



Report to the Membership

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NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

Irion Conservation Easement

One hundred acres of this property is now under easement with NPC. The easement works not only to conserve the property as a working forest and farm, but also to provide conservation for the water resources on the land.

There are ponds on the Irion property as well as an unnamed tributary to Charleston Creek. This allows part of the land to drain into Charleston Creek, then into Marsh Creek, and eventually into Pine Creek. The other side of the property drains into Wilson Creek before entering Babb Creek which flows into Pine Creek. The conservation easement works to protect water quality by ensuring a large portion of the property remains pervious for rainfall and snowmelt to enter the ground. This allows natural filtration to occur and the groundwater table to naturally recharge.

The conservation easement allows the current property owners to continue enjoying and managing the land. Forestry activities such as cutting firewood, creating openings for wildlife, harvesting timber and replanting harvested areas are permitted. The hayfields and pasture will continue to be used in a traditional manner. ❖

Joshi Conservation Easement

The owners of these 88 acres in Franklin Township, Lycoming County, wanted to provide future generations with an opportunity to own and enjoy the forest they have lovingly managed and cared for since the early 1970s. Their donation of a conservation easement will allow future owners to manage the property and keep it as a working forest.

The easement also works to protect the water quality of the stream traveling through the property. Water drains from this property by the stream, finding its way to Muncy Creek before entering the West Branch Susquehanna River.



Irion Property

This property's mix of forest and fields provides habitat for a variety of wildlife. Two ponds ensure adequate water for wildlife even during dry summers.

Mengee Acquisition

The Mengees spent many hours with their family hiking and camping on the 31 acres they owned along Painter Run in Gaines Township. The clear, cool stream and the dense canopy of hemlock provided them and their children and grandchildren with a place to enjoy each other's company.

When the time came to sell the land they decided to first see if their neighbor, the Tioga State Forest, might be interested in buying the parcel. It seemed only right that a property they so enjoyed should be in public ownership for others to use and enjoy.

Acting as an intermediary buyer, the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy closed the deal. NPC purchased the property from the

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...and more!

Membership Activity from 9/10/2004 through 1/14/2005

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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.

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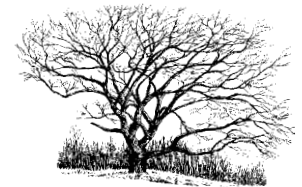
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Donations to DRF Endowment

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Donations to Alfred & Helen Buck Land Acquisition Fund

Alfred Buck





Lyons Property

The rolling hills of this farm certainly provide wonderful views. The edge of the fields meets the forest and provides a beautiful landscape to enjoy.

Lyons Farm Easement

When the current owners of Lyons Farm purchased the parcel in the late 1990s, they did so in an effort to maintain the property as a working farm and forest. After purchasing the land, they began to look for a permanent method to conserve the property.

This property adjoins an area of State Game Lands as well as the Joshi property, which is also under easement with the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy (see page 1). With these 125 acres under easement, a protected area of over 4500 acres exists in this little corner of northcentral Pennsylvania.

The unnamed tributary on this farm carries the run-off from the property to Little Muncy Creek and then onto “big” Muncy Creek. Eventually, the water makes its way to the West Branch Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. ❖

Some Estate Planning Options to Consider

Do you own land that you would like to see remain free from development—for your lifetime and for future generations? Doing nothing to protect it may doom your land to development.

Estate taxes are one reason. Federal taxes can be as high as 55% of a property’s fair market value, virtually forcing heirs to sell the property simply to pay the taxes. And, of course, future owners may be compelled by ever-increasing property values—or simply by a lack of appreciation for the land—to sell it for development.

A land trust like NPC is a great resource for assisting landowners to find ways to protect their land. Here are a few of the options available:

Conservation Easement—A legal agreement is created between a landowner and a land trust or government agency that permanently protects land while the landowner continues to own it. Donating the easement can result in reduced income tax and estate tax.

Land Donation—Donating conservation land to a land trust is a wonderful way to share its beauty with future generations. The donation can even be set up in a way that allows you to continue to live on the land or to receive a life income.

Bargain Sale of Land—Selling land to a land

2005 is our 15th Anniversary!

NPC is turning 15, and thanks to our members and donors we have over 9,000

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conserved acres about which to celebrate. Hooray! This celebration will take place in both BIG ways and small ways. For example, the hikes planned for this year will visit properties acquired by NPC for public ownership and access.

Another way we’re celebrating NPC’s success is by creating a booklet featuring the properties we have conserved. Using the expertise of Janice Hiller, the booklet will feature a summary of each project with some photos for emphasis. We will also be working to update the project success section of our website and add more photos of protected properties. ❖

trust at less than its fair market value can make it affordable for the land trust and provide tax benefits for the landowner.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to discuss your options, please call NPC at 570-323-6222. ❖

Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated during the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy's Annual Appeal. These donations help allow NPC to be here when landowners want to conserve their property for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

The names listed below are the donations we received **through December 31, 2004**. There are always donations that arrive in January and we will list those donors in the Spring issue of the newsletter.

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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.

Annual Celebrity Waiter Night Fundraiser Scheduled



You've heard about this great event in the past, so why not join in the fun this year? The Celebrity Waiter Night at The Herdic House restaurant in Williamsport is set for Friday, March 11, 2005.

Local celebrities such as Gary Hutchinson (Lycoming County Emergency Management), John Best (formerly of Buckeye Pretzel), Rick Mason (PennDOT) and Jerry Walls (Lycoming County Planning and Economic Services) will be taking over for the regular Herdic House waitstaff. Likewise, you will find Rick Gahr (Law Offices of Richard A. Gahr), Mike Wolf (Textron Lycoming), and other local celebrities serving up your favorite cocktails at the bar instead of the regular bartender. Mark Shuman (Toys R Us), Ed Alberts (Ralph S. Alberts Co.) and Williamsport's Mayor Mary Wolf will also be returning to continue their tradition of fine service to Herdic House patrons and NPC donors. Dr. Bill Judson and Sam Judson will again be the husband and wife bartending team for the later part of the evening. The tips these local "celebrities" earn will be donated to NPC.

The Herdic House will be serving its regular menu, with a special feature available that evening. Don't delay! The Herdic House will fill up. Call Gloria and Marcia at 570-322-0165 to make your reservation. ❖

JOSHI continued from page 1.

In addition to its importance as a working forest and to water quality, the Joshi property adjoins another tract under easement with the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy-- the Lyons Farm Easement (see page 3). This larger block of contiguous, protected land provides wildlife with a larger area of habitat. ❖

MENGEE continued from page 1.

Mengees, and we are in the process of selling the property to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to become part of the Tioga State Forest.

The tract is very close to Pine Creek and the Bee Tree Ski Trail. The public recreation benefit, as well as the water quality benefit, are just two of the many conservation values this property holds. ❖

Second Annual Silent Auction: Items Needed

NPC held its first Silent Auction last year and it was a huge success thanks to the generosity of our members who donated items and services and everyone who bid on these. Now it's time to start planning for 2005's auction, and we need your help. We need auction items. So, think about your talents, skills, and abilities and consider donating them to NPC.

Last year Marc Lewis provided a canoe lesson package, Sue Sprout donated a plant identification picnic, and Tracie Witter donated a piece of her handmade pottery. We also had garden stones from Mountain Stone and Carved Rocks, a garden table from Winstraw Cards and Gifts, and a backyard composting kit courtesy of the Wayne Township Landfill.

A neighboring land trust, the ClearWater Conservancy, recently listed their silent auction donors. A few ideas from their list includes: tickets to Penn State Football games, homemade salsa, a week at a vacation cottage in Ontario, and a gourmet dinner for four in the home of the donor.

If you or your business are interested in donating an item or service, please contact Reneé at 570-323-6222 or rcarey@npcweb.org.

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If you attend the Annual Dinner, please bid (early and often, of course) on some of the wonderful items donated by your fellow NPC supporters. ❖



Joshi Property

This property owner's interest in conserving their land is also helping to conserve the Muncy Creek watershed.

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Return Service Requested

2005 NPC Hikes

Sleet and snow may be falling outside right now, but Spring will come. As the winter weather may still be less than perfect for outdoor activities, take heart and check out the outdoor opportunities that NPC can offer you in the

warmer months ahead.

Ruth Rode and Charlie Schwarz will be leading outings listed below. More information on the hikes will be available in the Spring newsletter, but save the dates today!

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| May 15 | Jacoby Falls |
| August | Big Pine Trail (Jersey Mills to Cammal on the west side of the creek) |
| October 16 | Loyalsock Canyon Vista with the Alpine Club |

Save the Date: 2005 Annual Dinner Scheduled

The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy's Annual Dinner for 2005 will be held on Wednesday, May 18, at DiSalvo's in Williamsport.

Your invitation and response card will be in your mailbox sometime in April. This year we will again have a silent auction as part of the evening's festivities.

More information on the auction and what is available will be on our website (<http://www.npcweb.org>) this Spring.

"There is hope if people will begin to awaken that spiritual part of themselves, that heartfelt knowledge that we are caretakers of this planet."

~Brooke Medicine Eagle