



"Conserving working farms and forests"

Report to the Membership

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NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

CREP

Sounds odd doesn't it? What is it anyway? It's the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, a voluntary program designed to protect environmentally sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat, and safeguard ground and surface water. CREP is a win-win for landowners and the environment.

Where does NPC fit in? Here's where — When PPL built the Montour Steam Electric Station near Washingtonville in 1972, it acquired 4,000 acres of land in the watershed of Chillisquaque Creek. Most of the cropland is leased to local farmers.

Unfortunately, Chillisquaque Creek has a very high sediment load. Soil washes into the creek which flows into the Susquehanna River and then into Chesapeake Bay. NPC is working with PPL and the US Department of Agriculture to re-establish forested buffers along the creek.

Tree plantings, which began in 2004, continued in 2005 on 37 acres. There were 5,400 trees and 3,700 shrubs planted in strips along the stream and its tributaries by our contractor this year. Now about one-half of the total area to be planted (128 acres) has been completed. NPC monitors the plantings to check on the contractor's work and survival of the seedlings. The tree seedlings

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NPC Board of Directors Review

We recently received some feedback from an NPC member who had some questions about who was on NPC's board and how to contact that person. We then realized that it has been awhile since we've provided you with an overview of who is on the NPC board.

The brief statements below will give you an idea of the skills our board possesses. There are many things

we could tell you about the board, for instance one of our board members was a poultry judge at a county fair, but they're modest, and we don't have the space! So here is some background information

to help you understand who is on NPC's board.

Jay Alexander (Vice-Chairman) is the general manager of the Clinton County Solid Waste Authority. He also is involved with the Clinton County Economic Partnership and a township supervisor.

Matt Cramer is a financial planner with Merrill Lynch. He is active in several other organizations in the area, and grew up in the Jersey Shore area.

Kevin Drewencki is the superintendent at PPL's Montour Preserve. His recreation and parks management degree brings a unique view to the Board.

George Durrwachter (Chairman) is a retired orthodontist who traded his dental chair for many hats.

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"What a country chooses to save is what a country chooses to say about itself."

~**Mollie Beattie**, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (1993-1996)

Pine Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan Progressing

The river conservation plan is moving forward. A series of public meetings were held in July to present the draft plan to the public. We were very pleased to see that more than 80 people attended these meetings to learn more about the plan and offer input. Comments were accepted through August 26, and the committee is now preparing a final plan. Please check NPC's website for information on when the final plan will be available and where the public meetings presenting the final plan will be held. ❖



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Membership Activity from 6/9/2005 through 9/7/2005

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.

Bald Eagle (\$2000+)

PPL Corporation/Montour Preserve

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

Montour Oil Service Co. -- Mark C. Oberheim, DMD
M & S Conversion Co. Inc.

American Kestrel (\$500- 749)

Wayne Twp. Landfill/CCSWA -- Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. -- Jersey Shore State Bank -- Lycoming Co. Resource Management

Small Business (\$100- 499)

Susquehanna Bank -- Irion Lumber Company -- Fish
GMAC Real Estate -- Bob Chuck & Rich Roan Inc.

GENERAL MEMBERS

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Bobcat (\$1000- 4999)

Matthew &
Lisa Cramer

Black Bear (\$500-999)

John M. Confer
Charles & Helen Schwarz
William & Kimberly
Van Campen

White-tailed Deer (\$250-499)

Charles & Jane Darrow
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Perciballi
Russ Kimura &
Denise Hamby
Martin & Jean Doughty
Blair & Mary Carbaugh
Henry & Michelle Frey
Mr. & Mrs. Law Groner
Richard Insley
The George
Rodgers Family
Willem J. & Tamara Lubbe

Black Cherry (\$100-249)

Marc & Diane Lewis
James & Cheryl Redmond
Richard & Grace Carey

Steven Uzupis
Alvin L. Snowiss
Drs. Grady Gafford &
Tina Tolins
Fred W. Tochter
Jennie S. Beyer
John & Susan Best
Kenneth & Ann Lundy
Linda Stein
Mr. & Mrs. Brett Feese
Paul Millinghausen
Richard Karp
Robert & Sarah Newcomb
Ron & Sondra Beach

Red Oak (\$50-99)

Reneé Carey
Ronald & Martina Johnson
David & Ruth McCord
Heidi Schwarz-Hosler
Birch & Ann Marie Phillips
C. Herbert Larson
Dave Rockey
David J. & Linda M. Ward
David K. Gilpin
David Tregea
Diane Himes
Dr. Dora E. Vandine
Ed Lawrence &
Catherine McLaughlin

Gary and Carolyn Glick
Harold & Shirley Loud
J. Michael Williamson
James D. & Maria Casale
Joan C. Gingrich
John & Cathy Miller
Kathie L. Hunter
Mr. & Mrs. Charles M.
Plankenhorn
Ron Butler
Rudolph Holtzman
Scott & Karen Keck
Ted & Tracey Barbour
Terry & Dorian Myers
Tim Holladay & Family
Tom & Beth Stubler Family

Sugar Maple (\$35-49)

Dale E. & Harriet J. Cooper
Dean W. Selfe
Dipendra & Nellie Bhattarai
Fred C. Stiner, Jr.
Galen & Bonnie Ingram
George E. Rizzo & Family
Jack & Joan McKee
Larry R. Bason VMD
Mr. & Mrs. Donald King
Mr. & Mrs. John Carpenter
R. James Dunham
Robert & Joan Bauder
Warren R. &
Mary Lou Baldys

White Pine (\$25-34)

Romey Fagnano &
Heather O'Neill
Ann F. Rhoads
Casey Pfitzenmayer
Charles & Kay Chapman
Dave Winton
Earle & Pattie Laysen
Frank Johnson

Jeff Prowant
John B. Raymond
Linda C. Murray
Mark Newruck
Michael & Mary Ditchfield
Mike & Betzi Lyon
Pamela Gass
Russ & Christine Cowles
Steve Stroman
William Logue
Woody Wagner

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Memorials

D. Kay Crisanti
by Dr. Carol Whitcraft
Fredericks, PH.D,
The Northcentral Geriatric
Interest Network,
Elaine Hayes,
Mark & Susan Broderick,
Richard & Janice Harris,
Loretta & Bob Coltrane

Dwight Lewis
by George & Shirley
Durrwachter

Anthony Tagliaferri
by George & Shirley
Durrwachter

Additional Donations

DiSalvo's
Shawn McLaughlin
Stephen &
Stephanie Radulski
William & Kimberly
Van Campen

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.

Life of Rivermen Topic of Clinton Tioga County Event Set for October

Working in a region as large as we do it is always good to visit with our members and supporters in their own neighborhood. This idea led to NPC holding regional membership dinners around the region over the past several years.

This year with help from Bald Eagle Township, Coploff Ryan & Welch, Lock Haven University, Miller Brother Automotive Sales and Sanders Window Fashions, we will hold a Sunday afternoon gathering on **October 9, 2005 at 2pm** in the Parsons Union Building on Lock Haven University's campus. The program will include light refreshments. The program is open to everyone, not just our Clinton County members.

Gil Hirschel, an educator with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, will be in character as Elias Cooper. Gil, as Elias, will help us understand what life was like for the Rivermen, or raftsmen, during the logging era. An era when lumber was king and the West Branch was the highway taking the lumber to market.

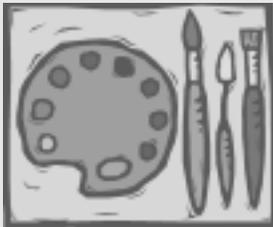
There is no need to preregister, but if you plan to attend, please call or drop us an email to help in planning the program and refreshments. You can call 570-323-6222 or email NPC at events@npcweb.org. ❖

You have probably hiked a trail they built, eaten at a pavilion they constructed, or driven a road they laid out--now it's time to learn more about the Civilian Conservation Corps. Come to the Tioga County dinner on October 30 to hear John Eastlake, a forester retired from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, present a slide program on the Pennsylvania CCC camps.

The CCC, originally named the Emergency Conservation Work, provided unmarried, unemployed young men with uniforms and three meals a day in exchange for work. The US Army ran the camps. The men fought forest fires, planted trees, built roads, buildings, picnic areas, swimming areas and created state parks. Pennsylvania had 113 camps, second only to California in the total number of camps. Each camp averaged approximately 200 men.

The program will be held at the Ossea Masonic Lodge, 8 Kelsey Street, Wellsboro at **2pm on October 30**. The program is free for both NPC members and non-members. Refreshments will be served following John's slide show. Thank you to our sponsors: Wheeland Lumber Company and the Patterson Lumber Company. For more information contact NPC at 570-323-6222 or events@npcweb.org. ❖

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Lycoming College Art Students Partner to Paint

When you think of a class taking a field trip to study the canopy formed by the trees, or examine the water flowing through a stream, your mind immediately goes to the sciences--biology probably. However, Professor Roger Shipley doesn't teach botany or stream morphology. He is an art professor at Lycoming College and is taking his Fall painting class on a field trip to study trees and streams.

Professor Shipley and his students are visiting the Morgan Valley Road easement property this Fall for their landscape studio. They'll spend an afternoon at the property working to interpret what they see and put in on their canvas. Most years Professor Shipley's students visit Wallis Run or another of Lycoming County's scenic sites. This year, they agreed to visit Morgan Valley Road and to participate in an upcoming First Friday in Williamsport to display their work.

The class teaches water and oil based media and includes instruction, studio sessions, and off campus studios like this one. It's a great opportunity for the students to get some "field" experience (I couldn't resist the pun) and for NPC to host a First Friday event that will help educate the public about our mission.

To see the student's work, or learn more about First Friday, email NPC at events@npcweb.org.

Down the Susquehanna by Kayak

NPC has been directly involved with the Lower West Branch of the Susquehanna River through its creation of the River Conservation Plan for this part of the mighty river.

To allow members and guests an opportunity to view and feel the Lower West Branch, we sponsored two kayak trips this summer guided by Alan and Betsy Quant of Canoe Susquehanna. Both trips were booked to capacity.

On July 16th we put in at Montoursville and traveled to Muncy over what has been called "the wild reach". The group got to view a bald eagle, several species of ducks, and the extensive stone work on the old Pennsylvania Canal above Muncy.

On an overcast August 28th, the group paddled from Montgomery to Watsonstown, a slightly shorter trip than July's. We paddled through the old World War II era dam (now breached) above Allenwood. There were a lot of great blue herons to be seen and we passed the nesting sight of peregrine falcons.

NPC anticipates sponsoring more kayak trips in 2006, so be sure to keep your eye out for reservation information. Reserve your spot early so you won't be left out. These kayak adventures do not require you to be experienced. The Quants bring the equipment and provide instruction. ❖

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Holiday Cheesecake Sale Set

The holiday season is fast approaching! Don't panic, NPC can help you with your baking, gift giving, and hostess gifts. We will once again be offering Pellman cheesecakes for sale! The cheesecakes are pre-sliced into 14 slices with bakery papers separating the slices. You have your choice of plain with graham cracker crust, or raspberry with a chocolate crumb crust.



The cheesecakes are delivered frozen and should be stored that way until a day or two before use. The cost is \$15.00 for the plain cheesecake and \$16.00 for the raspberry. Orders are due November 7 by noon and will be available for **pick-up between 11am and 6pm on Tuesday, November 15 at the Sky-View Restaurant in Montoursville.** The Sky-View is being very gracious in helping us with this project. In order to get them back their freezer space and to ensure we're using our volunteers time wisely, all orders must be picked up on November 15. Orders not picked up on November 15 will be taken to the local food pantry.

To place an order fill out the form below and mail it with your check to NPC, PO Box 2083, Williamsport, PA 17703. *Remember, your order and payment must be received by November 7th.* ❖



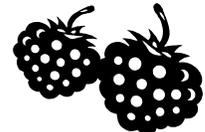
2005 NPC Holiday Cheesecake Fundraiser Order Form

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Address: _____

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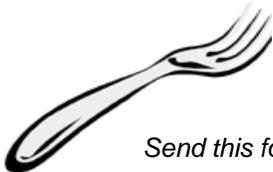
Email: _____



Plain Cheesecake: # cakes _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Raspberry Cheesecake: # cakes _____ x \$16.00 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____



Send this form and your check to: NPC, PO Box 2083, Williamsport, PA 17703 by November 7.

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George is on the Lycoming County Planning Commission, Pine Creek Preservation Association, and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources statewide recreation advisory committee.

Christian (Chris) Dwyer is a retired educator who is now a township supervisor. Additionally, Chris is on the board of trustees at Lock Haven University.

Jim Lazorka is a Vice-President with Citizens and Northern Bank. He volunteers with other organizations in the area, including Hope Enterprises and the Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce.

Marc Lewis: runs the mill at Dwight Lewis Lumber Company. His forestry degree is from Penn State and he is active in various forest products groups as well as the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association.

Ray Mattie owns M&S Conversion and is a board member of Citizens and Northern Bank.

Les Noelk is retired from Woolrich. He served on the Lock Haven University Board of Trustees and is active with local service clubs and other Clinton County groups.

Rich Schluter (Secretary; Board Development Committee Chair) is an attorney with McCormick Law Firm. He is also a member of the Lycoming County United Way Board of Directors.

Christine Sleboda (Treasurer; Finance Committee Chair) is a financial planner and owner of Cascade Financial. She has served on North Central Sight Services board as well as being involved with other groups in the area.

Susan Sprout is a retired from the Montoursville School District, but still works as an environmental educator for the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit. She also spends time presenting educational programs about the history and uses of native plants and herbs

Kim VanCampen (Fundraising Committee Chair) is an RN now directing the utilization review office at Susquehanna Health System. She also volunteers for the Billtown Blues Association, and Leadership Lycoming.

Alex Witter is the director of engineering at Keystone Friction Hinge. When not competing on his mountain bike, Alex also serves on the Pennsylvania College of Technology Automated Manufacturing Board.

Bill Worobec is with Wachovia Securities, however many people in this area know him for his work on Big Bear Creek. Bill coordinated the effort to restore

the creek and is still working to share what he learned and improve the creek further.

Gail Zimmerman is a realtor with Fish Real Estate. She has volunteered with her church, Boy Scouts, PTA, and other various groups in the area. ❖

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are planted in plastic tubes to protect them from deer. If you drive along Route 54 between Turbotville and Washingtonville you may see some of NPC's tree tubes. We anticipate that the remainder of the area will be planted during 2006; most in the spring and the remainder in the fall.

PPL is interested in protecting the watershed that provides emergency cooling for its Montour Steam Electric Station and contributing to our conservation work. So, NPC leases the 128 acres being planted from PPL and, in turn, NPC receives payment from the US Department of Agriculture for the land that has been taken out of crop production and put into the CREP program. Water quality, wildlife, PPL, NPC and all of us benefit.

Speaking of CREP, one of NPC's protected properties has also been enrolled in CREP. The landowners of the 125 acre Lyons Farm easement in eastern Lycoming County have enrolled all of the cropland on their property in the program.

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Tree seedlings have been planted to establish forested buffers along the stream, while the remaining fields are in grass. Those fields will provide habitat for grassland birds like grasshopper and savannah sparrows which are increasingly beleaguered by loss of habitat. The grassy fields will also provide an area where young wild turkeys can feed on the insects they require.

The owners of another of NPC's protected properties are also considering enrolling their cropland in the program. If you own farmland that you are considering taking out of crop production and would like to improve wildlife habitat, reduce soil erosion and protect water quality, contact your county's United States Department of Agriculture Service Center. The number will be in your phone book under USDA. ❖



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2005 Calendar of Events

October

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Clinton County Program on the life of the Rivermen at 2pm at the Parsons Union Building, Lock Haven University



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Canyon Vista Hike with the Alpine Club (meet at South Williamsport Sovereign Bank at 8am)

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Tioga County Program on the Civilian Conservation Corps at 2pm at the Ossea Masonic Lodge, Wellsboro

November

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Cheesecake orders due (use order form enclosed)

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Cheesecake pick-up at the Sky-View Restaurant, Montoursville

Volunteers Needed

Over the next several months we will need help in the office preparing several large mailings. Anyone can help fold letters, stuff envelopes and apply stamps--we could really use your help! Please call the office to find out more information about needed dates and times.

In addition, if you're alphabetically inclined, we have some filing that needs done! This work would be completed at NPC's office during business hours (so we can answer any questions you may have). If you have some time please let Connie know by calling 570-323-6222 or email office@npcweb.org.

