



"Protecting and Preserving Lands and Landmarks"

## Report to the Membership

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# NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

### Stream Cleanups Take Place Over the Summer Thanks to Funding

This Spring we reported that NPC worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to secure funds to assist watershed associations with the disposal fees associated with stream cleanups. Since then NPC has provided funding to the following seven groups for cleanups:

- ClearWater Conservancy
- Genesee Headwater Watershed Association
- Greater Nippenose Valley Watershed Association
- Little Shamokin Creek
- Lycoming Creek Watershed Association
- Penns Valley Conservation Association
- Penn-York-Bentley Creek Watershed Association

These groups and their volunteers should be applauded for their hard work. Thanks to their efforts Pennsylvania's streams and stream banks are cleaner.

Watershed associations interested in learning more or obtaining a copy of the application should visit NPC's website (<http://www.npcweb.org/stream.html>), or contact the office. Information on the watershed associations awarded funding and their cleanup efforts will be featured in upcoming newsletters and on NPC's website. ❖

### Board Works to Refine Land Conservation Tools

There are many people in northcentral Pennsylvania who feel a deep connection to the land. Some of these people own property and decide to conserve their properties through the donation of a conservation easement to NPC.

**"Conservation is humanity caring for the future."**

~Nancy Newhall,  
Conservation Author

What many people do not realize is that the donation of a conservation easement is not a final step, but a beginning. In accepting the donation of an easement NPC takes on the responsibility of making

sure that the conservation values of the property are maintained in perpetuity (forever).

That's a pretty big responsibility, and each new easement brings with it a certain amount of work, including maintenance of good records, monitoring the property, maintaining relationships with the property owners, and when necessary, enforcing the terms of the easement.

NPC now holds about 30 conservation easements, and with that much responsibility connected to each easement, NPC must carefully consider many factors in accepting the donation of an easement. NPC's Technical Committee must inventory the special features of the property, and its conservation value must be somehow quantified. This helps NPC to prioritize

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### River Conservation Plan Generates Public Comment

In response to NPC's request for people to review and comment on the draft Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan, more than three hundred people responded. With the responses in hand, the project steering committee met in late August to review and discuss the comments. The team is now working to finalize the plan and the committee is working to have the plan ready for final presentation later this autumn. Final wrap up of the project is planned for this winter. Keep an eye out for more information on the public meetings to present the final plan. ❖

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## Membership Activity from 6/16/2003 through 8/30/2003

### CORPORATE MEMBERS

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

Montour Oil Service Co.  
Mark C. Oberheim DMD

#### American Kestrel (\$500-749)

Jersey Shore State Bank

#### Small Business (\$100-499)

Irion Lumber Company  
WNB Bank

### GENERAL MEMBERS

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

John M. Confer  
William & Kimberly Van  
Campen

#### White-tailed Deer (\$250-499)

John & Susan Best  
Henry & Michelle Frey  
Mr. & Mrs. Law Groner  
Richard Insley  
Willem J. &  
Tamara D. Lubbe  
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Perciballi  
George I. Rodgers Family  
Charles & Helen Schwarz

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

Jay & Juli Alexander  
Karl K. & Karen M. Baldys  
Susan M. Durrwachter  
Mr. & Mrs. Brett Feese  
Phillip & Joy Greene  
Marc & Diane Lewis  
Bobby Maguire/  
Mountain Stone &  
Carved Rocks  
Jack & Suzanne Murray  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert W.  
Newcomb  
James & Cheryl Redmond  
John & Marguerite G. Rich  
Dr. Samuel Rockey  
Alvin L. Snowiss  
Linda Stein  
Jim & Lynn Toey  
Dr. Marshall Welch  
Bill & Pam Worobec

#### Red Oak (\$50-99)

Alvin C. & Betty Bush  
Ron & Shirley Butler  
Russell & Linda Campbell  
Bill & Mary Chancellor  
David & Donna Colley  
Robert F. Cox Jr.  
Ralph R. Cranmer  
James Furey II/  
Eastern Wood Products  
Rudolph Holtzman  
Kathie L. Hunter/  
Landplan Inc.  
Rudy & Carol Kafer  
Scott & Karen Keck  
C. Herbert Larson  
Richard P. Lauchle  
Harold & Shirley Loud  
Kenneth & Ann Lundy  
David & Ruth McCord  
Terry & Dorian Myers  
Mark & Kim Oberheim  
Casey Pfitzenmayer  
Birch & Ann Marie Phillips  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles M.

Plankenhorn  
Heidi Schwarz-Hosler  
Joseph & Margaretta  
Stewart  
James & Celia Van  
Campen  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry E.  
Webster III  
John E. Young & Family

#### Sugar Maple (\$35-49)

Dave Barsky  
Robert & Joan Bauder  
Jeffrey B. Burnham  
Mr. & Mrs. John Carpenter  
Robert & Dorothy Cupper  
Bill Danilowicz  
Marian L. Fetter &  
Mark Kleinfelter  
Alan & Diane Himes  
Les Hughes  
Leroy H. Keiler III  
Leroy H. Keiler, Jr.  
Lisa & Jody McNerney  
Annie Sanders  
Dr. Dora E. Vandine

#### White Pine (\$25-34)

Larry & Joan Briggs  
James E. Clayton  
Russ & Christine Cowles

David K. Gilpin  
Joan C. Gingrich  
Gary W. Glick  
Maryanne Griscavage  
Gerald & Colleen Lacy  
Ed Lawrence &  
Catherine McLaughlin  
Jeff Prowant  
Quest  
Raymond Rathmell  
Dave Rockey  
Michael & Laura J. Steele  
Rev. & Mrs. Larry Waltz  
William V. West  
Ralph Wilson  
Dave Winton

### ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

#### General Contributions

Terry Wild Studio  
Gander Mountain

*From the Black Rock  
Hunting Club:*  
Wayne & Dorothy Evans  
Daryl & Kim Diehl  
J.R. Evans  
Kevin Diehl  
Jody Diehl  
Keith Fraser  
Michael Hammer

#### Memorial Contributions

In memory of *Mary Bubb*  
by Joanne Fisher

#### Honorarium

In honor of *Dr. George  
Durrwachter's birthday*  
by Donald & Ann Alsted  
and by Carol Gundrum

#### Material Donation

Donation of office furniture  
by PPL Corporation

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## Land Acquisition Fund Receives Donation

NPC extends special thanks to **Alfred Buck** for continuing to support NPC's land acquisition efforts! Mr. Buck has again generously donated to NPC's Alfred and Helen Buck Land Acquisition Fund. This fund assists NPC in the acquisition of special properties that are in danger of development.

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## Are We in Your Will?

Have you planned a special gift to NPC? Remembering NPC in your will can be a way to leave a legacy to future generations or honor loved ones. If you have already included us in your plans or are going to make a gift to NPC in your will, please be sure that you have designated your gift to "Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy," federal employee identification number 23-2606163. You will note that there are many organizations with the word "conservancy" in their name, so please include our full name to ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intend.

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## Butternut Trail Hike

NPC hike leader Ruth Rode led another pleasant hike on Saturday, July 12 in Sullivan County. This hike featured the Butternut Trail, an easy, fun trail that overlooks two parcels of the Flynn Property. These two parcels were purchased by NPC at auction and transferred to state ownership in the early 1990's.

The hike began at World's End State Park, and Park Manager Bill Kocher was on hand to welcome the group and give an update on some of the recent improvements that have been made to facilities in the park. A naturalist from the park staff accompanied the group, pointing out plants and wildlife along the way.

The weather cooperated beautifully, and a group of about 20 hikers and one dog enjoyed seeing a field of large boulders, and hearing the roar of the creek below the trail. A series of eight switchbacks provided a fun ascent to a vista overlooking Loyalsock Creek.

The group enjoyed a lunch break to enjoy the view. From the vista, the hikers then made a circuit back to the parking area to finish the excursion. Participants agreed that the Butternut Trail was fun and easy--perfect for a beautiful July morning.❖

## Annual Appeal to Begin in Late November

As the year draws to a close a very significant season arrives for NPC. In late November we will begin our Annual Appeal, a vital fund-raiser for NPC as it helps provide essential operating funds to keep the organization moving forward in our mission of conservation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to give a gift this holiday season that has value for generations to come. Your gift to NPC is tax-deductible, and helps ensure that future generations will enjoy the same special places in northcentral Pennsylvania that we have.❖

### Did You Know?

That NPC is one of more than 1200 nonprofit land trusts that operate independently of government? Organizations like NPC work on the front lines with local communities to help save America's land heritage. Land trusts have been extraordinarily successful, having protected more than 6.2 million acres of open space, according to the National Land Trust Census. Thank you for supporting NPC!

## NPC Members Rise to the Special Appeal Challenge

In September NPC members and friends received a letter detailing a special request by NPC's Board of Directors. The Board asked members and friends to consider making a special gift to help replenish income from NPC's reserve fund. As of September 18 NPC supporters had responded in an overwhelming way with gifts pushing close to the goal of \$6,250.

This fund is vitally important to NPC as it helps the organization continue the same level of conservation efforts in slow economic times. NPC's founders had the foresight to put funding aside in this reserve, but without growth in the reserve, the Board would be forced to consider making cuts to current programs and services.

To those of you who contributed to this important appeal, we thank you! We will include a listing of those who made gifts to this special appeal in the next newsletter.❖

## Regional Outreach Committee Meetings Planned

NPC has a large regional coverage area, stretching from just above Harrisburg to the New York border. With such a large area of northcentral Pennsylvania to cover, it is sometimes difficult to keep in close contact with members and others in all the counties of our coverage area.

With that challenge in mind, the NPC board decided to form Regional Outreach committees to help keep the channels of communication open, and provide opportunities for involvement. Throughout this spring and summer, NPC staff and board members have been travelling throughout the NPC coverage area to a series of Regional Outreach Committee meetings.

At these meetings, NPC members and other stakeholders from communities throughout the region have provided feedback and voiced concerns about specific areas where they feel NPC's conservation efforts should be focused. NPC has also had the opportunity to request assistance on a variety of issues from throughout the region.

This two-way communication is important to the future of NPC, and helps provide the organization with direction from our local communities. If you have an interest in serving on a Regional Outreach Committee near you, please contact the NPC office.❖

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## Pine Creek Rail Trail Bike Ride

Approximately 40 members and friends of NPC took part in a bike trip from Darling Run to Blackwell on the Pine Creek Rail Trail in Tioga County on June 28.

DCNR volunteer Weldon Cohick, Jr, led the trip. Mr. Cohick, a dedicated volunteer who operates the Darling Run visitor information center, shared stories along the trail and led the group on a few side trips to historical spots along the way.

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The rail trail follows an abandoned rail bed in the Pine Creek gorge and afforded participants with

the opportunity to enjoy incredible views of the mountainsides and wildlife. While on the trail participants were treated to sightings of a Bald Eagle and an eagle's nest.

Special thanks to Pine Creek Outfitters for facilitating bike rentals and shuttle service for participants. ❖



## PPL Donates Office Furniture to NPC

Through the generosity of one of our corporate members, NPC now has office furniture that will serve the needs of staff and volunteers. PPL recently donated four workstations and boardroom furniture to NPC.

Executive Director Reneé Carey said, “This donation is a definite boost for NPC staff and volunteers. We are thankful to have these new workstations, as they will help improve efficiency and provide staff and volunteers with adequate workspace. It also has great aesthetic value, as we now have desks, tables and chairs that match.”

The furniture donation also saved NPC costs associated with moving. Delivery of the furniture was timed with NPC's recent office move, saving the conservancy moving costs.

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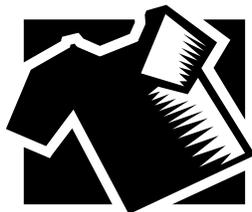
projects and maximize the impact of our resources.

This summer, NPC's Board of Directors took time to consider the tools the organization uses to rank current projects. Currently, the Technical Committee uses a worksheet that lists the possible conservation values that can be contained on a property. For example, a piece of land may contain especially good agricultural or woodland values. A property could contain historical features, geologic features or be an exceptional habitat for wildlife. With these possibilities and many more, which properties should NPC rank higher than others in priority?

With much discussion and thought, the Board evaluated the current worksheet and proposed revisions to the current resource values. The Technical Committee will have the opportunity to provide feedback to the Board on its proposed revisions. The final changes will help NPC continue its mission to the best of its ability. ❖

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## NPC Offers the Perfect Solution to Your Holiday Gift-Giving Needs!

Looking for holiday gift ideas? We have lots of easy gifts, and you don't have to go to the mall to find them! To order, simply fill out the form below or give the office a call at 570-323-6222 and we will be happy to help you!

### NPC Screen-printed tee

These super tees come in lots of colors and sizes (kids and adult sizes from S to XXXL). The shirts 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.

### NPC Totebag

The grocery bag style totebag, made by Equinox in Williamsport, has longer handles for ease in carrying it over your shoulder. The bags are screen printed with the NPC logo, and are perfect for carrying groceries, books, clothes to the gym, picnic items or anything else that needs lugged around.

### NPC Embroidered Logo Denim Shirt

These are durable, high-quality, comfortable 100% cotton long-sleeved shirts embroidered with a tan NPC logo. This classic style makes this shirt a favorite! *Order deadline is November 5, 2003.*

### NPC Golf Shirt

These extra-heavyweight pique golf shirts are available in both long and short-sleeved styles. The shirts are a natural color with a green embroidered name and logo, with double-strip collars and sleeve bands and features 3 glossy tone buttons. *Order deadline is November 5, 2003.*

### NPC Fleece Pullover with Embroidered Logo

Charcoal-colored pullover with half-zip in front and side, slit pockets. The NPC logo is embroidered in tan. *Order deadline is November 5, 2003.*



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## NPC MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM\*

In each block below indicate the quantity ordered of each size

	S	M	L	XL	Cost	Total Due
Screen print tee**	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$12	_____
Denim embroidered shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30	_____
Short-sleeve golf shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	_____
Long-sleeve golf shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	_____
Fleece pullover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$32	_____
NPC Totebag	<input type="checkbox"/>				\$13	_____



(Shipping is \$3.85 for the first item, \$2.00 for each additional item.)

Sub-total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Shipping Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:  Check enclosed  Please bill my Visa/Mastercard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\*All orders for denim shirts, golf shirts and fleece pullovers must be received by NPC by November 5, 2003.

\*\*For additional sizes and colors please call the NPC office at 570-323-6222 or visit us at 330 Government Place, Williamsport

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### 2003 NPC Activities

#### Fall Events:

Monday, October 20  
**Tioga County Dinner**



Wednesday, November 12  
**Bloomsburg Area Member Reception**