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Help Us Get Our Ducks in a Row

To save the last four acres on the West Reservoir between Bell’s Neck and the bike trail. See pages 2-3

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Imagine if we could save the last four acres with 750 feet of shoreline on the West Reservoir to protect the Herring River and wildlife as well as complete a walking trail loop. Arthur H. Hall, Sr. (son of John E. Hall and Eleanor R. Hall), his wife Carolyn C. Hall, and their sons, Arthur H. Hall, Jr., Alan J. Hall, and Aaron L. Hall share that vision and have agreed to sell their four waterfront acres to the Town for $630,000.

The Town’s Community Preservation Committee, which reviews and recommends spending initiatives using local Community Preservation Act funds, unanimously supports the project with warrant Article #33 at the Spring Town Meeting on May 4th. Town Meeting voters will have the opportunity to approve Article #33 and thereby enable the purchase of this land with its ecologically strategic location along the waterway which serves as the liquid highway for migrating herring each spring.

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds are derived from a 3% tax on every property owner’s real estate tax bill. This is a dedicated source of funding, separate from the general municipal funds that pay for schools, emergency services, roadways and other town needs. Everyone benefits from CPA funded open space purchases like this one that can help protect water quality. For example, removing the potential for development helps save taxpayers wastewater treatment costs long-term since the land is within the Herring River Watershed, which is already suffering from too much nitrogen caused by too many houses.

In addition, preserving the land will extinguish four houses from being built on the shoreline which means the natural scenic view around the West Reservoir will be preserved forever. West Reservoir and the Herring River are popular destinations for kayakers and fishermen while the forested trails around the reservoir attract hikers, joggers, and birdwatchers. In addition, the Hall family is making a donation. They are relinquishing their extensive rights...
of use to more than two miles of wooded cart paths throughout the 200-acre Bell’s Neck Town Conservation Lands.

The property is bordered by the Bell’s Neck Town Conservation Lands on the south and the Cape Cod Rail Trail bikepath on the north. The bike path overlooks the four acres and it’s estimated that 400,000 people travel the bike path annually. If preserved, the land could complete a walking trail loop around the entire reservoir. The Town will apply for a $327,600 state grant to help offset costs. Town Meeting voters just have to vote “YES” on Article #33 to purchase and preserve the land for both wildlife and people, for all time.

**Voting YES on Article #33** will preserve four acres to protect woods, water and wildlife. Added benefits will include scenic vistas for people travelling the bike path - and a future trail connector.

**Approximate location of land**

Sunset by Stephanie Foster
Osprey by Janet DiMattia

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*Locus Map*
6th Annual “Meet Your Local Farmers” Event

The goats were feisty and the organic honey tasty as more than 1,000 visitors enjoyed connecting with more than 40 farmers and supporting organizations at the 6th Annual “Meet Your Local Farmers” event hosted by HCT and the Cape & Islands Farm Bureau on March 14th. After a long winter, it was the perfect cure for cabin fever to kick-off the 2015 growing season, meet local farmers from around Cape Cod and learn more about locally grown products as well as farm-related activities for all ages.

From jelly makers to sheep farmers, from spinners to flowers, from cranberries to garden vegetables, from lobsters to lavender -- this was the largest agricultural expo featuring the highest quality farm products on Cape Cod from Sandwich to Truro and everywhere in between.
We had a record number of farmers and producers on hand to answer questions and share their stories. And farmers were able to sell their unique farm-related goods. The Harwich Community Center staff and AmeriCorps did a wonderful job of setting up the event alongside farmers Mark Coleman (Tuck-Away Farm in Harwich), Jeff Deck (Not Enough Acres Farm in East Dennis), and HCT volunteer Peggy Rose.

We extend a special thanks to all involved including:

- Barnstable County Extension Service: “Buy Fresh, Buy Local”
- Billmore Wool Barn, Brewster
  - Bits & Bridles, Dennis
    - Cape Abilities
    - Cape Cod 4H-Club
- Cape Cod Cranberry Harvest, Harwich
- Cape Cod Lavender Farm, Harwich
- Cape Farm Supply, North Harwich
- Cedar Spring Herb Farm, Harwich
  - Crow Farm, Sandwich
- E & T Farms, West Barnstable
- Eldredge Farms, Brewster
  - Full Circle Farm, Harwich
  - Garden Club of Harwich
- Gingras Cranberries, Harwich
- Harwich Farmers Market
- Harwich Historical Society
- Hidden Acres Farm, Dennisport
  - Hillside Poultry Farm, Truro
  - Hokum Rock Farm, Dennis
  - Massachusetts Farm Bureau
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
  - Not Enough Acres Farm, East Dennis
- Oak Tree Farm, Harwich
- Pleasant Lake Farm, Harwich
  - F/V Sea Chase, lobsterboat
- Sabatia Flower Farm, West Barnstable
  - Seawind Meadows, Dennis
- Taylor Bray Farm, Yarmouthport
  - Thacher Cranberries, Harwich
  - Thyme After Thyme, East Orleans
  - True North Farm equestrian center, Harwich
  - Tuck-A-Way Farm, Harwich
  - Tuckernuck Farm, West Dennis
  - Want a Bee Farm, Barnstable
More than 450 people of all ages attended HCT’s 9th Annual “Eyes on Owls” live owl program on March 7th. Presenters Marcia and Mark Wilson delighted the crowd with close encounters of the owl kind. Great-horned owl (known as the “tiger of the woods”), screech owl, snowy owl, barred owl, and barn owl made appearances. The Eurasian eagle owl even hooted for the audience while the spectacled owl from South America surveyed the scene in silence. Proceeds help HCT preserve more habitat for owls and other wildlife. Thank you for your support!

Marcia Wilson explains how owls hear - like this barred owl.

Mark Wilson points out the ear tufts (which are actually just feathers) on these two screech owls.

Photos courtesy of Barry Donahue and The Cape Cod Chronicle

See you next year!
In Memory of Beth Ann Cesare (Volunteer)
Ronald Armbuster

In Memory of William F. Baldwin, Trustee
John and Leann Allen
Thomas M. and Janet Evrs
Emily Horne
Daphne & Dan Keefer
Michael Lach
James and Patricia Macko
Ryan Mann
Michael and Kendra McKinley
Sean and Verna Mulready
John & Adrienne Richardson
Robert and Patti Smith
Kenneth and Anne Stevenson

In Memory of  HCT Trustee Bill Baldwin
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GIFT DEDICATIONS From 10/8/15 – 3/25/2015
In Memory and Honor of Bill Baldwin
Henry and Donna Peterson
In Memory of William F. Baldwin, Trustee
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In Memory of Lee H. Baldwin
Connie L. Pina
Shelli Baldwin & Kimball Cartwright Jr.
In Memory of Muriel Bogdanoff
Suzanne Bogdanoff

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Benny and Dorothy Damon
In Memory of Dorothy Derbyshire
Seth Hudak and Inez Giles
In Memory of Philip S. Eagan
Mary M. Eagan
In Memory of Mary Ruth Follas
John and Carol Follas
In Memory of Seina Fitzpatrick
Ronald and Maureen Boisvert
In Memory of Vernon Goyal
Pamela G. Latimer
In Memory of Good Dogs, Flannel and Odie
Robert A. McDonnell
In Memory of William H. (Bill) Gorham
Jonathan and Susan Chorney
Wooley and Beatrice Conover
Sidney Coursen
Linda Harvey
Mary Jackson
Joan and Robert Lovin
Grace N. Lee
Eugene and Judy McCulloch
Bard and Marilyn McLean
Carolyn (Carrie) Gorham Murray
Donna Peasam
Les Scherck
Michael Sefelio

In Memory of Eddy Brown
Edward W. Brown
In Memory of Carole Campbell
Arthur Campbell
In Memory of Malcolm Campbell
Jenny Campbell
In Memory of Harry A. Cassel
Jane MacAfee
In Memory of Beth Ann Cesare (Volunteer)
Keith A. and Jayne M. Phelps
In Memory of Judd J. Cobett
Ursula K. Cobett
In Memory of Albert Dalmolen
Eve Dalmolen

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Pauline Hamel
In Memory of Florence Hancock
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In Memory of David J. Harrigan
Charina E. Harrigan
In Memory of John (Jack) Havlin
Samuel and Suzanne Winser
In Memory of Ralph and Eleanor Hayward
Sue and Tom Runchell
In Memory of Robert C. Healy
Jane P. Healy
In Memory of Donald Kelly and Isabel Smith
Carol J. Kelly

In Memory of Sally Kimball
Ridgeport Owner’s Association
In Memory of Edward Kineke
Jim and Jane Shulman and Family
In Memory of Michael LaDouceur
Edward and Constance LaDouceur
In Memory of Piersis McClennen Lane
John Kitcham and Dinah Lane
In Memory of Robert Lowell Larson
Albert and Jeanine Baker
Barbara Feeher
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In Memory of Scot Bryan McClain
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In Memory of Ellen Merwede
Florence Loebger
In Memory of Joann Scully Metz
Peter Metz
In Memory of Robert Our
Eileen M. Our
In Memory of John L. Parker
Muriel E. Parker
In Memory of Christine Peterson
Henry and Donna Peterson
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In Memory of Thomas J. Quarmstromoni
Amy Q. McClenmen
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Jeff and Kelly Richards
In Memory of Stella and Louis Riedl
Georgene Riedl
In Memory of Dorothy Roberts
Anne C. Hayes
In Memory of Redmund Viall Shoemaker
Paul and Nancy Shoemaker
In Memory of Marsha Landgraf Smith
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In Memory of Ruth Smith
Richard and Deborah Clough
Mary L. Hiden
Cynthia S. Wade
In Memory of Morton Snowhite
Pamela Petto and Marguerite Harrison
In Memory of Robert W. Udell
Joyce H. Udell
In Memory of Marion and James Walker
Margaret E. Walker
In Memory of William White
Richard and Ruth Cornaughton

IN HONOR OF:
In Honor of Mario (Al) Boragine
Clayton T. Ryan
In Honor of the Brophy Family
Patrick and Mary Brophy
In Honor of Dave Callaghan
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Alan and Bette Johnson
In Honor of Doug Cole
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In Honor of the efforts of HCT!
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In Honor of Michael Lach – turtle man
Bob Prescott
In Honor of Thomas E. Leach
Bob and Kathleen Leach
In Honor of Barbara F. Lee
George I. Rockwood, Jr.
In Honor of Nathan Lieberson
Anna Lieberson
In Honor of James Nikula
Joan and David Davis
In Honor of Sara Jane Porter
James McGuiness
In Honor of my grandchildren who will enjoy the Cape for years to come
Lynn Schwelmhaut
In Honor of Bob Smith
Thomas M. and Janet Evans

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Sunday, May 3rd: Spring Winetasting Dinner
at the Cape Sea Grille in Harwich Port
Our 13th Annual Spring Winetasting Dinner! 5-9 p.m.
$100 per person all inclusive with multi-course dinner, fine wines, and gratuity
Space is limited, so reserve now!
Enjoy your evening while helping HCT preserve land.
Reserve on-line at www.HarwichConservationTrust.org or mail a check payable to HCT.
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