



Embarking on a New Decade

As we end 2009 and embark on a new decade, the Conservancy thanks all of our members, volunteers and supporters for continued dedication and generous contributions to the Conservancy's conservation mission in the upper Delaware River watershed region. The Conservancy has now protected over **12,700 acres**, and we are moving with enthusiasm into 2010.



Conservancy Outreach

The Conservancy produced **40 educational programs!** We produced several of these independently and where possible we partnered with other conservation groups to pool resources and provide the best programs, as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Partnerships included collaborations with Sullivan County Planning Office, Sullivan Renaissance, Pike-Wayne Conservation Partnership, Upper Delaware Roundtable, Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau, John and Helen Villaume Foundation, Wayne County Community Foundation, NYCDEP, Watershed Agricultural Council, the Federal Forest Service at Grey Towers, the O'Connor Foundation, Pike County Conservation District, Wayne County Conservation District, the Pike Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program and others. We are also grateful for the support from our local representatives.

Annual Kayak Raffle

First prize, an Old Town Otter Kayak, was generously donated by **Alice's Wonderland** and was won by Bryan Berkenstock. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Alice's Wonderland for their continued support of the Conservancy's work. www.aliceswonderland.com.

Programs included:

- A presentation by renowned author **Ed McMahon on Sustainable Development and Land Conservation**
- Workshops for the **Pike-Monroe Woodland Owners** and **Women and their Woods** programs
- The **Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA)** training program in which planning and municipal officials from both sides of the river completed an intensive 4 day program on land use techniques.
- The **"Get Out and About" series** encouraging the connection of people and the beautiful and dynamic nature of our region. Programs included spring and autumn Star Watches, a Bird Walk, Canoe and Kayak River Trips, a Botany Walk, and a Monarch Program.
- First annual **Volunteer Open House at the Perry Pond Brook Property** as part of our volunteer services, "Stewards of the Land: Contributing to Conservation." A special thank you to landowners Star Hesse and Mike Lovelace for hosting the Open House on their protected property in Sullivan County.
- 2nd edition of the award winning **Shop Local Save Guide to Farms and Farm Markets** and the inaugural edition of the **Shop Local, Save Land Guide to Wood Products, Professionals and Resources**.

A **vital component** of the Conservancy's mission is our educational outreach programs that promote conservation awareness in our communities. The Conservancy produced and hosted a slate of fun and dynamic activities focused on spreading the message about the importance of actively protecting our region's environmental health, natural resource based economy, and scenic rural beauty.

Protected for Future Generations

In 2009, the Conservancy closed on 6 new easements in the region protecting agricultural acreage, forests, and meadows along with the waters and flora and fauna that flourish on these lands.



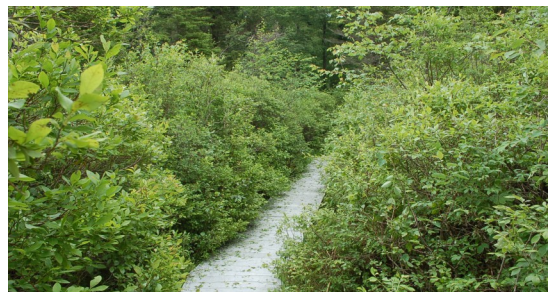
Egypt Creek: Located in Palmyra Township, Pike County, PA, the **58-acre** Egypt Creek easement highlights the success of Palmyra Township's new Transfer of Development Rights ordinance.



Holbert Creek: When Eva Havas placed an easement on her **47 acres** in Oregon Township in Wayne County, she was fulfilling the long held wishes of her beloved parents to protect their farmstead property.



Stairway Ridge: The **708-acre** Stairway Ridge property is in Westfall, Pike County, PA and sits on the opposite side of state land from the previously protected Milford Experimental Forest, protecting a significant forested block and providing public access.



Camp Spears-Eljabar: A YMCA camp in Dingman/Delaware Townships, in Pike County, PA. **458 acres** is now permanently protected with funds from the state and county. Identified on the county open space plan, the parcel contains public trails.



Mink Pond: This **500-acre** easement in Delaware/Lehman Townships, Pike County PA. Because of its connectivity to state forest, the easement on Mink Pond property creates a large contiguous block of protected wildlife habitat beneficial to wildlife enthusiasts.



Lemons Brook Farm: The **119-acre** Lemon Brook farm is located in Bethel, Sullivan County, NY within a couple miles of the Bethel Woods Performing Arts Center.

Warm Welcomes, Fond Farewells, and Successful Fundraisers



TWO WHO LEFT US A LEGACY

In 1995 **Tom Raleigh**, who lived in a small cottage in Sullivan County near the Delaware River, was the first person to approach the Conservancy about protecting his land. The Conservancy drafted an agreement to suit his needs and meet our conservation goals, and he placed the easement in his will. Tom has left a lasting and valuable legacy to his community by permanently protecting his beautiful property.

Dorothy Merrill was active in environmental causes in NEPA, and was a strong supporter of the Conservancy. In mid-June at age 97, Dorothy passed away. In her will, Dorothy bequeathed financial support to the Conservancy. We are deeply appreciative of the legacy that will help to ensure our future.

Welcome Julia. The Conservancy welcomes Julia Horrocks to our land protection team. Julia serves as the Pennsylvania Land Protection Coordinator. Julia attained her JD and a Master of Studies in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School. Julia first fell in love with conservation work while serving as an AmeriCorps member with the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy.



The Conservancy Board is also seeing some changes. The Board and staff extend our thanks to departing Board Members. Their years of dedicated service have made an invaluable contribution to the Conservancy's successes.

Cindy Wildermuth has retired after six years of service and reaching her term limit. Cindy continues her volunteer service through serving as our Land Protection Committee Chair

Sigrid Wilshinsky also leaves the Board this year, but continues to remain a member of the Conservancy and support the Conservancy's work.

We also extend a warm welcome to returning Board members **Greg Belcamino** and **Barbara Yeaman** and new members **Joe Fowler** and **Greg Swartz**.

Other Conservancy News

The Conservancy awarded its annual scholarship to Alyssa Tomaskovic, a senior at Delaware Valley High School.

Alyssa wrote: "Growing up in the sylvan setting of the Pocono Mountains, I have come to appreciate and recognize the extraordinary beauty in seemingly ordinary natural objects and have developed a sense of awe and respect for the natural world."

The 2nd Annual Foods of the Delaware on April 24th was again a smashing success and a lovely evening for all. The exciting and entertaining fundraising event raised over \$11,000 to contribute to our conservation work throughout the region, and we thank everyone who participated in its success.

The Conservancy held the 1st annual "On the Course for Conservation" golf tournament at the Country Club at Woodloch Springs. Local businesses and residents teed up to generate funds for the Conservancy and to demonstrate the important link between the local business community and the conservation of our region's natural resources and scenic, rural beauty.

A special
Thank You
to Barbara Yeaman for
purchasing "Astro"
our new printer for
the PA Office



Good Luck Helle. Helle Henriksen was with the Conservancy since its inception, working integrally with Barbara Yeaman and others who shared the dream of a local land trust. For the past 3 1/2 years Helle worked as our Land Protection Coordinator and contributed directly to closing easements on thousands of acres. The Conservancy appreciates Helle's years of dedicated service, we wish her all the best as she pursues her new endeavors.

Thanks For Your Support

These are the people and sources that help to conserve the working farms and forests, wildlife habitat, scenic views and water resources for present and future generations.

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*Every effort was made to include every name. We apologize for any oversight.



2009 FINANCIAL SUMMARY— UNAUDITED**

Operating Income

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| Grants | \$1,241,645 |
| Memberships | \$ 32,491 |
| Cash Donations | \$ 105,681 |
| Educational and Other Events | \$ 37,016 |
| Service Donation | \$ 28,150 |
| Land Protection & Related Services | \$ 65,243 |
| Investment Income/Gain on Securities | <u>\$ 8,624</u> |
| Total Income | \$1,626,348 |

Operating Expenses

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| Program Expenses | \$ 1,462,072 |
| Management and General | <u>\$ 88,462</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ 1,559,158 |

Selected Assets as of 12/31/09

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| Cash and Marketable Securities | \$ 837,332 |
| Monitoring Stewardship Fund | \$ 209,372 |
| Accounts Receivable; Pledges | \$ 33,276 |

** Audited statement available upon request

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