



"Conserving working farms and forests"

## Report to the Membership

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# NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

### Annual Dinner Set for DiSalvo's

Mark your calendar! NPC's Annual Dinner is set for DiSalvo's Restaurant in Williamsport on May 10, 2006. The evening will not only feature great food, but a silent auction and the election of directors (see related article on page 5).

Shirley Durrwachter coordinated the dinner portion of the evening. She worked with Vince DiSalvo on the menu and is excited to report that we will be dining on a watercress and endive salad served with a warm sweet and sour bacon dressing, pounded chicken Florentine layered with sautéed spinach and chevre cheese, and a handmade apple dumpling in a korintji cinnamon gelato and cider glaze. The cost of the dinner is \$40 per person. Keep in mind that *reservations are due May 3, 2006*. We do our best to accommodate last minute reservations, but we cannot guarantee you a seat after May 3, 2006.

Vince and his sister, Marissa, are always generous to NPC. This year is no exception. They appreciate your support of NPC and want to thank you by providing everyone attending the Annual Dinner with a certificate to use during your next visit to DiSalvo's. When you purchase one entrée, you'll receive half off the second entrée. The certificates will be given to everyone at the dinner. ❖

"Land trusts keep alive places for growing food, tending animals, hunting, fishing, watching the quiet, intimate ways of nature."  
~Rand Wentworth, Land Trust Alliance

### Members Make NPC Successful

When you get down to it, you, NPC's members, are the source of funding that allows NPC to work on land protection projects. Your membership dues and contributions pay for mileage, the phone, the electric, and all those other things NPC needs, but aren't as glamorous as surveys and appraisals.

Your membership is also important because your support demonstrates that people in this region are interested and committed to conserving a working, rural landscape, and the waterways that flow through. This support is powerful when working with property owners, state agencies, and foundations.

This year NPC is working to increase the number of people who support NPC. This support will certainly help NPC's bottom line, but it will also help inform people about who we are and what we do.

#### Yup, We Know You're a Member...

...and we are grateful for your support of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy. However, a mailing you may soon be getting might make you wonder if NPC really does know you are one of us.

In an effort to reach as many residents of the northcentral part of Pennsylvania as we can, NPC

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### NPC to Help Lead the Susquehanna Greenway Implementation

Remember the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan? Remember all those great ideas people had for how to maintain, enhance and restore the river and the communities along it? NPC is now doing something to help those ideas move towards reality.

NPC has been serving on the Greenway Planning Team for the Susquehanna Greenway for over four years. The planning team has formed an independent, non-profit, the *Susquehanna Greenway Partnership*, to work toward implementing the greenway vision - which contains pretty much all the

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## Membership Activity from 1/1/2006 through 3/31/2006

### **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.

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

Parente Randolph LLC  
Pennsylvania Bureau of  
Forestry (Tiadaghton)  
Staiman Brothers Inc.  
Jersey Shore Hospital  
Lonza Inc.

Pine Creek Outfitters  
Radiant Steel Products Co.  
Sovereign Bank  
Wheeland Lumber Co. Inc.  
Woolrich Inc.  
Zimmer Insurance Agency Inc.

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

Alpine Club of Williamsport

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

Lycoming County Planning  
Commission  
Susquehanna Chapter  
Trout Unlimited  
Woodlands Bank  
Yoas Services, Inc.

Max Persun  
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Pribble  
Mr. & Mrs. John Sciortino  
Michael & Laura J. Steele  
Susquehanna Longbeards NWTF  
Susquehannock Lodge  
Jerry & Melinda Updegraff  
Wellsboro Area Chamber  
of Commerce  
David G. Werner  
William V. West  
Mrs. A.B. Hackney

### **Additional Contributions**

### **GENERAL MEMBERS**

#### **Bobcat (\$1000- 4999)**

George & Shirley Durrwachter

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

Chris & Sherry Dwyer  
Tom Corbett  
Gordon & Margie Shaw

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

Herman & Molly Logue  
Paul Dembowski

Martin & Jean Doughty  
Linda Schramm

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

Slate Run Sportsman's Assn.  
Mountain Stone & Carved Rocks  
Dr. Thomas Aufiero &  
Dr. Suzan McGary  
Frank R. Comfort  
Kenneth L. & E. June Cooper  
R. Jeffrey Coup  
Stephen & Terri Deitrick  
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Delano  
Lloyd B. Forcey  
John M. Hallgren  
Gary & Susan Harris  
William B. Heffner III  
Jane Y. Herald  
Mr. & Mrs. B.K Huffman  
Mr. & Mrs. Seth Keller  
James & Beth Lazorka  
Josephine Lewis  
James & Cynthia Mackay  
Gilbert L. Maton  
Drs. Eberhard &  
Mary F. Passarge

John Jr. & Charlotte Person  
William & Nancy Pfeiffer  
Pine Creek Headwaters  
Protection Group  
Pine Creek Preservation Assn.  
Joseph H. Radley  
Dr. Samuel Rockey  
H. Kenneth & Marilyn G. Ruhl  
Alvin H. Smith, Jr.

David & Louise Stone  
Judith E. Styracula  
Chalmer & Ruth Ann Van Horn  
Robert & Joanne Wise

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

Dan & Margery Wurster  
MAS Printing  
Herman & Rita Bocher  
Carolee & Dick Thatcher  
Dr. & Mrs. David N. Ambrose  
E. Lee Bellinger M.D.  
Jonathan & Sally Butterfield  
Melissa Christ  
Ned Coates &  
Gayle Peters-Coates  
R. Max Coy  
Duane & Denise Daniels  
Glenn Davis  
James A. Drobile Esq.  
John & Nancy Dunham  
Jack & Linda Gettys  
Daniel Glunk &  
Margrit Shoemaker  
Henry F. Hartmann Jr.  
William & Kelly Hastings  
Donald G. Holtzman  
Charley & Lisa Hooper  
Rudy & Carol Kafer  
Boyer & Elinor Kantz

Raymond M. Lyon  
Mr. & Mrs. James Meyer  
Joseph A. Pecchia  
Deborah Reeder  
Karen Rush  
Cathy & Tom Shannon  
Jim & Jen Slotterback  
John & Leah Tewksbury

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

Annie Sanders  
Thomas Duck  
Howard Parks  
Catherine & Ronald Anderson  
Mitzi & Jim Burget  
Eila & Jack Campbell  
Mike & Kelly Crist  
Toner & Kathy Hollick  
Dave & Roxanne McMillan  
Vance & Sue Miller  
William C. Miller  
Max Mitchell  
Priscilla D. Older  
Kenneth & Carolyn Smith  
Barbara Sonies

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

Gordon & Mary Hiller  
R. Lowell Coolidge  
Paul W. Duck  
Dennis & Holly Dusza  
Larry & Maggie Emery  
Dr. Joseph & Ginny English  
Ted & Lee Fenno  
Richard C. Gleockler  
Hardy Hansen  
Barbie & Bush James  
Dr. Lester G. Kleckner  
Gerald & Colleen Lacy

### **Memorials**

*Helen McMahon*  
Linda Stein  
Patricia Lockspeiser  
Pamela Atwood  
  
*Steven Williams*  
Mr. & Mrs. James Maiolo  
Richard, Scott & Delores Shick

*Viola Phillips*  
Bald Eagle Township Board of  
Supervisors

*Ken Bowen*  
James Berkebile  
Chris Dwyer

*Conde Peoples*  
Alissa du Bois

### **Fishing Creek Project**

**Donations**  
Clete & Pam Miller  
Charles & Margaret Wettling  
Joe & Ginny English  
Richard & Shirley Wenner  
Max Coy  
Jennie Beyer  
Ed Lawrence  
Donald Clark  
John Hopkins  
Bob & Donna McCoy

### **Other Donations**

Loyalsock Creek Watershed  
Memorial Fund  
Mary Cillo  
Gerald Bride

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## Not Simple, Fast or Cheap

Is there anything that is?! — Certainly not land protection projects! And we have lots of them underway just now.

Currently NPC has eleven conservation easement agreements underway along with two acquisitions. These projects range in location from northern Tioga County through Bradford, Lycoming, and Columbia Counties, to central Northumberland County. Some of the projects have just begun with an initial visit, while others already have agreements drafted.

Here is how the process of protecting a property generally works:

- A landowner interested in conserving their property contacts NPC, sometimes after a referral from another organization or agency.
- A NPC representative visits with the landowner and together they walk the property to learn the landowner's goals and objectives and get a preliminary overview of the conservation values.
- Then comes the gathering of background information – a copy of the deed; the survey map of the property; information on soils, wetlands and waterways; copies of the county and township comprehensive plans; a title search to make sure of the ownership and any other easements or rights-of-way; and a search of the Pennsylvania natural heritage database to determine if any species of concern have been documented on the property.
- The initial draft of the conservation easement agreement is written and submitted to the landowner.
- The agreement is rewritten if the landowner or the landowner's attorney want to change some provisions – providing the changes meet both legal requirements and NPC's goals.
- The agreement is resubmitted to the landowner.
- NPC's Technical Committee, comprised of volunteers with a broad range of expertise, visits the property and meets with the landowner. It is during this visit that the conservation values are fully documented with photographs, measurements, and examination of the entire property.
- The project, together with the Technical Committee's report and recommendations, is submitted to NPC's Board of Directors. The Board then decides whether or not to accept the easement agreement.
- When both the landowner and NPC have

## Member-Get-a-Member Campaign



We have held member-get-a-member campaigns in the past, but this year we are doing it differently.

It is going to be a year-long campaign, filled with giveaways and special promotions. Starting in May when you receive a letter from NPC, whether it is a renewal reminder or a thank you for your donation, you will also receive two or three membership brochures. Write your name on those brochures and give them to family and friends, encouraging them to join. If they do join, then you and the person who joined will be entered into a monthly raffle drawing. The raffle winners (the new member, and the member who got them to join) will each receive a prize. Next May 2007 we will have (imaginary drum roll please!) the "Really Big Raffle Drawing"!

The Really Big Raffle Drawing will include several different raffle prizes, and ten people will walk away with something terrific. Good luck and thanks for spreading the word! ❖

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approved all the terms of the agreement, it is signed by both parties and recorded in the county in which the property is located.

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As you can see, this is not a simple or quick process, normally taking six months to a year. The conservation easement agreement for one of our protected properties went through nine drafts before it was finalized; the entire time spanned eight years from the initial conversations with the landowner until the agreement was recorded.

However, recording the agreement is not the end of the process for protecting a property. In accepting the donation of a conservation easement on a property, NPC takes on stewardship responsibilities to ensure that the integrity and terms of the easement are not violated. These responsibilities include annual monitoring and enforcement of the terms of the agreement in perpetuity (forever). These responsibilities are permanent and NPC must have the capability to carry out 20, 50, even 100 years into the future.

Because of the time and effort involved, not every newsletter is going to include information about the latest easement, but don't let that mislead you. There is a lot of work being done! ❖

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## Celebrity Waiter Night Great Success

March is filled with traditions - St. Patrick's Day, NCAA Basketball and NPC's Celebrity Waiter Night. This year Gloria and Marcia Miele, Herdic House owners, allowed NPC and our Celebrity Waiters to take over their restaurant on March 10.

The evening was a success (no dishes were broken this year) and raised over \$3,000 for NPC. Once again Blair Brothers Goldsmiths donated an item for an evening raffle. Congratulations to Anne Rice for winning!

Thank you to our Celebrity Waiters who worked hard to make the evening a success:

John Best (former owner of Buckeye Pretzel), Debi Burch (Smith Burch Agency), Rick Gahr (Law Offices of Rick Gahr, Skip Greevy, Greevy and Taylor), Gary Hutchinson (Lycoming County Dept of Public Safety), Oscar Knade (retired WASD Superintendent), Shirley Knade (retired Susquehanna Health System), Jack Kramer (need we say more?), Joe Reighard (Glenn O. Hawbaker Inc.), Mark Shuman (Clear Channel Communications) and Jerry Walls (Lycoming County Planning & Economic Development). ❖

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determined it is important that we have direct mail contact with people who share the same feelings about land conservation as our members. The Nature Conservancy, that national organization which people sometimes confuse with our local conservancy, seemed like a great contact group.

We have entered into an agreement with a direct mail contractor who has approval from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to share their name and address lists. NPC will be sending letters to approximately 10,000 TNC members during September. The contractor does not give us access to the name and addresses ourselves; we need to give them direct contact with our mailing house, who must commit to destroying the list after they use it for our mailing.

If you are a member of The Nature Conservancy, you will probably receive a letter inviting you to join NPC. We know a number of our members contribute to TNC, but we also know there are many TNC members in our area who are not acquainted with NPC. This is our opportunity to say – "hello, look at us, we're local, doing land conservation that directly affects the people living in northcentral Pennsylvania, and you can help."

If you get the letter, please understand we really do know you are already a faithful NPC member...but because we don't get to see the mailing list we cannot weed out current members from those we are looking to newly attract. We hope you'll read the letter, though — you might find it interesting.

And, just in case you are wondering, although we have purchased TNC's name and address listings for this area, **NPC does not share our member mailing list.** If you have any questions or concerns about the use of our mailing list, please give the NPC office a call. ❖

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ideas in the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan. The Susquehanna Greenway will be implemented locally by collaborating with four regional organizations from throughout the river corridor. NPC will coordinate grassroots activities for the West Branch in Centre, Clinton, and Lycoming Counties.

Alice Trowbridge will be joining NPC on a part-time basis to facilitate these regional coordination tasks. She will be working with local residents to identify, prioritize and implement projects outlined in the Susquehanna Greenway and Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plans. Alice will get to use her talents as a landscape architect and help people envision what a project may look like (for those of us who needs those visuals to understand an idea!).

NPC is working in just those three counties as the lead, but we want to provide you with an overview of who's working where in the other river counties. You will find SEDA-COG's Community Resource Center at work in Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, and Columbia counties. The Endless Mountains Heritage Region will be the point of contact for Bradford County. More information on the Susquehanna Greenway can be found at [www.susquehannagreenway.com](http://www.susquehannagreenway.com). ❖

## Have Display Will Travel

March was a busy month for the NPC display (and volunteers!). NPC attended the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited's Trout Kick-Off in Williamsport. This three-day event is a great way to greet current NPC members and attract new ones. Then it was off to the Harrisburg Bass Pro Store's Fishing Classic Weekend. This was a great way for NPC to talk about our projects and how our work conserves the resources fishermen enjoy. ❖



## Annual Appeal Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who donated during NPC's Annual Appeal. Those persons and businesses listed below provided donations between January 1 and March 31, 2006.

Howard Parks  
Richard & Grace Carey  
Cromaglass Corp.  
Annie Sanders  
Charles & Fay Lindrooth  
Dr. David Franz  
Ernie Wheeland  
James & Penny Vanderlin & Family  
Michael & Laura J. Steele  
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Wayne Laubscher  
David Tregea  
Alfred W. Buck  
Richard Karp  
Donald E. Clark  
Russell C. Reitz CLU  
Linda Schramm  
Rev. & Mrs. Larry Waltz  
Mountain Graphics



## Volunteer Update

Many of you responded to our call for volunteers, and we appreciate your interest and enthusiasm. We are compiling an ongoing list of willing volunteers, so if you have some time to donate please let us know. Thank you to the following volunteers:

### *...in the office*

Nancy Paulhamus  
Helen Schwarz  
Linda Stein

### *...with the display*

Jenny Borek  
Marian Fetter  
Werner Fetter  
Skip Heller  
Harvey & Anne Katz

### *...with the annual dinner and/or golf tournament*

Shirley Durrwachter  
Ken Lundy  
Hallie Luppert  
Brian Pick  
Carol Smith  
Dora VanDine

## Upcoming Election of Directors

The business portion of the Annual Dinner meeting will feature the election of Directors. This year Les Noelk and Jim Lazoraka will be completing their second, three-year terms. According to the NPC by-laws, they are not eligible for a third term and new board members must be elected.

Additionally Ray Mattie and Christine Sleboda both resigned from the board this winter. Ray is a local business man who recently took on a new enterprise. To have the time available for his young sons and wife, he realized he needed to resign his NPC board position. Ray has been a key figure in our annual golf tournament, and his business experience was a huge asset to NPC.

Christine Sleboda resigned from the Treasurer's position and the board after becoming a parent for the first time. She and her husband wanted as much time as possible to spend with their daughter. So Christine worked with our newest board member, Steve Deitrick, to help him understand NPC's finances and allow him to step into the Treasurer's role.

Steve Deitrick was appointed by the board to fulfill Ray Mattie's term. Steve is a CPA who also holds a degree in forestry. His practice specializes in auditing and he is very familiar with non-profits and the IRS and state regulations on their finances. He and his wife have a daughter and a son. ❖

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## Silent Auction at Annual Dinner

Bid once, bid twice, bid early and often. This year's Annual Dinner will once again feature a silent auction. A few of the items to be included in this year's silent auction are: pottery by Tracie Witter, a day of guided fishing for one on Pine Creek by George Durrwachter, and a print by Ron Beach. Check NPC's website as we get closer to the event for more information on all available items! ❖



### **Person needed to perform "activity search":**

We want to know what other activities land trusts in PA are offering that we aren't. If you have some time and a computer, we could use your help! Please call the NPC office for more information.

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## NPC 2006 Events

### **May 10 – Annual Dinner** at DiSalvo's Restaurant, Williamsport

The cost is \$40 per person and reservation must be made by May 3, 2006.

### **July 15 – Ride the Pine Creek Trail**

A 13 mile bike ride from Rattlesnake Rock (below Blackwell) to Ross Run (between Cammal and Slate Run). The trip goes through “the Narrows” and passes a bald eagle nest. The scenery is spectacular, wildlife abundant and the company congenial.

### **July 22 – Peace of the Susquehanna Kayak Trip**

Join us as Canoe Susquehanna leads us on a seven mile paddle from Montgomery to Watsonstown. This quiet section of the river will take us pass ruins of an old dam and the Pennsylvania Canal.

### **July 29 - Bee Tree Ski Trail**

A 6.6 mile, moderate hike led by Bob Ross, Ron Comstock, and Dianne Franco. Hike the Bee Tree Ski Trail on the Tioga State Forest and see the Mengee Property, an acquisition project NPC worked on in 2005.

### **August 20 – Big Canoe Trip on the Main Stem Susquehanna**

Each canoe holds 10 paddlers as well as a guide who does all the hard work (the steering). The trip will leave from the Shady Nook Access area and end at Port Trevorton about eight miles down river.

### **August 27 – Wandering the Watershed**

In conjunction with the Alpine Club, we will explore old ruins, walk the old roads, visit a deer enclosure and see a variety of forest types. This six and half mile hike will be on the 11,000 acres Williamsport Watershed.

### **September 25 - Golf Tournament at White Deer Golf Course**

This year's tournament planning is underway so mark your calendar and look for more information in the next newsletter.

### **October 29 – Waterfalls of McIntyre**

In conjunction with the Alpine Club we will pass the waterfalls of Miners Run, go through the location of the old mining village of McIntyre on our way to a rock outcrop with views of Lycoming Creek valley. On the way back we will use the old railroad switchbacks to Rock Run Road. This rugged, six mile hike is in the Loyalsock State Forest.

