless	Jerre & Mary Pietsch

Quilt Corporate Donor: Holiday Inn of Williamsport

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Photo caption correction

Four long years of work pay off as Butch Davey, Jake Corman, Dan Vilello, Reneé Carey, Tom Woodruff, Dennis Duza, and Vern Ross unveil the new State Game Lands 321 sign.

Our apologies to the individuals listed in the photo caption above for the Kelley Project Dedication whose names were misspelled in the Summer 2001 newsletter.

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classroom or computer lab, a watershed association's monthly meeting, or over the internet in someone's den.

Robert Yowell, DEP Northcentral Regional Director, explained, "It will help people visualize the river as a shared resource that flows through various political boundaries, historical and cultural areas and riparian ecosystems."

NPC and Rettew plan to conduct the fly-over this Fall after the leaf cover is gone. The data should then be ready in December. NPC hopes that the March 2002 meetings to present a draft River Conservation Plan will include a presentation on the videologging, and an opportunity for the public to "fly" the West Branch. ♦

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restriction, the Act directs the courts to interpret the restriction consistent with the purposes of the easement and the Act, rather than favoring a conservation unfriendly view of the restriction language.

The Act does not prevent someone from challenging a conservation easement provision or an action taken by a land trust – anyone can sue anyone for practically anything. Nor does it eliminate the need for a land trust to defend its position. However, it does reduce land trust financial and legal exposure as well as uncertainty in enforcement. ♦



Golf Tournament Wet but Successful

The Eaglesmere Country Club again was the location of this annual NPC fundraiser. Twenty-seven teams braved an ugly weather forecast to challenge the course in Sullivan County. The golfers got in 9 holes of tournament play, and there is a rumor that a few teams turned in their scorecards and headed back out on the course to get in a few more holes. Due to the inclement weather, Dean Homer, club manager, graciously offered the players a coupon for \$20.00 off a future round of golf. We would like to thank all the players who trusted NPC to "get it done" and supported our efforts.

Special thanks go out to Celia VanCampen, golf committee chair and committee members Jay Alexander, Jim Lazorka and Kim Vancampen who get a pat on the back. Let's not forget our volunteers, Joanne Fisher, Mel Lewis, and Gail Whitesell who made the success of the event possible. And to Mel and Susan Lewis for acting as NPC's club hosts. ♦

River Conservation Plan Making Progress

The Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan is moving into the writing stage. This year has been spent researching the river, its assets, reviewing existing reports, collecting new data, locating existing data, and asking the public for their thoughts. We are now ready to begin writing the plan and developing an implementation plan based on the input provided by the citizens and residents of the study area.

The plan writing is estimated to take us into this winter. A draft plan will be ready for its public debut in March 2002. This draft plan will be presented at six public meetings to be held at the same locations as round one, Jersey Shore, Lewisburg, Lock Haven, Muncy, Watsontown, and Williamsport. The hope is to also post the plan on the NPC website and allow the public to view and comment on-line.

Look for more information about these meetings and the website availability in the Winter 2002 issue of the newsletter in January. ♦

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NPC Would Like to Thank All of the Golf Tournament Sponsors

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Congratulations Tournament Winners!

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Shawn Groner
Law Groner
Chris Keller

LOWNET: HANSON AGGREGATES

Jack Roadarmel
Mike Sullivan
Larry Weidler
Scott Hubler



A group of canoeists enjoy a break during one of NPC's summer paddling clinics. Watch the spring 2002 issue of the newsletter for the dates of next summer's clinics.

Summer Fun on the 'Sock

Thirty-five paddlers showed up on Mill Lane in Montoursville this summer to paddle the "Mouth of the Sock." NPC's summer paddling clinics continue to be popular with the "river rat" crowd. This year we added a new twist to our clinics and reviewed some basic swift-water safety skills such as how to survive being swept into a strainer, or tree, and maybe more importantly how to avoid being in that situation in the first place. As always we visited the Loyalsock Creek where it enters the West Branch Susquehanna River.

A lively crew of local paddling enthusiasts volunteered their time to help out the "newbies" and offered tips to the more experienced participants. Our paddling partners included Ned Coates, Ron Kaiser, Christine McNeill, Kevin O'Shea and Gene Rolley. ♦

Upcoming Membership Outings

•**October 20- Second Annual Pine Creek Float Trip.** Put-in at Waterville and take-out near Torbert. The trip will start at 10:00 AM. Contact Russ at 570-323-6222, or at rcowles@npcweb.org to participate. Rental equipment is available from Country Ski & Sports. Rentals must be obtained through Russ.

•**October 21-Butternut Trail Hike at World's End State Park.** Ruth Rode of the Williamsport Alpine Club will lead a hike through the Flynn purchase, one of NPC's earliest projects that protects over 600 acres and has a portion of the Loyalsock Trail on the property. The hike will be moderate to strenuous. Meet at the NPC office at 12:45 PM to leave promptly at 1:00. The rain date is October 28.

•**November 11- Montoursville to Muncy Float Trip.** Meet at the Montoursville boat Ramp at 9:45 AM to run shuttle and start float trip at 11:00.

NPC Represented at National Land Conservation Conference

NPC's Reneé Carey, Russ Cowles, and Kim VanCampen (NPC Board Member) joined a record number of land conservationists from across the country Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 at the National Land Trust Rally 2001, the largest conference in the United States designed for nonprofit land trusts and others dedicated to conserving the nation's dwindling open spaces. The Rally is sponsored annually by the Land Trust Alliance (LTA) and featured more than 125 workshops and seminars on land conservation.

Held in Baltimore, MD, Rally 2001 allowed Carey, Cowles, and VanCampen to learn about land conservation trends while exchanging ideas with professional and volunteers from hundreds of land trusts and from scores of state and federal agencies as well as several foreign countries. Rally 2001 was the most well attended Rally in the conference's history and attracted more than 1,400 people from 48 states and 13 countries. The first Rally was held in 1985 and attracted 257 participants.

More importantly, land trusts and other nonprofit organizations dedicated to conserving open spaces have been hugely successful in their mission. According to the Land Trust Alliance's 2000 National Land Trust Census, local and regional land trusts have protected approximately 6.37 million acres, up from 1.9 million acres protected as of 1990. During the same decade, the number of land trusts jumped by 42 percent, to 1,263 local and regional trusts.

In addition to organizing the annual Rally, LTA, headquartered in Washington, D.C., provides technical information and training to local and regional land trusts. For more information about LTA or the benefits of protecting your open space lands, visit LTA's Web site at www.lta.org. ♦

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A holiday shopping deal!

If you plan to do any shopping online for the holidays, help make the holiday season brighter for NPC by checking out iGive.com. This internet charity mall has over 300 e-tailers offering donations to charitable organizations. Simply go to the "Support" page of the NPC website at www.npcweb.org/support.html, and click on the iGive icon. Membership is free, and donations are sent directly to NPC. What better way to remember NPC this season? Give it a try!

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NPC Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 20 •**2nd Annual Pine Creek Float Trip**
21 •**Butternut Trail hike** at Worlds End State Park

NOVEMBER

- 11 •**Canoe/Kayak Float Trip** from Montoursville to Muncy
23-25 •**Protect and Preserve 2001 Quilt Display**, Lycoming Mall, Muncy

DECEMBER

- 15-16 •**Protect and Preserve 2001 Quilt Display**, Lycoming Mall, Muncy

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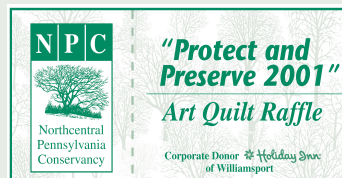
- 5 •**Protect and Preserve 2001 Quilt Display**, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation State Convention, Carlisle, PA

Check NPC's website, www.npcweb.org, for additional event updates.



NEW NPC HATS

We now have a supply of updated hats. Our ballcap is a low-profile sanded cotton with a leather adjuster. We also have a new bucket hat. Both sport the NPC tree logo with "Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy" scripted around the popular oak. Contact NPC at 570-323-6222, or office@npcweb.org to find out what colors are available. Ballcaps are \$10 and bucket hats are \$13. Keep in mind that these hats would make great holiday gifts!



The Quilt Project Still Needs Your Help!

NPC's Art Quilt Raffle Project still needs volunteers to help coordinate raffle ticket distribution. Volunteers are also needed to staff the NPC booth at area events. If you can help support this important fund-raising project, please give the NPC office a call or e-mail Russ Cowles at rcowles@npcweb.org.