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Laurel Lake: A Watershed is Protected

Conservation is rarely, if ever, a “quick fix.” Piecing together the protection of individual parcels of land to assemble a large conservation area takes even longer. It requires patience, consistency, and tenacity, attributes long appreciated and practiced by the Peconic Land Trust. There is no better example of this than the cooperative efforts of the Trust, Southold Town, Suffolk County, and the Suffolk County Water Authority in the protection of land surrounding Laurel Lake, an area critical to Southold’s drinking water supply. Earlier



this year, the last significant piece of the Laurel Lake puzzle, owned by Jack McFeely, was protected, but the process started many years ago.

Trust Vice President Tim Caufield knows first-hand how complicated an area-wide conservation effort can be and how critical it is to keep focused on the goal. Owner Jack McFeely comments on Tim’s tenacity, “Looking through my files recently, I was surprised to come across Tim’s first letter to us—it was dated 1991. That’s how long it has taken for the circumstances to be right, but

Laurel Lake

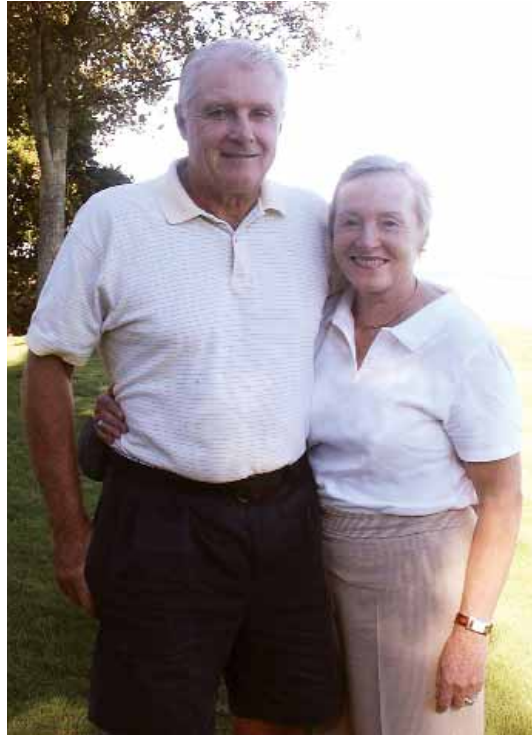
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we are all very pleased with the result.” Indeed, those circumstances took a circuitous route during the years of Mr. McFeely’s ownership.

After purchasing the site in 1985 from the Diocese of Rockville Centre, which had operated Camp Molloy for boys since 1928, he originally planned to develop the site. Also considered was the possibility of a sale to Suffolk County. Along the way, the McFeely family developed a special connection to the land. Mary McFeely has fond memories of the North Fork and the days when her brothers attended Camp Molloy while she attended a girls’ camp on the opposite side of the lake. “Over the years, we’ve learned to appreciate the beauty of this area. We often took friends and our children on walks through Camp Molloy—it’s still a wonderful place, most of it undisturbed and very natural—we’re glad that it will be protected from development.”

The Peconic Land Trust was able to act quickly when the McFeely family was ready to sell the property. Working with Melissa Spiro, Town of Southold Land Preservation Coordinator, the Trust negotiated a fair price for the land and immediately went into contract with Jack McFeely. Soon after, the Trust assigned the contract to Southold Town and the acquisition of the 31-acre wooded parcel was completed. This site, purchased through the Town’s Community Preservation Fund, brought the total preserved land surrounding the Lake to more than 500 acres.

Melissa Spiro comments, “Laurel Lake and the surrounding area have always been on the Town’s radar screen. Its location over a prime aquifer makes it a high priority for conservation, and we are also interested in expanding recreational opportuni-



Jack and Mary McFeely

ties for our residents whenever possible.” In addition to hiking and boating, Laurel Lake is a great place for fishing. A kettlehole that was formed more than 10,000 years ago, it is home to a diverse fish population that includes Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Yellow Perch, Brown Bullhead, Smallmouth Bass, Pumpkinseed, White Perch, Brown Trout, and Rainbow Trout.

Helen Richmond and Ruth Phaff at the Town of Southold Information Center located next to Camp Molloy, have met many former campers who were concerned about the future of the site and stopped to inquire. These former campers and others who have enjoyed Laurel Lake will be happy to know that the protection of the McFeely property allows the future creation of an accessible trailhead and up to 14 miles of hiking trails between the Main and North Roads. Good news for everyone who appreciates the

natural beauty of the North Fork, and to future generations that will be able to enjoy these resources!

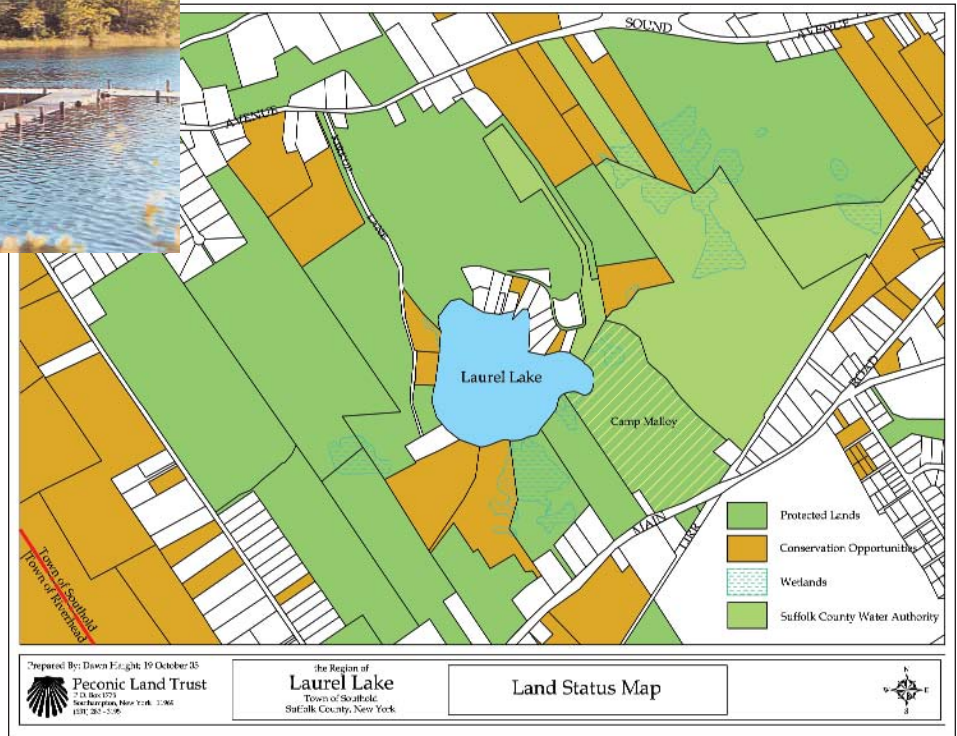
Protection of the land surrounding Laurel Lake may have taken fifteen years, but the process has resulted in significant rewards for the community (*see related story in box*). It could not have been accomplished without the long-term planning and commitment of so many to protect this critical resource. Our heartfelt thanks for all the hard work on the part of the McFeelys and other landowners, Town of Southold, Suffolk County, the Suffolk County Water Authority, the Trust’s staff and Board, and you, our supporters, who have sustained our efforts over the years.



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Circa 1950s postcard depicting the Camp Molloy dock. Note the high water level compared with a current photo. (page 2) Caption on the reverse reads: *Mattituck, Long Island, N.Y. Purchased from the Corchaug Indians in 1649, this beautiful village situated between Long Island Sound and the Peconic Bay offers excellent boating, bathing and fishing. This is a view of picturesque Laurel Lake as seen from Camp Molloy. Come to Mattituck for a real vacation.*”



The Laurel Lake conservation area is the sum of many parts. Early efforts to protect the area from development included a designated New York State access area, the creation of a Town of Southold Park, and agricultural reserve areas that were the result of subdivision requirements. The Suffolk County Water Authority acquired 71 acres for use as a primary well site. A number of key projects further increased protected acreage:

- 1992 - Peconic Land Trust brokered an agreement with the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) to preserve the bankrupt San Andres Vineyard before it was put to auction. The Trust assisted Suffolk County in purchasing the development rights on 23 acres that later became the Laurel Lake Vineyard.
- 1996 - Thornton Smith worked with the Trust on a limited development conservation plan, selling the development rights on a portion of his 80-acre property to the Town of Southold, and giving the Trust a conservation easement on the property adding further restrictions along with the donation of an additional 13 acres that is now a Trust preserve. This effort reduced the allowable density from 34 to 6 residential lots.
- 1999 - The Trust negotiated protection of a critical parcel of 64 acres north of the Lake by working with the owner, Joseph Macari, the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) and

Suffolk County. In this like-kind exchange, SCWA gave Mr. Macari 11 acres on Bergen Avenue adjacent to his land for the right to have a well site on his 64 acres, and the County purchased the Macari development rights on the remaining acreage.

- 1999 - With the assistance of the Trust, the Town of Southold and Suffolk County protected an additional 55 acres through their purchase-of-development rights programs.
- 2003 - The Trust worked with Suffolk County and Town to protect 69 acres in Mattituck that abuts already protected properties around Laurel Lake. Of the total, the Town of Southold purchased 10 acres and the County purchased 59 acres for drinking water protection and passive recreation.
- 2003 - The Trust assisted Suffolk County in purchasing 37+ acres of open space and woodland on County Road 48 in Mattituck that has been the site of the annual Mattituck Strawberry Festival. Funding came from the County’s Greenways Fund for active parkland.
- 2004 - The Town of Southold purchased the development rights on 8.5 acres of the Grippa horse farm, located across from the Strawberry Festival site, between Old Sound Avenue and CR 48.

In Memoriam Herbert Golden

Herbert Golden, a resident of Laurel and a member of Peconic Land Trust's Board of Directors since 1992, passed away recently at the age of 91. Herb had quite an extraordinary and full life, working in banking for 45 years and as a real estate investor for 30 years. A successful businessman, Herb was always results-oriented, quickly getting to the key points of an issue. Never afraid to embrace new ideas, he was not one to take a rigid position, but explored every possibility before forming an opinion. If you mistakenly thought he was quiet and reserved, seeing him arrive at a Board meeting in his 1968 gold Cadillac convertible very quickly set you straight. With his family, as well as with his friends, Herb was warm and congenial, a true gentleman. An avid sailor, his appreciation of the natural beauty of the East End, as seen from its bays and coves, was deep. Having lived in East Hampton for 35 years and on the North Fork for another 24 years, his special affection for the wetlands that characterize much of Eastern Long Island was obvious to friends, and drew him to enthusiastically participate in the SPAT (Southold Project in



Aquaculture Training) program sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension. At the time of his death, Herb was Treasurer of the Board, a position that he held in recent years that was well-suited to his expertise. His long tenure on our Board started when the Trust staff numbered just four and continued through thirteen years of dramatic growth and change. One of Herb's most significant contributions was his suggestion to create a committee to review conservation projects and make recommendations to the full Board, freeing up the Board's time to address other important aspects of its work. With his knowledge of real estate, Herb's contributions as chair of the Project Committee were key

during this time. "Herb was a Peconic Land Trust enthusiast," notes John Halsey. "His interest and curiosity about our projects as well as his dedication to our work were as evident as the twinkle in his eyes." A loyal friend and a tireless advisor, Herb will always be missed by his fellow Board members, past and present, the Staff of Peconic Land Trust, and all those whose lives he touched.

PBS Program Features East End Farmers

The Peconic Land Trust's President, John v.H. Halsey, along with area landowners, is featured on the PBS program "To the Contrary with Bonnie Erb ," which will air on New York's Public TV Station, WNET, at 11:30 am on Saturday, November 19. The program focuses on the benefits of land conservation for American families and shows how the Peconic Land Trust serves as a model for conservation programs nationwide. It also explores conservation issues of Eastern Long Island and what landowners are doing to protect their land from future development, and how local government is enabling the conservation of working farmland. "To the Contrary with Bonnie Erb " is the only woman-owned news analysis program on national television and deals with all issues affecting women, children, families and communities of color.

In the segment on the Peconic Land Trust, landowners Nancy Gilbert and Richard Wines discuss the history of "Winds Way," their Jamesport farm and garden and how they worked with Peconic Land

Trust to protect both the land and their historic buildings. On the South Fork, in East Quogue, Mary and Al Kijowski and their daughter, Kathy K. Kazanas discuss the considerations that led them to sell their development rights to the Town of Southampton in 2004. Cliff Foster whose family has farmed for many generations on land in Sagaponack, discusses the dramatic changes in land ownership and development on the East End and what his family has done in order to continue farming. Nancy Graboski, a Town of Southampton Councilwoman and the wife of a farmer, provides a personal perspective as well and explains the role of the Town of Southampton in conserving the Town's remaining farmland and the region's agricultural heritage and economy. The program will be followed by a panel discussion including Jean Hocker, former president of the Land Trust Alliance, and D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton. Coverage of conservation issues on PBS' "To the Contrary" is funded by a generous grant from the Peter Jay Sharp Foundation.

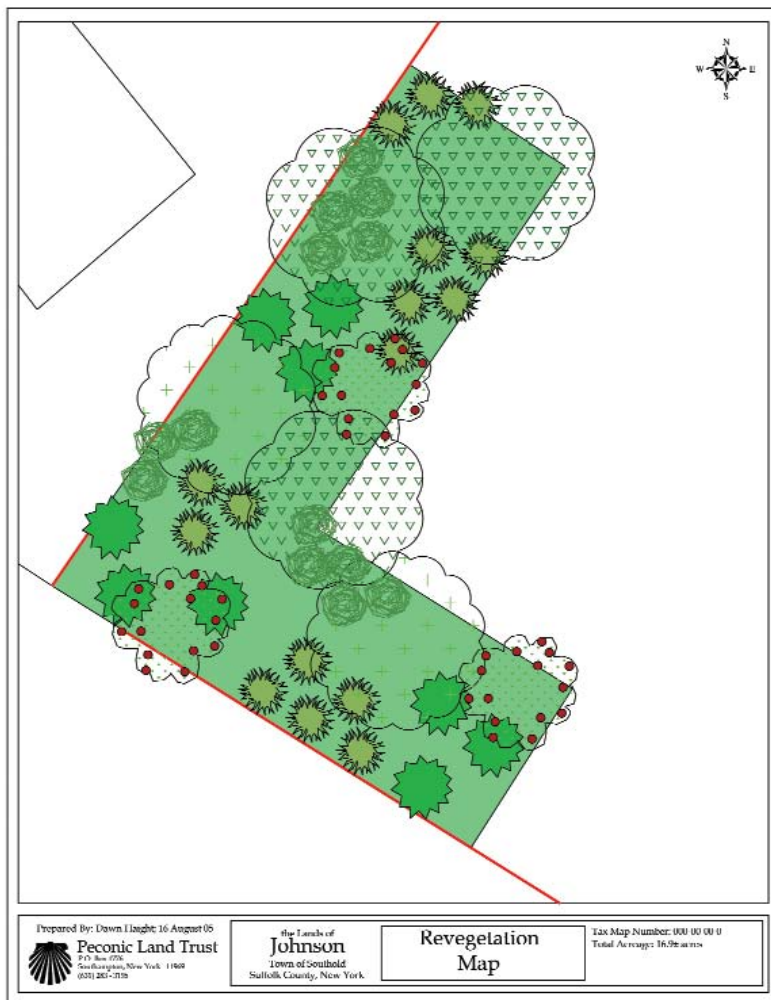
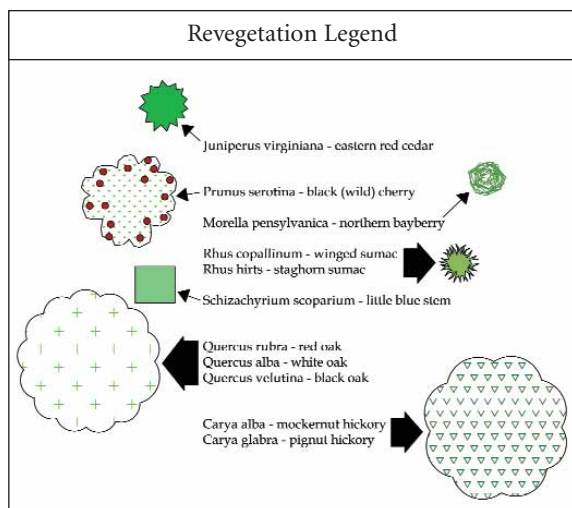
Conserve More Land by Supporting the Trust's 2005 Challenge

Since 1983, contributions from you and other supporters have enabled us to preserve more than 8,000 acres of working farms, natural lands, and watersheds for our communities now and in the future. In effect, the Challenge underwrites the talent, skills, and expertise necessary to conserve and manage land. We are currently working on over 90 conservation projects comprising thousands of acres that define the Long Island we know and love. Our goal is to acquire and protect another 10,000 acres in the next 10 years. As your annual support is key to our success, we are asking you to renew today. We hope to raise \$1.2 million from the general public in 2005 to increase the pace of our work

and make a lasting difference for our children and grandchildren. We know that you appreciate all that comes from the land . . . fresh farm produce, wildlife, and clean drinking water. Land defines our history, it sustains our lives, it heals and inspires us, and maintains balance in a hectic world. Protecting what we love most about the East End is a staggering job . . . our success depends on your financial contributions. Please use the enclosed envelope to be part of the 2005 Challenge. If you have any questions regarding the Trust's Annual Challenge, or other questions regarding making a contribution, please call Rebecca A. Chapman, Vice President of Philanthropy at (631) 283-3195.

Re-vegetation at Johnson Easement, Orient

Peconic Land Trust stewardship staff has designed a 5-year plan to re-vegetate two acres in Orient. The acreage is part of 17 acres of prime agricultural land that the Trust purchased in 1996 at a bargain sale price from the owners. The Trust then sold the land, subject to a conservation easement, to a neighbor, J. Stewart Johnson.



A Special Thank You to Tom Williams and a Welcome to New Board Members!

Our best wishes and heartfelt gratitude to Tom Williams on his retirement from the Trust's Board of Directors. Tom was appointed in 1989 and served as an officer from 1993-2004 during a period of exciting change and growth for our organization. We can't thank him enough! As Tom retires, two new members have been named to the Board: Marilee Foster of Sagaponack and Brian R. McCaffrey of Miller Place and Orient. Before joining the Trust board, Ms. Foster served on the Trust's Public Policy Committee and Mr. McCaffrey served on the Project and Philanthropy Committees. A farmer in Sagaponack, Ms. Foster has spent her entire life in Sagaponack on a multigenerational family farm. She shares the concern of other East End farmers that the area's fertile land, an invaluable and irreplaceable resource, is endangered as is the future of agriculture. Ms. Foster is also a board member of the Long Island Farm Bureau, a not-for-profit advocacy organization that represents and serves the interests of its members and the agricultural community. Mr. McCaffrey retired from a 30-year career with KeySpan Energy/LILCO, where he held the positions of Vice President, Environmental Engineering and Services; Vice President, Philanthropy and President of the KeySpan Foundation; Vice President, Corporate Communications; and Vice President,

Administration. He holds an MS in Nuclear Engineering and a BS and MS in Aerospace Engineering. He is a board member and president of Promote Long Island, Inc., and a board member/vice president of the Long Island Philharmonic Orchestra and the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research.

Great Holiday Gift: The Quail Hill Farm Cookbook

Get started early on your holiday gift shopping . . . give a collection of wonderfully healthy recipes to your favorite cooks. Compiled by Quail Hill Farm members, this spiral-bound cookbook includes hundreds of tasty ideas and simple preparation. Call (631) 283-3195 to charge your order to MasterCard or VISA, or send a check made payable to Peconic Land Trust for \$30.65 per book (includes NYS sales tax and postage) to PLT, PO Box 1776, Southampton, NY 11969. If ordering more than one, please indicate the quantity of books on your check.

8th Annual Great Tomato Taste-Off Scores Again!

The junction of Side Hill Lane and Deep Lane was abuzz with tomato-istas on the morning of September 3. From far and wide, 350 people descended at Quail Hill Farm, ready to give their opinions on 55 varieties of tomatoes—cherry, paste, and standard in all shapes, sizes, and colors. Far from being the tasting frenzy you'd expect, it was an orderly, self-controlled group that gathered to assess this year's crop, offered up in a luscious palette of red, pink, orange, yellow, purple, and green. Large tables lined with plates of tomatoes cut in bite-sized pieces, along with cubes of country bread and designer (but, of course) water to cleanse the palate were set up earlier that morning, thanks to a fast-moving team of Farm volunteers. Not to be confused with the traditional gluttony of a hot dog or pie-eating contest, this was a serious (although hardly subdued) event where everyone understood the

inherent responsibility of the task and thoughtfully awarded "fives" (for terrific) down to "ones" (for tasteless).

The top tomatoes were Matt's Wild (red) Cherry (#3 in 2004), Sun Gold orange cherry (#1 in 2004), Brandywine heirloom, (#5 in 2004), Dr. Carolyn yellow cherry (#4 in 2004), and Koralik red cherry (new this season). Except for Sun Gold and a few other early varieties, tomatoes grown at Quail Hill Community Farm are open-pollinated varieties that have the ability, unlike hybrids, to reproduce seed. Many have "heirloom" status—they are open-pollinated varieties developed before 1940. A hearty thanks to all our dedicated volunteers and tasters for making this year's Taste-Off a success. Look for us next year!

Program on Invasive Plants at Dam Pond Maritime Reserve

As part of our outreach and education program for supporters and friends, Peconic Land Trust sponsored a hike through the Dam Pond Maritime Reserve in early October. Ashlee Reiniger, the Trust's North Fork Land Steward, identified the invasive plants that can be found there and discussed how these aggressive species move into a habitat and out-compete native plants for valuable resources such as light, nutrients, water, and space. Participants learned how to identify these invaders and the importance of controlling them so that native plants are not endangered.

Working with the Town of Southold at Dam Pond since 2002, Peconic Land Trust stewardship staff has removed invasive plants such as Autumn (Russian) Olive, Multiflora Rose, Bittersweet, and Norway Maple. According to James C. McMahon, Director of Public Works and Community

Development for the Town of Southold, "We want to encourage grasslands in the Reserve and, without intervention, much of the site would be easily taken over by invasives. Since the Autumn Olive has berries that are forage for migrating birds, we have not eliminated all of it, but our goal is to control and confine it." Ashlee Reiniger adds, "The native plants we are encouraging are Blue Stem Grass, Eastern Red Cedar, Winged Sumac, Bayberry, and the Oaks (Black, White and Red)."

(Ed. Note: The trail system at Dam Pond Maritime Reserve is approximately 1½ miles with many opportunities for scenic views. Under the direction of Peconic Land Trust staff, Americorps has recently widened and cleaned up the trails. Dam Pond is open from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. Hikers are encouraged to stop by the kiosk to pick up a brochure and map.)



Special thanks to our Americorps volunteers for all the help they provided to our stewardship staff. Among many projects, they placed 1,500 feet of snow fencing at PLT's Reel Point Preserve on Shelter Island. The fencing was funded through the generosity of Riverhead Building Supply to encourage sand dune formation and prevent erosion. In addition to projects for PLT, members of this Americorps group served as teachers' aides in inner-city Baltimore, worked for Healthy Acadia Coalition in Maine, and served as counselors at a summer camp for terminally and chronically ill children in upstate New York. Congratulations Americorps for all your good work!

Report from Quail Hill Farm



With water rising up to 20 feet in New Orleans and hurricanes battering Mexico and Florida, it seems churlish to bemoan that only one inch of rain fell in Amagansett during three months of the growing season—and that occurred in one mid-August drop. As Scott says, “I’ve never witnessed a drought like this in my 16 years at Quail Hill, and I doubt that the landscape has witnessed such dryness in recent memory.” Normally, farmers don’t need to irrigate after mid-August but this year Quail Hill farmers continued to haul those irrigation hoses from field bed to field bed, an exhausting job. Despite the weather and the challenges it presents, the weekly harvest at Quail Hill has been, fortunately, consistently plentiful. Looking back, Scott speaks of the “beautiful peas, just tons of them” and an “amazing” early lettuce crop. And those tomatoes—overall a really nice crop. We all know tomatoes love the sun and this year there was plenty. Scott pronounced this year’s potato crop “the best ever” and projects a yield of 20,000 pounds from 15 varieties planted in 60 rows on Town Lane. That’s 10 tons! The sweet potatoes escaped the hungry deer thanks to the buckwheat that grows alongside

and disguises the crop. It seems the deer are content to munch the buckwheat. The harmful effects of deer have, nevertheless, precipitated a huge deer fence project on Town Lane. This project, which is spearheaded by Nick Stephens, was enormously helped along by 8 Americorps volunteers who, over 7 days, also finished painting the outside of the farm shop and washed out hundreds of seed trays. They also took apart the benches in the greenhouses and re-composted and double dug the lower beds, preparing them for seeding greens for winter shares. Thank you Americorps!

- Jane Weissman

(Ed. Note: Producing over 250 varieties of organically grown vegetables, flowers, fruit and herbs, Quail Hill Farm is located on 214 acres of land donated by Deborah Ann Light to the Peconic Land Trust. Winter shares are still available. Call Laura Fischer at Peconic Land Trust at (631) 283-3195 for more information.)

Leave a Legacy to Future Long Islanders ...

If you would like to extend your support of the Trust’s work in protecting farmland and open space on Long Island, you may do so in a variety of ways such as naming the Trust a beneficiary of your IRA or a life insurance policy, for example. If you would like to include a provision in your will to bequeath cash, securities, or other asset property to the Trust, the following language may be used and modified as necessary:

For gifts of real estate

“To the Peconic Land Trust, Incorporated, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in 1983, having as its principal address 296 Hampton Road, Southampton, New York 11968, I hereby give and devise my real property at *(street address here)* to Peconic Land Trust, Incorporated, of Southampton, New York.”

For cash gifts

“I give and bequeath \$_____ to Peconic Land Trust, Inc. of Southampton, New York.”

For gifts of securities

“I give and bequeath _____ *(number of shares)* of *(name here)* common stock to Peconic Land Trust, Inc. of Southampton, New York.”

For asset property such as paintings, other artwork, antiques, etc.

“I give and bequeath *(description or name of items)* to Peconic Land Trust, Inc. of Southampton, New York.”

If you or your attorney would like to discuss a potential bequest, please call Rebecca A. Chapman, Vice President of Philanthropy, at (631) 283-3195. All inquiries will be kept confidential. All gifts to Peconic Land Trust are tax-deductible. Contributions of \$250 or more will be acknowledged in our Annual Report.

Other Ways to Support Land Conservation

Matching Gifts: Many companies have matching gifts programs; some allow matches for others in addition to employees—spouses, retired employees, spouses of retired employees, widows or widowers of retired employees, and non-employee directors of the company. Please check with your employee benefits office. If your employer has a matching gifts program, your gift to the Trust can be doubled or tripled.

Scallop Shell Memorial Gifts: A gift in memory of a loved one or friend is a special tribute to those who appreciated the beauty of Long Island. To make your gift, send your check, along with the name of the person being memorialized, to the Trust. Please indicate the name and address of a family member or friend of the deceased to whom we can send an acknowledgment of your charitable gift.

Special occasion gifts: Commemorate an anniversary, birthday, wedding or other special occasion with a gift to conservation. The Trust will send a card in your name to whomever you designate (just provide us with a mailing address!).

You may make a charitable gift to the Trust on our secure website www.peconiclandtrust.org.

Peconic Silent Auction Items Wanted!

Plans for next year’s Peconic are already under way. We’re looking for interesting items for our silent auction such as tickets to sports events and theatre, travel packages, items for outdoor and garden enthusiasts, etc. Please contact Marian Sumner at (631) 283-3195.

Congratulations, John Halsey!

Peconic Land Trust President John v.H. Halsey was honored with a “Spirit of Long Island Award” by Promote Long Island, Inc. on October 20. Halsey’s award was in the environment and preservation category for his long-time commitment to land preservation as founder and president of PLT. The award was presented at Promote Long Island’s 12th annual breakfast meeting, sponsored by KeySpan, Chase Bank, and the Long Island Power Authority. Promote Long Island is a grassroots organization known for its efforts to promote public awareness and apprecia-

tion of Long Island. Each year, the organization honors several outstanding Long Islanders for their contributions to the Long Island community and for representing the positive attributes of Long Island. Brian McCaffrey, President of Promote Long Island, commented, “This is a very special day where Long Islanders come together to acknowledge some of the very best among us who make Long Island such a wonderful place to live, work and do business.”

Jay Sheryll, a member of the Mattituck/Cutchogue Boy Scout Troop 39 constructed a kiosk that will provide information on Downs Farm Preserve/Fort Corchaug to the historic site’s visitors. North Fork Land Steward Ashlee Reiniger supervised Jay and his crew (special thanks to his brothers, father, and other scouts!) at the North Fork Stewardship Center last month. Projects completed at Downs Farm Preserve include a kiosk, a rustic parking area, and trail work. Jay, a Mattituck High School senior, hopes to earn his Eagle Scout badge by year-end.



Past and current presidents and members of the board of Long Island Farm Bureau honored Joe Gergela, Executive Director, at an event this past summer for his tremendous contribution to the organization. Shown here are (l. to r.) John v.H. Halsey, PLT President; Dawn Haight, PLT Landscape Architect/Design Manager; Kathleen Kennedy, PLT Education and Outreach Coordinator; Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton; and Joe Gergela.

Peconic Land Trust Receives \$25,000 Grant for Erosion Control at Quail Hill Preserve

Peconic Land Trust has been awarded a \$25,000 grant through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) of the US Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Trust will use the funding to remediate soil erosion on 60 acres of farmland on the 93-acre Deborah Ann Light Preserve in Amagansett. The site is adjacent to the Trust’s 22-acre Quail Hill Farm, a community-supported agriculture project (CSA). Deborah Ann Light donated both sites to Peconic Land Trust.

Over a five-year period, contractors managed by Scott Chaskey, the Trust’s Quail Hill Preserve Manager, will employ a number of erosion-control methods, including diversion, filter stripping, grassed waterways, mulching, pasture and hayland planting, sediment basin, terracing, and herbaceous wind barriers. In the past, the Trust leased the land for agricultural purposes. For several years now, Mr. Chaskey and Quail Hill Farm

interns have been replenishing the soil through organic methods such as the addition of compost materials and planting of cover crops that replace the soils with nitrogen and other essential nutrients in order to maintain a balance in the soil. As the quality of the soil improves on this acreage, erosion will abate, but not without the planned remediation and restoration made possible with this EQIP grant. According to the Trust’s Director of Stewardship, Pamela Greene, “Since 1990, Peconic Land Trust has promoted a variety of proven sustainable farming techniques at its Quail Hill Farm. These include crop rotation, green manuring, undersowing, companion planting, and timely cultivation. We expect that the combination of sound erosion control and our commitment to enrich the soil will result in healthy soil that enables plants to be more resistant to pests and disease. The EQIP funding was critical to our ability to move forward with a project of this scope.”

“Connections” Events

Enthusiasm for the Trust’s educational programs has been growing as participants are enjoying a wide variety of interesting activities. Events taking place over the summer months included a tour and oyster tasting at our own Shellfisher Preserve and mariculture facility in Southold, a discussion on how to plant your garden to attract birds, led by Master Gardeners and Birders Nancy Gilbert and Richard Wines on their easement-protected land in Jamesport, and a waterbird walk led by ornithologist John Turner through a beautiful preserved wetlands area on Dune Road in Quogue, to name a few. So far, there has been something

for everyone! We’re taking a break over the winter months and then we’ll be back again in the spring with a terrific schedule of activities. November programs include a hike of the beautiful Tuckahoe Woods area in Southampton, an orchard tour of the Wickham Family Farm in Southold, and a very interesting “how to” for winterizing your landscape and garden equipment—learn how easy it is! For more information on any of our activities, please feel free to call Kathy Kennedy, PLT’s Education and Outreach Coordinator at (631) 283-3195, ext. 29.



Lenz Winery Fundraiser

Since many PLT supporters have participated in our wine fundraisers in the past, we are very pleased to be able to offer two fine wines from Lenz Winery. A long-time supporter of Peconic Land Trust, Lenz Winery will make a donation to the Trust for every case that is ordered. Each bottle will carry a commemorative label featuring the Trust’s distinctive shell logo that has been specially designed for us by Lenz. These wines are available by the case only and will not be available for purchase anywhere else. The 2001 Lenz Silver Label Chardonnay has a distinctive, oak nose, derived from the small French oak barrels in which it was made. This wine is 100% barrel-fermented, using a mix of one, two and three-year old barrels from Nevers and Vosges forests, each contributing subtly different notes of vanilla, toast, and cedar

to the overall well-integrated oak character. The wine has northern-fruit flavors—pear, apple, some white cherry, a hint of figs—and a rich, soft mouth feel, with a very long finish. To describe the 2000 Lenz Estate Selection Merlot, you’d have to begin by recalling that the 2000 vintage was one of the best ever on the North Fork. Their 2000 Estate Selection Merlot is extra-rich and double-plummy and was made from Merlot used in the limited-production Lenz Old Vines Merlot that was the best ever produced by Lenz. The 2001 Lenz Silver Label Chardonnay is \$200.83/case and the 2000 Lenz Estate Selection Merlot is \$310.54/case. Both case prices include NYS sales tax and shipping. *Shipping is within the continental U.S. only. All purchasers must be 21 years or older.* Please call (631) 283-3195 if you would like an order form.

Recent Accomplishments

Your continued support has enabled the Trust to work with the Towns of Riverhead and Southold, Suffolk County, landowners, and communities on a number of important conservation projects so far this year. The investment you've made has netted significant results—the protection of working farmland, scenic meadow, and two environmentally unique “double dune” sites. We could not have done this without your generosity!

[Andruskiewicz Farmland - Suffolk County PDR - 20 acres](#)

Peconic Land Trust facilitated the sale of development rights on approximately 20 acres owned by John C. Andruskiewicz to Suffolk County. Located on the south side of the Main Road in Jamesport, this land is adjacent to 30 acres owned by Edward Harbes that is also preserved by a sale of development rights to the Town of Riverhead. Currently, the land is planted in privet hedge.

[Goodale Farmland - Town of Riverhead PDR - 18.2 acres](#)

Peconic Land Trust facilitated the sale of development rights by Harold E. Goodale and Gene E. Goodale on 18.2 acres of Riverhead farmland to the Town. Historically used for producing potatoes, the land is now leased to a sod grower. Bordered by two previously preserved properties, the sale of development rights

on this acreage adds significantly to a 88.5-acre block of contiguously protected farmland between CR 105 and Northville Turnpike.

[Sujecki Farmland - Suffolk County PDR - 27.5 acres](#)

The Trust worked with Suffolk County on its purchase of the development rights on 27.5 farmland acres owned by Edward and Albina Sujecki. Located on the east side of Twomey Avenue in Calverton, the land is adjacent to 12 acres owned by Oak Grove Tree Spade Nursery, which was previously preserved in a sale of development rights to the County. Historically used for potato production, the Sujecki land is currently planted in corn.

[Booth Land - Town of Southold PDR - 28 acres](#)

Working with the Booth family, the Trust facilitated the Town's purchase of development rights on 28 acres of scenic meadow on Soundview Avenue in Southold.

[Dubner Farmland - Town of Southold PDR - 46 acres](#)

The Trust assisted the Town in its purchase of development rights on 46 farmland acres currently planted in nursery stock.

[Detmer Farm - Suffolk County PDR - 32 acres](#)

Originally, the Trust had agreed to purchase this farm in order to protect it, with the County purchasing the development rights from the Trust. In the end, the County decided to make the purchase directly, with the Detmer Family Trust purchasing the agricultural fee rights. The significance of this farm's preservation lies in its long history—the property has been farmed for 300 years and was owned by one of Setauket's first residents, Benjamin Thompson. The preserved land is a triangle of land between Rt. 25A, Ridgeway Avenue and North Country Road. Some of the acreage surrounding an existing farmhouse and a smaller home will be retained by the family. Preserving the farm includes restoring the old farm stand that will continue to sell Long Island produce and products exclusively.

[Palmer Preserve - 1 acre](#)

Located on the Long Island Sound in Peconic, this preserve was purchased by the Trust at a bargain sale with funds raised from area residents. It was later sold by the Trust to Suffolk County along with Piqui Preserve, located on its westerly side. Both properties contain a unique, environmentally sensitive “double dune.” Piqui Preserve, just under 1 acre, was protected in 2003 through donations from community members.

Stewardship Equipment Wish List

Our stewardship staff will welcome donations of any of the following equipment. To make a donation, please call Pam Greene, Director of Stewardship at (631) 283-3195.

Agricultural Equipment: seeder/grain drill with a grass box, fertilizer/lime spreader, grader box, scraper blade, rototiller.

Wood working tools: extension ladders, hand tools (screwdrivers, hammers, pliers, wrenches, axes, router, chisels, jig saw, sledge hammers, winch/come along), tool rack for truck, miter saw.

Other: riding lawn mower, dump truck, dump trailer, small bulldozer, skid steer, backhoe/front-end loader, snow plow, small trailer for hauling landscaping equipment, gas or diesel powered generator, pruner, lopper, wood chipper/mulcher/shredder.

Don't Miss It! Be sure to watch Ron Rudaitis' documentary, Farming the Future: Farm Life on Long Island on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 10:00 PM on WLIW Channel 21 Public Television.

“Through Farms and Fields 2005 – Water Mill”

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