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Newsletter



KITTERY LAND TRUST

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Letter from the President

It's been a busy spring on the stewardship front for KLT, with two successful clean-up events in partnership with the Timberland Company. The first effort, on Thursday and Friday, March 24 and 25, involved 10 hardy souls who braved snow, dirt, mud, and cold to clean up the Trust's Thompson property. Aply led by Mark Buzzell, operations manager for the Timberland Outlet Store in Kittery, the crew of 10—four from the Timberland store, four from the Kittery Land Trust, and two from Site Structures—worked six hours on each of two days.

The Thompson Property is an 8.5 acre parcel off Mill Pond Road, along Spruce Creek. Marion Thompson (now deceased) gave KLT an easement on the property in 1991, but for years it has been home to mountains of railroad ties and rusted metal equipment that included miscellaneous train parts and machinery for making wooden salad bowls.

The crew removed several tons of steel and assorted garbage, as well as more than 60 railroad ties. Charlie Bourdage, from Site Structures, provided invaluable assistance by lending his dump truck both days and bringing his Bobcat on Friday morning to remove the half dozen heavy iron pieces still littering the woods.

The most recent effort, on Earth Day, April 22, involved many different organizations. Employees of The Timberland Company, Outback Steak House, Hanna-Anderson, and the Town of Kittery, along with members of KLT, joined forces to clean up Cook's Wetland, a five-acre parcel behind the Route One "gourmet alley" businesses. More than two dozen people, including a number of young adults, pulled out everything from an old bathtub and automobile parts to large steel girders, dead brush and copious amounts of trash.

Cook's Wetland was donated to the Kittery Land Trust in 1994 by Norman A. Cook and Dorothy A. Cook and is home to numerous waterfowl and other birds, as well as two kinds of turtles and a variety of small mammals. Beavers, muskrats, deer, moose, and bobcats have all been seen on the land. It is truly one of Kittery's hidden gems.

We had terrific support for the clean-up effort from local businesses, especially Golden Harvest, Beach Pea Baking Company, Carl's Meat Market, Bolz's Automotive Service, Kittery Optometric Associates, Marshall Rental Center, and Subway. We have been amazed and delighted at the community support for these efforts. Many people, from the town to the local businesses to volunteers off the street, have generously pitched in to protect some of our town's special open spaces, building a stronger and greener community in the process. In addition, the Town of Kittery not only provided employees and trucks to remove debris, but opened the town transfer station especially for this event.

Clean-ups like these, where we remove trash and install boundary markers, are a fundamental part of KLT's stewardship responsibilities to the properties we own and manage. They have been funded in part by a grant from the Community Investment Program at The Timberland Company.

The Kittery Land Trust is most grateful for the support of The Timberland Company in helping us care for some of our properties. We are also very grateful to the numerous businesses who have eagerly offered assistance to improve two of the little-known special places in our community. We look forward to continuing partnerships like these that will make Kittery an even better place to work, visit and live.

Upcoming Events

Monthly	Property walks (check website for specifics)
June 23-July 17:	KAA/KLT art exhibit at KAA
June 26:	KAA/KLT Art Exhibit reception
June 28, July 14, Aug. 12:	Kayak tours of Chauncey Creek and Brave Boat Harbor
Sept. 18:	Annual clambake at Fort Foster
Oct. 19:	Annual meeting (place to be announced)

Kittery and the Coast

An exhibit at the Kittery Art Gallery from June 23 to July 17 will feature original works of art inspired by parcels of land owned or managed by the Trust. The opening reception will be on **Sunday, June 26** from 4-6 p.m. For more information, contact Ken Fellows (fellowsk@comcast.net) or Vance Morgan (vmorgan@comcast.net).

Kayak Trips

Portsmouth Kayak Adventures has generously offered to loan KLT several double and single kayaks for a members' sunset paddle through Chauncey Creek and the marsh to Brave Boat Harbor. The dates are Tuesday, June 28, Thursday, July 14, and Friday, August 12. Cost is \$20 a person. Please call Melissa Paly at (207) 439-8271 if you are interested in joining.

Meet Debora Martin

Debora Martin, a resident of Kittery Point, has recently joined the board of the Kittery Land Trust. She has extensive background in the conservation area, as she worked for more than 20 years for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in a variety of analytical and management roles, most recently as air/water coordinator. In this role, she was responsible for coordinating a variety of science, policy, regulatory, economic, and culture change activities relating to air pollution impacts on water bodies, including air deposition in more than 20 estuaries nationwide.



She has published a variety of articles, many dealing with the issue of comparative environmental risk. She also received numerous awards for her work.

Debora lives in Kittery Point with her husband, Stephen Delaney and her 15-year-old son, Sam. Since retiring from the EPA in 2003, she pursues a number of activities, including walking at Seapoint every nice day, studying oil painting, kayaking, skiing, and taxiing Sam to all his activities.

“What attracted me to the Land Trust,” says Debora, “was the positive attitude of the members and their interest in doing as good a job as possible in managing and increasing conservation land for the people of Kittery.”

Welcome, Debora! We're glad you're here!

Mount Agamenticus to the Sea Launches Campaign

On June 7, the Mount Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative (MtA2C) launched its public campaign at the summit of the mountain, and celebrated its success in raising 70 percent of the financial goal for conserving land in the MtA region. The project area, which includes land around MtA and the Tatnic Hills, the York River, Brave Boat Harbor and Gerrish Island, is the most ecologically diverse part of Maine, and comprises the largest tract of undeveloped coastal forest between the New Jersey Pine Barrens and Acadia National Park. The group has raised more than \$7.4 million in the last two years—over \$5.7 million in cash and pledges and over \$1.6 million in land and easements. Another \$3 million needs to be raised from contributions both large and small.

Since the initiative started, 1,008 acres of land have been conserved. Combined with previously protected land and land owned by the Kittery and York water districts, almost 11,000 acres of open space now exist in this part of southern York County, the fastest growing part of the State.

In addition to Governor Baldacci and Representative Tom Allen, the event was attended by representatives of the 10 member organizations of MtA2C, including five members of the KLT board. KLT is very proud to be part of this coalition, which is a model for Maine and other parts of the country. For more information about the MtA initiative, visit www.mtatosea.org or call (207) 439-9133.

Quiet at Seapoint

Thanks to the efforts of the police and to the good citizens who have read and respected our signage there, Seapoint has been much quieter at night. We'd like to hear from anyone with comments on the situation. Please contact us either by phone (207 439-6087) or e-mail (mtingley@comcast.net).

KLT's New Website

Stay up to date with KLT's happenings on our website. On the “Coming Events” page, you'll find listings for property walks and other events, while you can read articles about KLT on our “Press Room” page. Copies of recent newsletters are also available, along with a map of our properties. Please visit us at <http://www.kitterylandtrust.org/>.

HOLD THE DATE

Sunday, September 18, 2005

Our annual Clambake will be held at Fort Foster again this year. Look for invitations in the mail in early August.

We hope you can join us!

Please join us, if you're not already a member! Send this form with your tax deductible contribution to: Kittery Land Trust, P.O. Box 467, Kittery, Maine 03904-0467

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\$500: Sustaining \$1,000: Partner \$2,000: Benefactor Other: \$_____

- I would like my additional contribution of _____ to be used for the Stewardship Fund.
- I would like my additional contribution of _____ to be used for the Acquisitions Fund.
- I would like my additional contribution of _____ to be used for the Bernadette Shaw Memorial Acquisitions Fund.
- I would like to make a donation in honor of _____.
- _____ I do not wish my gift to be listed in publications.

Thank you for helping the Kittery Land Trust continue to protect the special places that make our community more livable!