

Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

Another Easement Complete in Tioga County

On November 5, Wayne and Carolanne Scott of Wellsboro signed documents with the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy creating a conservation easement agreement to protect 60 acres of their property in Tioga County's Shippen Township.

The property is entirely wooded and contains over 1,300 feet of Gray Hollow Run. It is in view from the Pine Creek Rail-Trail and U.S. Route 6, and thus the conservation of the property will protect the view of the area's landscape. The Scotts had long planned to conserve their land. This year, after careful discussions, they conserved their hillside property by donating a conservation easement to the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy. The couple was anxious to protect their property because they want to help maintain Tioga County's rural character. Wayne said, *"The conservation easement gives the people of Tioga County a piece of property within the County that will remain in its natural state forever; a piece of property that offers peace and quiet along with solitude."*



Conserving working farms and forests



Tioga County's Scott Easement

In reflecting on the project, Renee' Carey of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy stated, *"Protecting forest land from future development, particularly along streams, provides immeasurable benefits both to Pennsylvania's natural environment, and to the people of Pennsylvania. The Scotts have chosen to create a conservation easement as the most effective way to protect their property."*

An easement helps landowners voluntarily limit development on productive farmland and forestland, and other meaningful natural and community places. The landowners continue to own, manage, and pay taxes on the land, and can sell their land; however, the conservation easement permanently remains on the property. The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy's role is to protect the property by assuring the land is maintained according to the easement's provisions, even when ownership changes.

NPC Staff Presents at National Land Trust Conference

Over 1,000 land trust staff and volunteers converged on Pittsburgh in mid-September for the Land Trust Alliance's conference. Known as Rally, this event brings together people from all over the world and provides them with the opportunity to learn from each other.

This year, NPC was not only represented as a participant, but also as a presenter. Renee Carey joined Kris Larson (Minnesota Land Trust) and Chris West and Carolyn Aspelin (Colorado Cattleman's Land Trust) in a program on communicating with landowners of eased properties.

Byers Island Benefits from Eagle Scout Project

When NPC conveys a property to the Bureau of Forestry, our part of the project is done. But, this is where other community groups and individuals usually step in and begin a new phase. Byers Island is no different.

You may remember that NPC worked with PPL and the Bureau of Forestry to get Byers Island and several smaller islands into State ownership. Byers Island anchors a dam that is used to supply water for the power generation plant at Shamokin Dam. The Bureau of Forestry was interested in the islands because of the wildlife habitat they provide, and the opportunity to provide paddlers and boaters a place to take a break, and a safe way to portage around the dam.

When we conveyed the islands to the Bureau of Forestry, our part was done, and the Bureau and Susquehanna River Trail Association started work on the improvements. The portage trail was on that list, but not the top item.

Enter Zach Herman of Mount Pleasant Mills. Zach is a Boy Scout with Troop 417 in Mount Pleasant Mills and was looking for an Eagle Scout project. The first project he started to plan for was to improve one of the campsites on the island. That didn't work out, and this past summer a drowning on the river highlighted the need for a portage trail around the dam.

So, Zach worked with the power generation company, the Bureau of Forestry, and the Susquehanna River Trail Association to get all the necessary approvals, get the volunteers lined up, and get the trail in place. It took Zach's work crew (including several other members of Troop 417 and their fathers) just a couple hours to get the 6-foot wide, 400-foot long trail cleared.

Thanks to Zach and the volunteers he organized for helping to fulfill the original "Byers Island vision!"

West Branch Water Trail Update

Alice Trowbridge was asked to share her work on the West Branch Water Trail Stewardship and Conservation Plan at the statewide Greenway and Trails Summit in September. Alice was part of a session that focused on water trail work in Pennsylvania and joined Hannah Hardy (Pennsylvania Environmental Council) in giving people more information on what's underway.

Regional Dinner Wrap-Up

Every Fall NPC holds dinners in Lock Haven and Wellsboro to update community members on projects in their area. The dinners provide an opportunity for socializing, laughing, and eating!

This year, the Clinton County Dinner was held at Lock Haven University's Durrwachter Alumni Center. Wayne Laubscher (an NPC volunteer) provided a great overview of barn owls and the research being done on them. Wayne even had a couple of clips from Pennsylvania Outdoor Life, courtesy of Don Jacobs, to help people hear barn owls and watch a banding process.

At the Tioga County Dinner, Jack Fleckenstein, with the Potter County Conservation District, explained the various projects he's been working on with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Jack and numerous volunteers have been installing log and rock structures that both provide fish habitat and stabilize the stream banks. To prove the results, Jack shared some recent fish photos from his post-construction "sampling" work. Thank you to all the members who attended this year's events!

What's in a Tree Tube?

This summer volunteers worked with Charlie Schwarz to maintain the CREP plantings NPC has in Montour County. Charlie and the group spent two days pulling tree tubes (and avoiding wasps) and weeds. The tubes were then stored by PPL and made available to other landowners and conservation groups who could use them.

Thanks to all those volunteers who came out, especially Sheryl Hosler and the students from Lycoming College.



Pulling of Tree Tubes in Montour County

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Every year NPC sends out a request for an end of year contribution. This request allows people to give an extra gift to NPC before the tax year wraps up. It also provides NPC with operating funds to help see us through the winter.

The requests are mailed out toward the end of November and should find their way to your mailbox before the turkey leftovers are gone. If you don't want to look for the form that was mailed to you, use the one below and mail it to: NPC, PO Box 2083, Williamsport, PA 17703.



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Tim Palmer Presentation Well Attended

Tim Palmer is the award-winning author of 19 books on rivers, conservation, and the environment. He is also an accomplished photographer with one of the most complete collection of photos of rivers in the U.S.

Tim returned to his Pennsylvania roots on October 29, 2008 as part of a national tour to promote his new book, *Trees and Forests of America*. Lycoming College's Clean Water Institute, Lycoming Environmental Awareness Foundation, and the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy co-sponsored the event.

Throughout his career, Tim has also been involved in river conservation. He is author of dozens of magazine articles and river studies, display packages, and brochures for conservation campaigns, including publications for the successful effort to designate the Kings River in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and to protect the South Yuba River in the California State Scenic Rivers System. Most recently, he authored the Western Rivers Conservancy's *Great Rivers of the West* report, a survey of the natural qualities of rivers in eleven Western states.

Tim explains his purpose this way, "My life's work has been to encourage better care for the earth with all its life forms, its land, and its waters. This goal has defined my existence ever since college when I directed Earth Day at Penn State in 1970."

Thanks to Tim for his wonderful program!