



"Protecting and Preserving Lands and Landmarks"

Report to the Membership

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NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

NPC Acquires 362 Acres of Farm

After nearly two years of work, NPC has acquired 362.5 acres of the former Smithgall and Ging Farm along Wallis Run in Lycoming County. NPC first began working on this project in March 1999. It took nearly 2 years of work to reach a point where portions of this property could be acquired. The current landowners were willing to work with NPC to subdivide and sell portions of the property.

The portions of the property NPC purchased are adjacent to existing Tiadaghton State Forest Lands. This acquisition works to protect the viewshed of this valley. This project also helps conserve the open space, wildlife habitat, and water resources of the property and area. NPC

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Annual County Dinners Held

NPC's Clinton and Tioga County dinners held on April 4th (Clinton) and April 18th (Tioga) could best be described as good food, good news and good company! These dinners are very important to the Board and staff of NPC in order to keep in contact with members and find out how everyone feels about how well NPC accomplished its mission in the past year.

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Susquehanna Sojourn Almost Here!

The Susquehanna Sojourn planning process is moving ahead at full steam.



Local day coordinators have been busy choosing camping locations, programs and entertainment. The itinerary listed on page 3 is not the final version, but it will give you a good idea of what is in store for this year's lucky sojourners. Paddlers can participate for one day, several days or the entire week. Contact the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay for registration information by calling 717-236-8825, or e-mailing Brook Lenker at blenker@acb-online.org. The NPC website has general information on the Sojourn under Calendar of Events at <http://www.npcweb.org/calendar.html>.

See SOJOURN Itinerary on page 3

Quilt Raffle Well-Received

Anne Morrell Robinson's world-class skill as a fiber artist has brought fame and success to NPC's "Protect and Preserve 2001" project. Don Jacobs and Mike Stevens from WNEP stepped up to the plate and provided the kind of support needed for this project to meet its goal of raising \$120,000 for land protection in northcentral Pennsylvania.

After a brief meeting at a WNEP open house last fall, Don Jacobs expressed interest in helping NPC's efforts as a land trust. Don is widely recognized as the producer and co-host of "Pennsylvania Outdoor Life," WNEP's very popular show for the outdoor enthusiast. Don sent Mike Stevens, the smiling voice and poet from "The Home and Backyard Show" and "On the Road," to visit one of our area's frozen waterfalls with NPC's Russ Cowles. Mike also traveled to Windsor, NY to film Anne's quilt the day it was turned over to NPC. After invaluable exposure on WNEP, Don found NPC a spot at their Mall Expo where thousands of people were introduced to NPC and its mission through the beauty of the one-of-a-kind art quilt. The Expo yielded \$3500 in raffle ticket sales.

The Holiday Inn of Williamsport agreed to fund

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And Much More...

Save the Land III Bike Race has been cancelled for 2001. See Back Cover for information.

Membership Activity from 1/1/2001 through 3/31/2001

Bobcat (\$1,000-4,999)

George & Shirley Durrwachter

Black Bear (\$500-999)

Martin & Jean Doughty
Gordon & Margie Shaw

White Tail Deer (\$250-499)

Blair T. & Mary L. Carbaugh
Gary & Susan Harris
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Lyon Jr.
Paul & Jacqueline Wottrich
Mr. & Mrs. William Williams
Tom Corbett

Black Cherry (\$100-249)

Dr. Thomas Aufiero &
Dr. Suzan McGary
Peggy A. Ault
Malcolm Barlow
Reneé Carey
Bob & Nell Carnein
Jeffrey & Christine Finke
William B. Heffner III
Jonathan Klotz
Andrew C. Lyon
Edward & Judith Lyon
Drs. Eberhard &
Mary Passarge
James & Evelyn Reeder
H. Kenneth &
Marilyn Ruhl
Carl W. Schlappi
Peter & Linda Schultz
and Family
Inez L. Van Campen
Chalmer & Ruth Ann
Van Horn
Whistle Pig Fishing Club

Red Oak (\$50-99)

Jonathan & Sally Butterfield
Richard & Grace Carey
Ned Coates & Gayle
Peters-Coates
Russ Cowles
Robert F. Cox Jr.
Jack & Michele Davidson
Robert B. Elion
Terry & Susan Girdon
Henry F. Hartmann Jr.
William & Kelly Hastings
Hurwitz Batteries (Gary
McWilliams)
Stephen E. Jaquith
Susan Joshi
Boyer & Elinor Kantz
Dr. & Mrs. Donald Lundy Jr.
Carl I. March
Gilbert L. Maton

Jim & Ann Meyer
Honorable Malcolm Muir
Joseph A. Pecchia
William & Nancy Pfeiffer
Joseph Radley
David J. & Linda M. Ward
Wellsboro Area Chamber of
Commerce

Sugar Maple (\$35-49)

Dr. & Mrs. David N. Ambrose
Ron & Sondra Beach
Mr. & Mrs. John L. Bruch Jr.
Carl & Linda Burk
John M. Carpenter
Lloyd B. Forcey
Veryl & Linda Frye
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gehret
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Haun &
Geoffrey
Mr. & Mrs. Donald King
Gladys E. Lewis
Robert G. Little Jr DVM
Dave & Roxanne McMillan
Joseph R. Musto
Mr. & Mrs. Donald O'Brien
Thomas & Marsha Person
and Family
Michael J. Piccuta MD
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Pribble
Carolee & Dick Thatcher
and Chad
Rev. & Mrs. Larry Waltz
Stephen & Stephanie
Budman
Joseph & Ginny English MD
Monica Howell
Bob & Donna McCoy
Marian L. Fetter & Mark
Kleinfelter

White Pine (\$25-34)

Dan & Patti Alters
Rob Barbour
Mike & Donna Bastian
Richard Beatty DMD, FAGD
Carol Breining
Bill & Eileen Burdett
Shana Bushyhead
Nancy A. Chamberlain
Mr. Raymond Chernikovich
R. Lowell Coolidge
Cherie Craft CPA
James A. Drobile Esq.
Alissa du Bois
Katherine Durrwachter
Dennis & Holly Dusza
Max Geise
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Mr. Steele Hahn

Skip Heller
Donald G. Holtzman
James E. Jacobs Jr.
Richard Karp
Dr. Lester G. Kleckner
Kenneth Kohler
Monika Koval
David & Ruth McCord
Virginia M. Meck
William Rathjen
Ed & Tink Reish
Susquehanna Longbeards
Chapter of the National
Wild Turkey Federation
David & Linda Unger
B. J. Van Ess
Norman E. Wengert

Corporate Members

Bald Eagle (\$2,000-up)

PPL Corporation/Montour
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Clinton Co. Planning
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PA Bureau of Forestry
(Tiadaghton)
Yoas Services Inc.



Leave a legacy!

You can share your passion for nature and the preservation of our special natural and historic heritage with future generations through a bequest to the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy. Give NPC a call to discuss how this can benefit both your estate and NPC.

Contributions

NPC has received the following contributions since the last newsletter:

Memorial Contribution for
Dr. Christine Smull
Linda & David Unger

Dean R. Fisher Endowment
Matthew & Marie Smith

General NPC Contribution
Alan Viani
Chalmer Van Horn

Tentative Itinerary for the Susquehanna Sojourn

The total distance of this sojourn will be approximately 97.50 miles.

- *Friday, June 15*
Camp: Hyner Run State Park
Program: Hyner View
- *Saturday, June 16* (12.5 miles)
Start: Renovo
Camp: PA DOT roadside rest on Route 120
- *Sunday, June 17* (15 miles)
Camp: Woodward Park, river left
Entertainment: music on the Lock Haven Floating Stage
- *Monday, June 18* (17 miles)
Lunch: Clinton County Solid Waste Authority
Program: Protected wetlands & positive environmental impact of CCSWA
Proclamation: Jersey Shore
Camp: Susquehanna Campground
- *Tuesday, June 19* (17 miles)
Lunch/proclamation: Susquehanna State Park
Camp: Canfield Island, Riverfront Park
Loyalsock Township Program: Development and Implementation of Riverfront Park Project
- *Wednesday, June 20* (17 miles)
Lunch: Muncy PFBC Access,
Program: Shad Release
Camp: Great Stream Commons
Program: Union County Soil and Water Conservation District
- *Thursday, June 21* (9 miles)
Lunch: Watsontown
Camp: West Milton State Park
- *Friday, June 22* (10 miles)
Lunch: Mariah Quant Memorial Garden, Lewisburg
Program: Garden dedication
End: Shikellamy State Park
Program: Dedication of Susquehanna River Trail

New Garden Dedication

Over four years ago NPC received a phone call about a property in West Keating Township, Clinton County. A lot has happened since then. NPC and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation worked together to acquire the 4,200 acres for transfer into state ownership. Well, the time has finally come to dedicate the New Garden property and celebrate the success of this project.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will be holding a dedication ceremony on the property in the beginning of June. Look for photos of the property and an overview of how the state agencies will be managing the property in the next issue of the newsletter. ♦

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was able to acquire a key section of the property that will help provide better access to Jacoby Falls, a favorite location for local Boy Scouts and hikers. (Check out photos of Jacoby Falls at www.npcweb.org/photos.html)

NPC worked on the acquisition of this acreage with the intent to convey the property to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry. Financial assistance for this project came from Alfred and Helen Buck, the Alpine Club of Williamsport, Loyalsock Creek Men's Club, National Wild Turkey Federation (with the help of the Susquehanna Longbeards Chapter), and the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited. If you know someone who belongs to any of these organizations, please be sure to thank them for their assistance and support.

NPC and the Bureau of Forestry are now working to transfer the property into state ownership. We hope to have this completed by the end of this year. Look for more updates in future issues of the newsletter and on NPC's website. ♦

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What a deal! If you shop online, check out iGive.com, an internet charity mall, with 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. Give it a try!



"Protect and Preserve 2001" Needs You

NPC's Art Guild Raffle Project 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 project, please give the NPC office a call or e-mail Russ Cowles at npc@uplink.net. ♦

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the commissioning of this quilt without the benefit of viewing the piece. The faith Holiday Inn's management put in NPC to produce a high impact, successful project is heartening, and shows their true commitment to the quality of life our area offers.

Stay tuned to your local paper, check in on NPC's website (www.npcweb.org), and spin that radio dial to find out where you can experience "Protect and Preserve 2001" at events throughout NPC's 12-county service area over the next year. If you would like to help sell raffle tickets, or purchase a few for yourself, contact the NPC office at 570-323-6222, or e-mail Russ Cowles at npc@uplink.net.

We would like to recognize the Holiday Inn of Williamsport for their extraordinary gift that makes this project possible. Without the support of corporations interested in preserving the quality of life in northcentral Pennsylvania, NPC could not accomplish its mission. Holiday Inn of Williamsport has stepped up to the plate and shown that they are indeed proactive in ensuring that special places in our area will be preserved for future generations. Thank you Holiday Inn of Williamsport! ♦

River Conservation Plan Update

The first round of public meetings for the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan were held the last two weeks of March. NPC hosted six meetings along the study corridor (Farrandville, Clinton County to Northumberland, Northumberland County) and had over 150 people attend those meetings. The most participants attended the meeting in Lock Haven with 53 total.

The purpose of the meetings was to gather public input and ideas on how the river is now used, how the river could be used, what the special places are in the study area, what opportunities exist, and what people concerned about. The notes taken at these meetings are being transcribed and will be used by a consultant to determine what aspects of the river people are interested in and how to proceed with developing the plan.

If you could not attend one of the meetings but would still like to provide input, have no fear! A questionnaire is being developed for distribution to NPC's members, partners, and the general public. The questionnaire will be mailed out sometime in June. If you didn't receive this newsletter from NPC in the mail, but would like to have a questionnaire mailed to you, please contact us with your address. NPC is working to have the questionnaire put on its website at www.npcweb.org. You will be able to fill out and submit the questionnaire with the click of a mouse. If the questionnaire does not address something you would like NPC to be aware of, please feel free to write a letter and send us your written comments as well. We have set a deadline for all comments to be submitted by July 31, 2001.

If you have questions, please call NPC at 570-323-6222, or send an e-mail at npcweb@uplink.net. ♦

Thanks to Lyon Camping and Supply of Montoursville for their recent map donation!

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for their help in organizing the first round of public meetings for the River Conservation Plan:

Lance Albertson	Jersey Shore Area	Andy Lyon	Charlie Schwarz
Butch Davey	School District	Kevin McJunkin	Karla Sexton
First United Methodist	Cliff Kanz	Muncy Creek	Becky Tully
Church of Muncy	Harvey Katz	Watershed Association	Warrior Run School
Melissa Fogg	Lewisburg Area	Kim Murray	District
Ralph Harnishfager	School District	Jeff Prowant	Greg Weitzel
Jennifer Henry	Lock Haven University	Ted Retallack	Mel Zimmerman
Tim Holladay	Lycoming College	Valerie Roberts	

"The quality of life for future generations is at stake. Northcentral Pennsylvania has a beauty and wealth of natural resources that are special, adding to our community in countless ways. Without the existence and success of organizations like the Conservancy, our natural heritage would be lost."

*– Dean R. Fisher,
Winter 1996*

Dean R. Fisher Endowment

It has been a year since Dean R. Fisher, NPC member, leader, and champion, passed away. Many of you should remember receiving a brochure for the Dean R. Fisher Endowment of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy. NPC was very fortunate that Dean thought of us in his estate planning. His \$20,000 bequest was the seed that grew into an endowment to help support NPC's daily operations. Donations in Dean's memory continue to come in. Unlike other NPC activities, this endowment does not have a closing date. NPC will continue to accept donations to this endowment on an on-going basis.

If you are interested in contributing to Dean's endowment or want to talk to NPC about how you can set up your own endowment or fund for NPC, please call the office, 570-323-6222. ♦

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Feedback from NPC's membership is vital. We hope that you will take the opportunity to attend these events in the future and help ensure that NPC's future will be a story of success in your county.

The Clinton County dinner was held at the Clinton Country Club. This is the first time this dinner has been held at the club, and the meal deserves a hearty thank you to the chef for his excellent effort. The program featured Alice Trowbridge from Larson Design Group. Larson is on the consulting team for the River Conservation Plan (RCP). Alice, a member of NPC, is on the RCP core steering committee. Her presentation brought the Clinton County membership up to date on the River Conservation Plan and how it will impact all of us who use and care about the river.

Tioga County members were again treated to an evening out at the Penn Wells. Several of NPC's current board members had the opportunity to meet the organization's supporters in the northern tier for the first time. The relationships started are the type of personal contact that is necessary for NPC's growth in the northern range of NPC's service area.

Brook Lenker traveled from the Harrisburg office of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to recognize the efforts of the Pine Creek Headwaters Group and give a slide presentation on the upcoming Susquehanna Sojourn. Brook's view of local grassroots successes and how they are crucial to the restoration of the bay were enlightening.

Both dinners gave NPC members a preview of "Protect and Preserve 2001", the art quilt we will be raffling for the next year. ♦

Annual Celebrity Waiter Night Event a Success....Again!

Gloria and Marcia Miele's annual fundraiser at the Peter Herdic House brought in a total of \$2374 this year. Stephanie Long of the Goldcrafter's Corner donated a gold pendant with chain which raised \$810 in raffle tickets, and our celebrity waiters earned \$1464 in tips. The Miele's chose NPC as their choice for the King of Mardi Gras contest beneficiary, raising \$325. We all owe a debt of gratitude to conservation minded individuals like the Miele's and our celebrity waiters, who are willing to take action to protect our quality of life in northcentral Pennsylvania.

This year's waiters included: Bill Burdett, Rick Gahr, Dr. Angela Haas, Sam & Dr. William Judson, Andy Lyon, Rick Mason, Mark Shuman, Kirby Smith and Jerry Walls. Maitre'd for the evening was Jack Kramer. ♦



Kirby Smith and Dr. Angela Haas survive an evening of waiting tables on the second floor of the Herdic House.

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NPC Calendar of Events

JUNE

16-22.....Susquehanna
Sojourn



JULY

19.....Paddling Clinic

AUGUST

2.....Paddling Clinic

SEPTEMBER

20.....4th Annual Autumn
Classic Golf Tournament

OCTOBER

7.....New Garden Tour
20.....Canoe/Kayak Float Trip

NOVEMBER

11.....Canoe/Kayak Float Trip

BIKE RACE CANCELLED

The difficult decision was made to cancel this year's **Save the Land III Mountain Bike Race**. Ski Sawmill Mountain Resort is going through a management/ownership change which prevented NPC from being able to commit to having the race at Sawmill. Thank you to **Chris Ramirez** and **Mark Haas** for their efforts to keep this event up and running. We will work hard to have a Save the Land III 1/2 race in 2002!

GO WITH THE FLOW -- VISIT THE RIVER

NPC will be offering paddling clinics again year. Last year's paddling outings were very popular with the few adventurous souls who made the effort to come to the water. Most people lacked faith in the weather on our late season trip from Montoursville to Muncy. I know you won't believe me, so I'll have to refer you to one of the faithful few who showed up, but the wind really did blow downstream all the way to Muncy. Oh, did I mention the sunshine?

This year Country Ski & Sports in Montoursville will again support the outings with their rental fleet and trailers. We will have paddling clinics at the mouth of the Loyalsock Creek on Thursday July 19th and Thursday August 2nd. Our scheduled trips are Saturday October 20th on Pine Creek and Sunday November 11th on the river. We are working on adding a paddling trip on the river in the Lewisburg area for July.

Call the NPC office (570-323-6222) or e-mail Russ Cowles at npc@uplink.net for details.



THANKS FRED!

Franco's Lounge in downtown Williamsport hosted NPC for the third year in a row for an Earth Day celebration and fundraiser. **Ted Lyon Jr.** and **David Lynn** provided the exceptional music, Franco's donated the location, and you (NPC supporters) donated the cover charge at the door.

More than \$240 was collected to help NPC continue to protect land in northcentral Pennsylvania. Thanks to Fred Daniele for masterminding this event. Fred deserves much credit for the event's success.