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FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

**Imagine saving land that
protects the Herring River and its wildlife &
completes a walking loop around Bell's Neck.**

- Details on pages 6 & 7 -



Photos: Bell's Neck in the Fall by Stephanie Foster; Kayakers by Bill Galvin, Cape Cod Chronicle

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Photo: Maggie, the wolf, by MISSION WOLF

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HCT's Mission

HCT preserves land to protect woods, water, wildlife and our shared quality of life in Harwich.



Conservationist of the Year Award

The Conservationist of the Year Award is given annually to an honored guest who has actively helped protect the woods, waters, and wildlife of Harwich. Nominations for individuals, groups, businesses, or other entities actively helping to protect the Harwich environment are accepted on a rolling basis.

PAST RECIPIENTS:

2005: Anne & Joe Welch
2006: Barbara & Charles Birdsey
2007: AmeriCorps
2008: Wequassett
2009: Harwich Natural Resources Dept.
2010: Local newspapers

Marguerite (Rita) Root and her family are HCT's 2011 Conservationist of the Year Award recipients for their forward-thinking donation of a permanent conservation restriction to HCT on approx. 24 acres of land bordering Seymour's Pond and Hinckley's Pond as well as two herring runs, namely Princess Brook and the Cahoon Canal. Interestingly, the Root family is descended from Charles D. Cahoon, the famous painter who poignantly captured the essence of many natural landscapes during the 1800s. Join us on Sunday, Nov. 6th at Wequassett on Pleasant Bay to honor the Root family as well as our outstanding volunteers.

See RSVP details on opposite page.



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Thank you for giving in so many different ways to enhance HCT's land conservation success. Businesses donate time, labor, and expertise. Volunteers donate their time and talents. You donate funds to save land and support HCT as contributing members.

Thanks to diverse donations, HCT supporters are creating lasting legacies by preserving land that protects our woods, water, wildlife and our shared quality of life in Harwich on Cape Cod. Donors can also benefit tax-wise since donations to HCT, a 501c3 nonprofit land trust organization, are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Below is a sampling of how folks are giving to HCT now, to save land for tomorrow.

Giving to Save Land:

- Membership donations, memorials/dedications, year-end gifts (see year-end challenge details on back cover), appreciated securities (HCT can provide account and routing numbers), and other unrestricted gifts support HCT to advance land conservation, stewardship, and other important projects.

- Restricted donations to HCT's Save Land – Save Water Initiative help to preserve priority lands within watersheds that protect sensitive water resources including Pleasant Bay, our harbors, Nantucket Sound, freshwater ponds, and our sole source drinking water aquifer.

- Donations of land and/or conservation restrictions.
- For some supporters, a bequest is a forward-thinking way of making a significant gift to Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT). You may provide a bequest for HCT by creating a new will, adding a codicil to your present will, including Harwich Conservation Trust in your revocable trust, or designating Harwich Conservation Trust as the beneficiary of your retirement plan or insurance policy.

To ensure that your exact intentions are carried out, wills, codicils, and trusts should be prepared by and with the advice of your attorney. HCT is available for additional information on the various methods of designating a bequest to Harwich Conservation Trust or for guidance in planning a gift.

You make HCT possible.
You make land conservation possible.
Thank you.



Green Heron photo by Elliott Carr



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Gifts to HCT - in honor of and in memory of

Dedicated gifts as of September 9, 2011

- In Memory of Frederick N. Adams
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Events/Programs

HCT's Annual Celebration & Meeting

**Wequassett on Pleasant Bay
Sunday, November 6th, 2-4pm**



**Featured Speaker:
State Senator Dan Wolf**

Join us to honor the Root family (descendants of Charles D. Cahoon) with HCT's Conservationist of the Year Award and outstanding HCT volunteers with our EverGreen Awards.

**RSVP by Nov. 1st for this free event
Call HCT at 508-432-3997 or email: hct@cape.com**

Mission Wolf - LIVE WOLF PROGRAM



**Friday
October 14th**

Special 6:30 pm show

Limited to 75 guests

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(under age five cannot attend)



**Saturday
October 15th**

11 am, 1:30pm or 4pm show

**\$10 for ages 12 - adult
\$5 for ages 5 - 11**

(under age five cannot attend)

Reserve in advance at www.HarwichConservationTrust.org or by check (payable to Harwich Conservation Trust)
Mail to P.O.Box 101, South Harwich, MA 02661

Shows will be held in the gym of the Harwich Community Center at 100 Oak St.

Sponsored by *The Cape Cod Times*, *The Cape Cod Chronicle*, *The Cape Codder*, *Harwich Oracle*, *The Register*, and White Marlie

PHOTOS: Courtesy of MISSION WOLF



Mill Pond Woodlands

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38.71 acres PRESERVED!

The Harwich Conservation Trust and the Chatham Conservation Foundation, Inc. partnered in support of the two-town Mill Pond Woodlands Project to preserve approximately 38.71 acres. Preserving the land helps to protect the wellfield recharge area for up to eleven public drinking water well sites across the two towns.

The project represents another success with HCT's **Save Land - Save Water Initiative**, a long-range plan to strategically preserve lands that help protect water resources. The 38.71-acre tract is also the keystone piece next to approximately 235 acres of town-owned open space spanning the Harwich and Chatham border, providing important forested wildlife habitat.

In December 2010, voters at Special Town Meetings in both towns overwhelmingly supported the project. Voters authorized each town to use

Community Preservation Act funds for purchasing their respective portions. In June 2011, the Town of Harwich purchased approximately 20.02 acres for \$1 million in Phase One and the Town of Chatham bought approximately 18.69 acres for \$1 million in Phase Two.

To make the total \$2 million project possible, The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, Inc. successfully applied for not one, but two \$500,000 state grants that kept each town's net cost to approx. \$500,000 in CPA funds. "Thanks to the state grants and strong voter support, both towns benefited by preserving this land to protect the public water supply that many thousands of residents and visitors depend upon," said Michael Lach, Assistant Director of The Compact and Exec. Director of the Harwich Conservation Trust.

HCT and the Chatham Conservation Foundation, Inc. jointly hold a permanent conservation restriction on the entire 38.71 acres.



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Interns & Youth Volunteers

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Over the summer, HCT was fortunate to work with outstanding college interns and youth volunteers who made a big difference by monitoring protected lands, trimming trails, assisting in the office, and helping with our live raptor program among other activities.

Emily Kemp is a sophomore at Hobart and William Smith Colleges focusing on Economics and Women's



Studies. She is a member of her school's varsity rowing team. Emily spends her summers in Harwich Port with her grandmother (who is an HCT member). She enjoys sailing.



Pictured left to right are HCT's summer 2011 youth volunteers: Logan Fockler (age 12), Trevor Ridley (age 13), and Jarek Lenda (age 15). They helped three days a week by maintaining trails, removing invasive plants, and fulfilling many other HCT stewardship objectives.

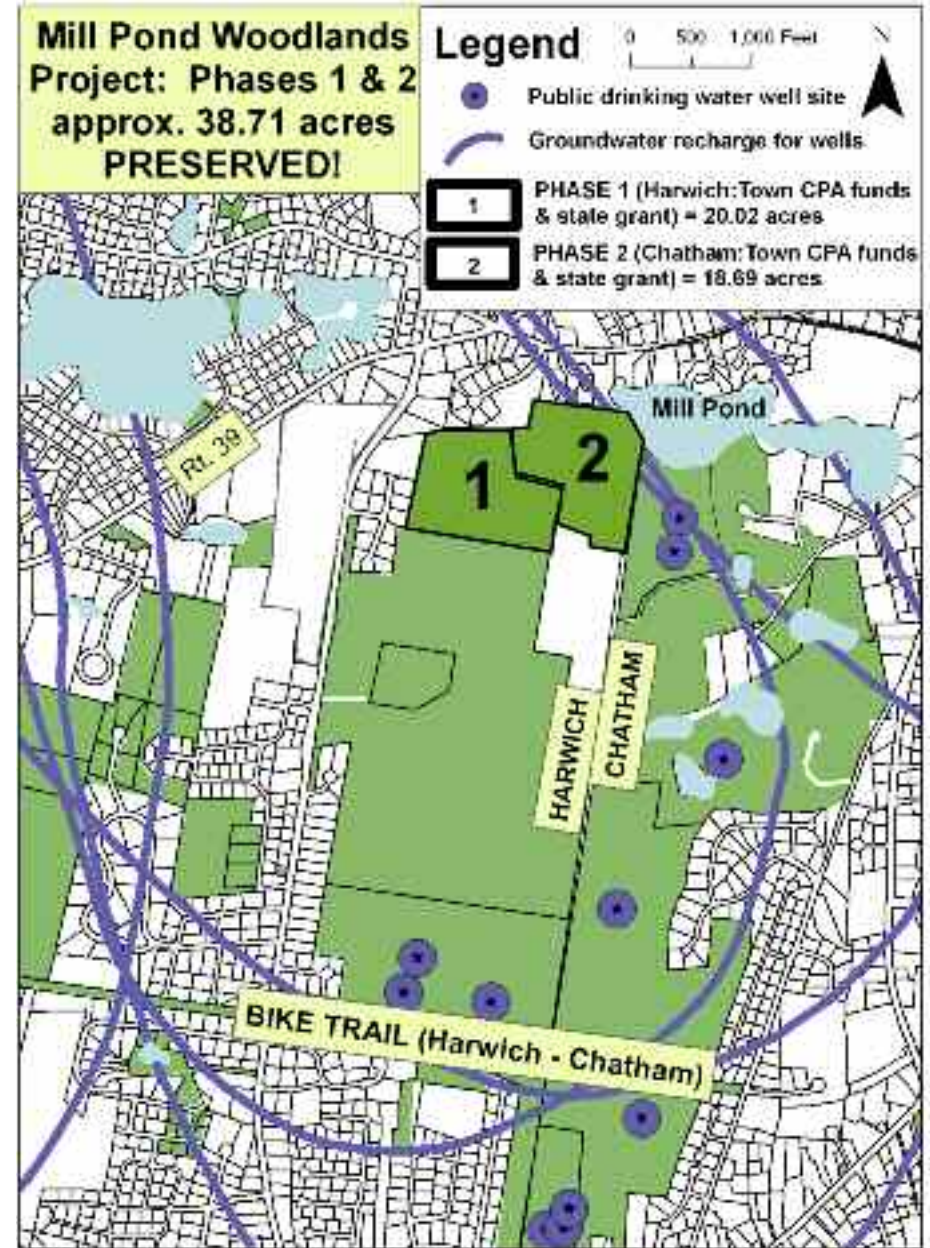
Thank you Emily, Molly, Logan, Trevor and Jarek. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Molly Davidson is a junior at Colgate University. She is a History major, a member of Delta Delta Delta, and on the cheerleading team. She enjoys running and going to the beach.



HCT interns and youth volunteers maintained trails like those at the D. Isabel Smith Monomoy River Conservation Lands.

Mill Pond Woodlands





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Potential New Land Project



Stephanie Foster

Imagine if we could save a piece of upland to protect the Herring River and wildlife . . .

as well as complete a walking trail loop around the Bell's Neck Conservation Lands/West Reservoir. Right now, the approximately 4-acre property is privately owned without public access, but if negotiations are successful, the Town may have the chance to purchase and preserve the strategically located land.

The Town, HCT, and landowners are in the preliminary stages of determining a purchase price. The Board of Selectmen and various

town committees are reviewing the project. The goal is to negotiate terms in time for placing an article on the May Town Meeting warrant.

West Reservoir and the Herring River are popular destinations for kayakers and fishermen while the forested trails around the reservoir attract hikers, joggers, and bird-watchers. The land provides more than 800 feet of shoreline on the West Reservoir, which flows into the Herring River via the herring ladder of Johnson's Flume.



Stephanie Foster



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Potential New Land Project



The property also borders the Town's Bell's Neck Conservation Lands on the south and the Cape Cod Rail Trail bikepath on the north. Therefore, if preserved, the land could complete a walking trail loop around the entire reservoir. Stay tuned for details as this project evolves.



Stephanie Foster