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Pleasant Bay Woodlands

Congratulations one & all! You saved 49 acres!

Thanks to strong community support across Cape Cod and beyond from members, foundations and businesses, HCT successfully saved the 49-acre Pleasant Bay Woodlands in East Harwich just 1,000 feet back from Round Cove. HCT supporters helped to preserve the largest undeveloped, unprotected landscape in the 21,000-acre Pleasant Bay watershed to protect woods, water and wildlife. Otherwise, a 40-lot subdivision could have occupied the site with groundwater flowing directly into Round Cove on Pleasant Bay.

In addition to protecting critical water resources and wildlife habitat, the 49-acre preservation project also safeguards the story of the land. Professor Emeritus Timothy Earle of Northwestern University is interested in organizing an archaeological assessment of the land. He believes that the site is a microcosm of Cape Cod history from glacial origins to Native American settlement through Colonial times and the present. Scott Ridley, local historian and author of “Morning of Fire”, writes about Captain John Kendrick’s daring Pacific odyssey in his book. Ridley discovered in researching his book that Capt. Kendrick was born on land within the Pleasant Bay Woodlands acreage. Kendrick was known to Revolutionary era leaders, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, and others.

The land stewardship steps for this site include: drafting a land management plan; researching vernal pools; determining best places for parking and trails; organizing an archaeological assessment; safely removing the remnants of the dilapidated house; marking the property boundaries; and undertaking other initiatives before we can officially open public access.

While the 49 acres has been recently preserved, believe it or not, we’re already quietly embarking on new land-saving projects. The timing is tough as we don’t want to cause donor fatigue. We’ll be as sensitive as possible while making sure we don’t lose precious places amidst rising real estate values, a recovering economy, and increasing development pressure. Stay tuned.

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Thank you to all who contributed any amount to this once-in-a-lifetime project! We extend special thanks to the Pleasant Bay Challenge donors including the Wequassett Resort, The John T. Ryan, Jr. Memorial Foundation, The Friends of Pleasant Bay and three anonymous families who matched every donation dollar-for-dollar up to $1.8 million.

Together, we succeeded with one of the boldest land-saving projects on Cape Cod to protect Pleasant Bay, drinking water, wildlife, and history.

**Thank you. We couldn’t have done it without you.**

**Conservation Significance**

✔ Protect the largest, remaining undeveloped property in the four-town 21,000-acre Pleasant Bay Watershed.

✔ Protect Pleasant Bay water quality.

✔ Protect drinking water because the 49 acres are located within the recharge area for public water supply well sites that provide approximately 31% of the town’s drinking water to 9,889 households.

✔ Provide future walking trails and scenic views.

✔ Protect wildlife habitats for resident and migratory species that forage, nest, and/or shelter on the 49 acres.

✔ Protect potential archaeological importance.
Music filled the air while artists painted the landscape under sunny skies as more than 300 visitors enjoyed the Second Annual Wildlands Music & Art Stroll hosted by Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT) in September.

The Guild of Harwich Artists painted en plein air and local musicians played jazz, classical, and folk music on the original “piano in the woods” as well as guitar, mandolin, saxophone, accordion and other instruments sprinkled throughout HCT’s 66-acre Bank Street Bogs Nature Preserve in Harwich Port.

The unique art and culture event was originally inspired by a mysterious piano that was discovered on Harwich conservation land back in 2009, which sparked worldwide news coverage. We’re very grateful to the artists, musicians, business sponsors, town officials, and all of our volunteers who really made the Wildlands Music & Art Stroll possible as a way to enjoy art and music in the great outdoors. The original ‘piano in the woods’ even made an appearance courtesy of the Harwich Historical Society.
WILDLANDS MUSIC AND ART STROLL

Kevin Foster, guitar; John Squibb, sax; Bob Wilson, drums; and Paul Shoemaker, piano - mixing Cajun spice and jazz

Upper left: Joey’s tempting choices of hot sauce
Upper right: Artist Weedie Tyldesley
Right: Artist Chris Banks
Left: Artist Elizabeth “Dib” Carlson
Below: Guitarist Kevin Foster
Thank you to our talented artists from the Guild of Harwich Artists including: Chris Banks, Karla Cardillo, Elizabeth “Dib” Carlson, John Glass, Barbara Grasso, Kathy Elkmouny, Elaine Felos Ostrander, Maryrose Reynolds, Weedie Tyldesley, and Martha Wicks.

And a special thanks to our talented musicians including: Dorothy Hemmings, Ruth Treen, Just Plain Folk, Wild Bill Corney, Tom Leidenfrost, Kevin Foster, Paul Shoemaker, and Cajun Bob Wilson.

Thank you to our generous Wildlands Music & Art Stroll sponsors: Cape Air; Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank; Cape Destinations; The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod; Benson, Young & Downs Insurance; Cranberry Liquors; EPOCH Senior Living; Maps of Antiquity; Mid-Cape Home Centers; and Nauset Disposal.

“King Tides” have become hot newsmakers, but there’s nothing new about them. They are the highest tides of a 14-month cycle and are predictable, natural events caused (as all tides are) by the forces of gravity exerted by the sun and moon in combination with the earth’s rotation. These extra high (and low) tides occur when the moon is close to Earth while the sun, in its elliptical orbit, is making its closest path to Earth.

Cape Cod experienced a “King Tide” on October 9th. It made the news and this would-be reporter felt compelled to leave the office and run down to West Harwich’s Herring River. The winds from the north bucked the tides coming into south-facing inlets so, happily, the levels predicted weren’t quite reached. But flooding did occur, reminding the observer of the effects of our oceans rising because of climate change. The Association to Preserve Cape Cod held a Sea Level Rise Workshop this past May and presented some sobering predictions. It is estimated that sea level in the Northeast is rising three to four times faster than the global rate. Preserving land is one way to reduce the effect of climate change on our oceans.

When we support our local conservation groups, we are not only saving our beautiful vistas and wildlife habitat, we are investing in the future of our planet.
Gifts to HCT - in honor of and in memory of

GIFT DEDICATIONS From 4/1 – 10/6/2014

With deepest sympathy for his family, we honor the memory of HCT Trustee Bill Baldwin. There was no task too big or too small for Bill - always done with a smile. He led the effort to establish HCT’s first headquarters. He also founded and led the Annual HCT Golf Fundraiser for nine years, chaired the HCT Sign Committee, and actively promoted land preservation. We will miss this quiet gentleman.

IN MEMORY OF:

In Memory of Frederick N. Adams
Julia C. Adams

In Memory of Ralph (Bud) Angier
Susan T. Noah

In Memory of my beloved wife Evie
Ronald Arnmbuster

In Memory of Richard G. (Dick) Baldauf
Joanne M. Baldauf

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Kathleen Gallo

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Arthur B. Campbell

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In Memory of Katharine & Charles Corbett
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Margaret A. Coupal

In Memory of Co Hung Dao
Michael Cunningham and Phuong Dao

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Eve Dalmolen

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Inez Giles and Seth Hudak

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Alan & Margaret Nammy
Leave a Legacy to Save Special Places

Placing HCT in your will (also known as a bequest) is a forward-thinking way to support our land-saving work. If you are interested, please call Exec. Dir. Mike Lach at 508-432-3997 or email hct@cape.com. Thank you for considering a legacy that will save special places. Find more information at: www.HarwichConservationTrust.org/planned_giving.