



"Protecting and Preserving Lands and Landmarks"

Report to the Membership

Volume 15, Issue 3
Summer 2005

NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

Bride Conservation Easement Completed in May

On May 31, 2005, a new conservation easement, totaling, 373 acres, was added to NPC's growing list of success stories. With this conservation easement donation, NPC has 3,544 acres under conservation easement!

The property lies in Bradford County, on Robwood Mountain, and is adjacent to Tioga State Forest. Parts of this property were once cleared and used as farm fields. However, through the hard work of the donor's family and help from mother nature, those fields have slowly returned to forest, so that the entire property is once again forested. Forest management will remain in the hands of the property owner, and allow for activities such as cutting firewood, creating wildlife openings, harvesting timber, and replanting harvested areas.

Bride continued on page 5.

Annual Dinner and Silent Auction: Another Great Success

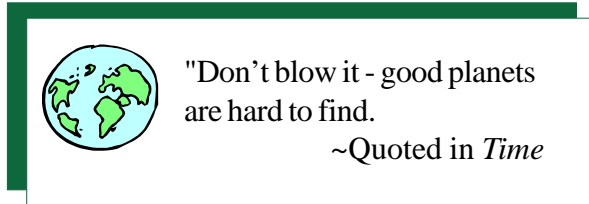
DiSalvo's in Williamsport was the location of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy's Annual Dinner and business meeting on May 18, 2005. The evening also included a silent auction of items donated by NPC members and supporters.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the evening a success...

Brian Haas, for acting as our master of ceremonies this evening. Casey Pfitzenmayer, for all his help

with the Silent Auction, soliciting items, setting up the display during the April open house, and setting up the items for display this evening. Helen Schwarz, for preparing the Silent Auction catalogue and helping set up for this evening. Cathy Mitchell and Connie Livingston, for their time spent preparing the invitations for mailing. Kim VanCampen, for putting together the potted herbs

Annual continued on page 5.



Property Under Easement Receives a Spring Cleaning

The employees of Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. donated their time to help with a little spring cleaning on a property under easement with NPC. The property was subject to roadside dumping, and though the property owner posted the property and kept an eye on things, the tires, air conditioners and bags of trash still appeared.

So, 23 employees and family members of employees of Hawbaker spent a Saturday morning gathering and carrying the trash back up the hill. If you go to the NPC website you will see some photos from the clean-up that show just how steep the hill is. Hawbaker's equipment was a huge help in getting the heavier items into the dumpster provided by the Wayne Township Landfill.

The group did a great job, and left the area in much better shape. Their hard work is greatly appreciated by not only the property owner, but also by NPC.

In an effort to keep the site from being used for dumping again, DEP provided new signs for the property owner. The township has agreed to patrol the road and will prosecute anyone they find dumping. ❖

Take a look at NPC's 2005-2007 Strategic Plan outlined on pages 3-4.

| |
|--------------------------------|
| <i>Inside:</i> |
| <i>Membership Activity</i> |
| <i>NPC 2005-2007</i> |
| <i>Strategic Plan</i> |
| <i>Silent Auction Donors</i> |
| <i>Golf Tournament Set</i> |
| <i>Summer Trail Hike</i> |
| <i>2005 Calendar of Events</i> |
| <i>...and more!</i> |

Membership Activity from 3/30/2005 through 6/8/2005

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+)

Vincent DiSalvo II

American Kestrel (\$500-749)

Citizens & Northern Bank
Girton Manufacturing Co.
Keystone Forging Co.

Small Business (\$100-499)

Mericle Commercial Real Estate
Lamar Advertising
Raup & Wiley, Attorneys

Sugar Maple (\$35-49)

Dan & Patti Alters
Mike & Donna Bastian
Joshua & Vivian First
Donald Gephart Jr.
Dr. & Mrs. Ira G. Masemore
Joseph R. Musto
Raymond Nelson & Family
Darrel & Elaine Reibson
David L. Shollenberger
John & Carol Wagner
Don Witter
Gladys Lewis
Don & Jean O'Brien
Tom & Marsha Person & Family
Margaret Wettling

Rev. & Mrs. Larry Waltz
Harold & Beulah Yerker
Mr. Raymond Chernikovich

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Memorials

D. Kay Crisanti
by Frances A. Decker,
David F. Lamere, Clare Nolanby, and Lawrence & Dianne Hughes

K. Alan Himes

by Leslie & Adrienne Noelk

Donations to Alfred & Helen Buck Land Acquisition Fund

Alfred Buck

Additional Donations

Fred Crafts
Alissa du Bois
Glays Lewis
Woody Wagner

GENERAL MEMBERS

Bobcat (\$1000- 4999)

Joanne Fisher

Black Bear (\$500-999)

J. Robert & Nancy Bower
Ray & Shelly Mattie

James A. Ely Insurance Agency
David & Sally Craig
Thomas & Laurie Burkholder

Red Oak (\$50-99)

Andrew Bamford
Patty L. Bowman, Esq.
Peter & Christie Brooks
Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Ecker Sr.
Erik J. Evans
Anthony C. Ferraro
Wayne Laubscher
Wayne & Connie Livingston
Charlie Lockard
William & Susan Martens
T. Jug & Mary Jo McKeever
Honorable Malcolm Muir
Michael P. O'Brien
Rebecca Petersen
John & Marguerite G. Rich
Peter & Linda Schultz & Family
Joseph & Margaretta Stewart
Robert G. & Rose Ann Wallace
D. Richard & Shirley Wenner
Mrs. William F. Williams
Charles R. Woltz
Susan Joshi
Ms. Idell Ludwig

White Pine (\$25-34)

Mr. & Mrs. William Bailey
Bear Hollow Rod & Gun Club
Virginia Borek
James Cameron
Nancy A. Chamberlain
Ray Chernikovich
Frederick S. Crafts
Jack & Michele Davidson
Alissa du Bois
Donald Faulkner
Max Geise
James Geurts
David J. Gregg
Mr. Steele Hahn
Bonita E. Hannis
Steve Martin
Sandy Rife
Becky Sanguedolce
Conrad Schlesinger

Thank You to Franco's for hosting the Earth Day celebration/benefit in April. The proceeds that NPC received will go a long way in helping to preserve our natural heritage.

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.

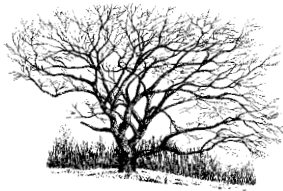
2

White-tailed Deer (\$250-499)

Harvey & Anne Katz
Dr. Marshall Welch
Whistle Pig Fishing Club

Black Cherry (\$100-249)

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Burns
Doug & Frani Doherty
Larry Entz
Stephen E. Jaquith
Charles & Fay Lindrooth
Dr. & Mrs. Donald Lundy Jr.
Edward & Judith Lyon
C. Edward S. Mitchell
David Napoli, M.D.
Pine Creek Headwaters Association
James & Evelyn Reeder
R. Bruce & Jeane Smay
Rich & Alice Trowbridge
Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Webster III
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Wieder
Alex & Tracie Witter
Linda & Dan Wolfe



Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

Strategic Plan

2005-2007

MISSION STATEMENT

To conserve the working lands and identifying waters of Northcentral Pennsylvania for the enjoyment and well-being of present and future generations.

VISION

The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy's vision for the future guides the organization. Working forests provide resources, jobs, and recreation for families. Farms produce local food for the communities they surround, and beyond. Water resources are valued and protected. Development and growth in the region are balanced with conservation.

CORE VALUES OF THE CONSERVANCY

Open Space

We support the conservation of working farms and forests, as well as land conserved for the natural areas and wildlife it supports. We recognize that there is value in conserving land to help maintain the visual character of this region.

Balance

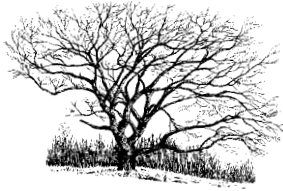
We believe that conservation should be achieved in balance with our community and regional needs. Just as the natural landscape changes over time, so to do communities and their needs change. We recognize that growth and development may be needed in order for communities to sustain themselves, but we also recognize that conservation of our natural resources is an important part of that growth.

Cooperation

The region we work in is large, diverse and locally focused. We need the help, support, and insight of the local communities we work in. We also recognize that the region we work in has other conservation groups. We want to work with, not compete against, these other conservation interests.

Communication

Without communication, we cannot achieve conservation. We need to communicate not only with landowners, but also with our members, with our partners, and with the many residents of the region we work in. If people understand what we are doing, and how we plan to achieve it, more conservation can take place with less confusion and misunderstanding.



Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

Strategic Plan
2005-2007

GOALS AND STRATEGIES

- 1. The most important lands are conserved in perpetuity.**
 - A. Identify and prioritize critical lands for protection by NPC.
 - B. Encourage land owners in priority areas to consider conservation agreements and other conservation options.
 - C. Respond to opportunities presented by land owners and conservation partners that may lead to protection of high value conservation properties.
 - D. Steward the conservation values of lands protected by NPC.
- 2. The community understands how conservation and NPC can help achieve landowner and community goals.**
 - A. Contact landowner advisors and other partners to promote the use of private conservation options.
 - B. Broadly educate the community about the importance of conservation.
- 3. NPC has a diverse and committed group of people to lead its efforts.**
 - A. Develop a diverse, involved, and strong Board to lead the organization.
 - B. Grow the capacity of staff to support the mission.
 - C. Improve the effectiveness of the committee and advisory structures of NPC.
- 4. NPC has stable, predictable, and growing resources to support its mission.**
 - A. Strengthen annual giving as the foundation of financial support.
 - B. Write grants to support special projects and capacity building efforts.
 - C. Develop planned giving programs to grow the endowment and reserves.
- 5. NPC has the organizational structure necessary to effectively fulfill its mission.**
 - A. Maintain strong systems to manage information and decisions.
 - B. Ensure NPC has the facilities and equipment to work effectively.
 - C. Develop plans and structures to respond to the changing needs of the organization.

centerpieces.

The dinner also serves as the annual meeting of the membership. During the business meeting three board members were reelected to a second three year term, and two board members who were appointed to the board earlier this year were elected to a full three year term. Jay Alexander (Montoursville), Chris Dwyer (Mill Hall), and Rich Schluter (Williamsport) were elected to a second term on the Board of Directors. Bill Worobec (Williamsport) and Kevin Drewencki (Muncy) had been appointed to the Board earlier this year to take the seats of board members who resigned. Worobec and Drewencki were elected to a full three year term at the meeting. ❖



Silent Auction Donors

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ag Choice Farm Credit | Kevin's Place |
| Alex Witter | Kim Van Campen |
| Barbara Johnson | Les & Adrienne Noelk |
| Bastian Tire & Auto Center | Lycy-Lube Xxpress |
| Beads & Bubbles | Lycoming Mall |
| Bee Cee Pro Hardware | Lynn Estomin |
| Ben Franklin | M & T Bank |
| Store & Pharmacy | Main Street Grill |
| Birchcroft Farm | Mandy's Barbershop |
| Bush-Berry Farm & | Marc & Diane Lewis |
| Greenhouses | Marshlands Bed |
| Camille Orelli | and Breakfast |
| Carved Rocks | Muncy Pastry Shop |
| by Bobby Maguire | PA State Chapter of |
| Casey Pfitzenmayer | National Wild Turkey |
| Ciro's Ristorante Italiano | Federation |
| Clarks Ag Center | Pagination |
| Deb Parsons | Parsons Hot Glass Studio |
| Dipendra and | Penn College of Technology |
| Nellie Bhattarai | Peters Sporting Goods |
| DeWalt's Greenhouse | Pine Creek Outfitters |
| & Landscaping | Ron Beach Studio |
| Dwight Lewis Lumber | Ronald & Martina Johnson |
| Company, Inc. | Rovendale Ag & Barn Inc. |
| Emerald Falls Pottery | Soapy Joe's |
| Equinox Ltd. | Sue Sprout |
| Fort Muncy Nurseries Inc. | Ted & Judee Lyon |
| George Durrwachter | Terry Wild Studio |
| Gifts & Goodies | Tracie Witter Pottery |
| Hometown Floral & Gift | Wayne Twp. Landfill |
| J.C. Floral and Gifts | Wengerd's Marketplace |
| Janet's Floral Creations | Wish & Want Antique |
| K & W Tire Company | Co-op |
| Katydid Keepsakes | Woolrich Inc. |
| Kevin Barletta | |

Golf Tournament Set



This year's golf tournament to benefit NPC is set for Monday, September 26, 2005. The Williamsport Country Club will be the site for this year's event. Ray Mattie, Jay Alexander, Jim Lazorka, Brian Pick, Kim VanCampen, and Ken Lundy have been working to make this year's tournament a fun day to support NPC.

Citizens and Northern Bank has signed on, for the second year in a row, as the event host. However, there are still foursomes, hole sponsors, and other opportunities available to participate and support NPC. Contact Renee to find out more about how you or your business can help NPC conserve the working farms and forests in this region while enjoying a day on the greens.

Big Pine Trail Hike: August 13

This August 13th hike will follow the Big Pine Trail through the Tiadaghton State Forest's Miller Run Natural Area. We will take a look at an old flagstone quarry, as well as check out some of the work the Civilian Conservation Corps did in the 1930s, and visit part of the grade of the Cammal and Black Forest Railroad – maybe even glimpse a river otter or black bear.



If Pine Creek is low enough we will wade across at the end of this five mile hike, so bring old sneakers if you don't want to get your good boots wet. Don't forget to bring your lunch!

A pond and the headwaters of two unnamed tributaries of important water resource value flow from the property into Ackley's Pond, and then to Durrell Creek, which is a direct tributary to the north branch of the Susquehanna River. The water resources of the property will be protected under the conservation easement.

Be sure to look for this property when you are traveling on Route 220 or Route 6 near Towanda! ❖



Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

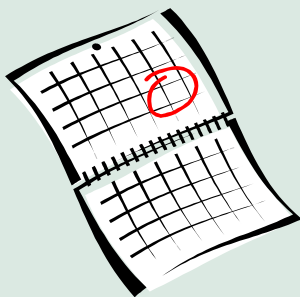
PO Box 2083
Williamsport, PA 17703
570-323-6222
<http://www.npcweb.org/>

Non-Profit Rate
PAID
Permit No. 201
Williamsport, PA
17701

Return Service Requested

2005 Calendar of Events

- July 16
Kayak Outing
- August 13
Big Pine Trail Hike
- August 28
Kayak Outing
- September 26
Golf Outing
- October 16
Loyalsock Canyon Vista with the Alpine Club



Question and Answer...

What are the economic impacts to my community of conserving open space? Many reports have shown that conserving open space in communities around the U.S. attracts jobs, enhances property values, and saves billions in government costs.

NPC Plans Two Kayak Outings



The first kayak outing is scheduled for July 16: “The Jewel of the West Branch.” This scenic ten-mile section of the Susquehanna from Montoursville to Muncy is one of only two roadless sections. It is common to see migratory waterfowl and other wildlife on this trip.

On Sunday, August 28 we will be paddling “The Peace of the Susquehanna,” a seven-mile paddle from Montgomery to Watsonstown. This trip features calm waters and a great atmosphere!

Both trips begin at 9am. Novice and experts alike are welcome. Due to the distance of the trip and the fact that the group will be comprised of various skill levels, the trips are limited to persons aged 13 and up. Anyone attending aged 13 - 17 must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian, and must come with an adult who will be paddling that day.

The cost for the July outing is \$16 and the cost for the August outing is \$30. Preregistration is required. You can register by calling 570-323-6222 or e-mail events@npcweb.org. For more information on what to bring on the trip and to get a copy of the Canoe Susquehanna waiver, visit www.paddlehappy.com.