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HCT's Mission

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



Conservationist of the Year Award

The Conservationist of the Year Award is given annually to an individual, a group, or business that actively helps to protect the woods, waters, and wildlife of Harwich. Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis.

PAST RECIPIENTS:

2005: Anne & Joe Welch
2006: Barbara & Charles Birdsey
2007: AmeriCorps
2008: Wequassett
2009: Harwich Natural Resources Department
2010: Local newspapers
2011: Rita Root and family

The Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank will be HCT's 2012 Conservationist of the Year Award recipient at HCT's Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 11th.

The Cape and Islands Senior Environment Corps will be honored with HCT's EverGreen Group Volunteer Award. The Individual Volunteer Award will go to Al Boragine for the many hours he has dedicated to HCT.

Mark November 11th on your calendar and RSVP soon. Details can be found on page 3. Join us in celebrating our honorees and HCT's recent successes. Listen to our featured speakers and enjoy the hospitality of Wequassett.



Nancy Viall Shoemaker

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

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.

Ways to Give:

- Membership donations, memorials/dedications, year-end gifts (see 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.
Thank you for helping us save special places.



Green Heron photo by Elliott Carr

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In Memory of Nathalie G. Dutra
Antoinette Perkins

In Memory of Mary W. Dwyer
Pete & Donna Peterson

In Memory of Philip S. Eagan
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In Memory of Kevin Leete
Anne Leete

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In Memory of Midas
Frank & Barbara Gillis

In Memory of Robert Miller
John & Louise Greene

In Memory of Charles F. Palmer
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In Memory of Martha & Paul Peavy
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In Memory of Fire Chief Robert Peterson
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In Memory of Elizabeth L. Pring
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In Memory of Smith & Kelly Families
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In Honor of The Noble Spirit
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In Honor of the Marriage of Bob & Judy Valchuis
Bob & Patti Smith

In Honor of Blair & Anne Wormer
Jeanne LaPierre & Paul Keary



Mission Wolf - LIVE WOLF PROGRAM

Friday, October 19th

TWO SHOWS: 5 pm and 7 pm

Saturday, October 20th

ONE SHOW: 10 am

\$10 for ages 12 - adult \$5 for ages 5 - 11
(under age five cannot attend)



Special Limited Seating Show
Thursday, October 18th
Special 6:30 pm show

Limited to 75 guests EVERY SEAT IS A FRONT ROW SEAT!
\$100/person (under age five cannot attend)

Reserve in advance at **www.HarwichConservationTrust.org**
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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*

HCT's ANNUAL CELEBRATION & MEETING

WEQUASSETT ON PLEASANT BAY

Sunday, November 11th, 4:30-6:30 pm

Featured Speakers are Woods Hole Research Center's
Eric Davidson, CEO, and Tom Stone, Senior Researcher

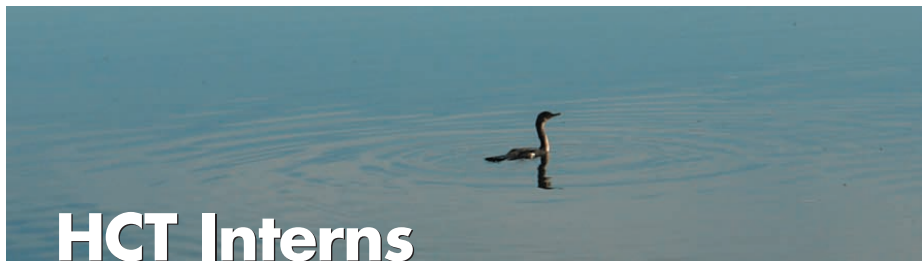
— Losing Cape Cod / Saving Cape Cod —
Mapping Land Saved & Developed • Future Sea Level Rise

Annual Awards Ceremony follows
including HCT's Conservationist of the Year

RSVP by Nov. 7th for this free event

Call HCT at 508-432-3997 or email: hct@cape.com





HCT Interns

Summer College Interns Help HCT



HCT college interns (left to right): Nathaniel Blichmann, Hannah Rusch, Laura Simmons-Stern, Peter Bolte

In the fall of 2011, HCT staff started planning for a new ambitious summer internship program. The goals were to expand our stewardship program as well as enhance office efficiency by utilizing the skills college students from around the northeast were learning in their classes. The next generation of conservation professionals rose to the challenge. Four volunteer college interns joined HCT during the 2012 summer season.

"The relationship was symbiotic", explained HCT's Outreach and Stewardship Coordinator Ryan Mann. HCT supported the program by providing housing for the four interns, a gas stipend, extensive training on the ecology of Cape Cod and hands-on experience working with a local non-profit. The interns exceeded all expectations. "We were so impressed with these four young people", Mann added.



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The Sisters

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In Memory of Judd J. Corbett

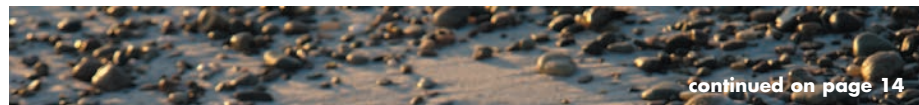
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HCT Interns

The hard work and dedication of the interns helped bring HCT closer to the goal of reaching \$1,000,000 in savings from volunteer service by our 25th anniversary (2013). The four interns completed a total of 935 hours of service for HCT at an estimated value of over \$25,000 based on www.independentsector.org volunteer labor value per hour. Here are some highlights:

- Led 24 free walks for the public.
- Led 3 youth volunteers two days a week performing various stewardship projects.
- Performed bi-weekly trailhead checks at locations listed in the new town-wide trail guide.
- Removed invasive plants at 13 HCT sites.
- Organized and outfitted the HCT garage with workbenches and volunteer friendly tools.
- Assisted during our summer Birds of Prey Show.
- Led groups of students over two days during the 4th annual visit of the Providence Day School.
- Removed 17,000 lbs of debris and invasive plant material from Harwich conservation lands.
- Monitored the HCT eel ramp several days a week and cleaned the ramp on Tuesdays.



RIGHT:
Peter Bolte uses
a pole saw to
help manage
damaged trees
on HCT lands.



HCT Interns

N. Shoemaker

Summer College Interns Help HCT (cont'd)



Community Relations Intern

Laura Simmons-Stern grew up in Needham, Massachusetts, and is now a junior at Connecticut College. She is majoring in Environmental Studies with minors in Anthropology and Psychology. She is on the American Cancer Society's National Scout Team and Co-chair of the New England Collegiate Task Force for the Relay For Life. She recently returned from developing a sustainable water sanitation business in Ghana and hopes to continue non-profit work in the future.



Non-Profit Management Intern

Peter Bolte grew up in Belmont, Massachusetts and is a junior at Hobart & William Smith Colleges, currently pursuing his degree in Psychology. Peter enjoys spending time outdoors and engages in a wide array of extracurricular activities including biking and hiking, and is a member of the Hobart varsity lacrosse team. Having spent time on Cape Cod while growing up, Peter was thrilled to join HCT.



Land Stewardship Intern

Nathaniel Blichmann grew up in Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, and is a senior at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is majoring in biology with minors in chemistry and environmental science. In his free time, Nathaniel enjoys reading fiction, running, and hiking.



Land Stewardship Intern

Hannah Rusch is a junior at the State University of New York College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry, in Syracuse, NY. She is majoring in Conservation Biology, and plans to pursue a graduate degree in marine and coastal sciences. Interning at HCT provided valuable insight and training in the field of natural resource conservation on Cape Cod, where she hopes to live and work.

With the overwhelming success of this program, HCT has decided to continue the program in the summer of 2013. We look forward to meeting and working with more conservationists of the next generation.

Do you know someone who would be interested in joining HCT's Summer Internship Program?

Learn more at www.HarwichConservationTrust.org

Applicants can email a resume and cover letter to hctryan@cape.com.



N. Shoemaker

Land Protection

Seminar: October 13th

The new **State Income Tax Credit** for land conservation has become a popular option for landowners. Join us for a free informational seminar on Saturday, October 13th at 9:30 am to learn about this tax credit (up to \$50,000!) that can result when preserving eligible land with your local land trust.

In summary, eligible landowners could have their state income tax wiped out for the year. In addition, the state will issue a check for the difference between this year's tax and \$50,000 or 50% of the appraised value, whichever is less. You do not need to reside in Massachusetts or even pay taxes here, as long as you own the land and the land qualifies, you qualify.

Three Harwich landowners are working right now with HCT to preserve their lands and benefit from the tax credit. If you can't make the seminar, then email or call Exec. Dir. Mike Lach for more info.

FREE INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR

on the new state income tax credit

WHEN

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U.S. EPA Honors HCT

On April 25, 2012 at Boston's historic Faneuil Hall, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) New England Region honored HCT with an Environmental Merit Award for HCT's leadership in forging public-private partnerships and creating the Save Land – Save Water Initiative to preserve critical lands that protect water resources.

Most recently, HCT led the 38.7-acre Mill Pond Woodlands Project in which Town Meeting voters of Harwich and Chatham agreed to save the land in order to protect the public drinking

water supply for eleven well sites serving approx. 20,000 households across both towns. After state grants, the net cost to each town was less than \$13,000 per buildable acre in Community Preservation Act dollars, meaning that the funding did not compete with other town needs like schools, roadway maintenance, emergency services or other important projects.

Visit HCT's website, www.HarwichConservationTrust.org, to learn more about other HCT awards.



HCT Staff

Jane Harvey joins HCT

Here's her story:

Like many people who relocate to the Cape, I visited as a child, with early memories running deep. I spent summers in Cotuit from the time I was five to twelve years old with my parents and my six siblings from Syracuse, New York.

In 1999, I returned to Cotuit with my own family, renting a house each summer thereafter until 2005. After our sons, Ryan, 24, and Christopher, 23, went off to college, we decided to sell our now-too-big house in Holliston and move here permanently.

After leading fundraising and development with the Natick Organic Community Farm and with Barnstable Land Trust, it was important to me that I stay connected to the land. The position with HCT as Director of Development was just what I was looking for.



Why was it so important for us to move here? My family claims that Four Seas Ice Cream was the draw. But after many long walks, peaceful car rides along scenic roads, and calming natural vistas, the lure of the Cape became clear. I cherish our ocean, beaches, wildlife, wetlands, and the charm of our Cape Cod villages.

HCT's mission of "preserving land to protect woods, water, wildlife and our shared quality of life" is one I wholeheartedly support. I am passionate about saving special places and thrilled to work in this beautiful community. I look forward to having the pleasure of meeting all of you.

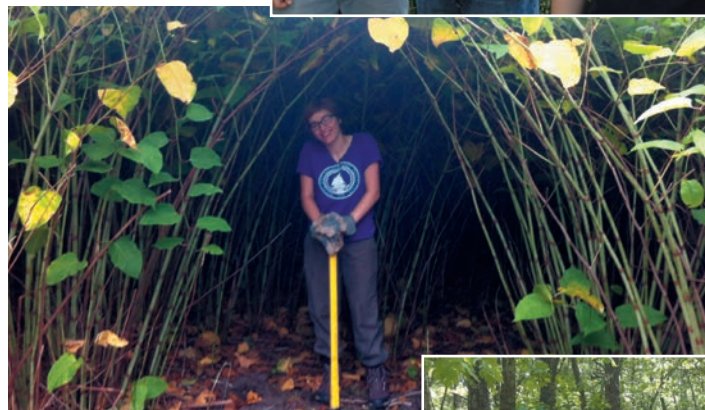


Stephanie Foster



HCT Interns & Volunteers

RIGHT: HCT college intern Nathaniel Blichmann with HCT youth volunteers (left to right): Trevor Ridley; Holly Gallant; and Anna George



LEFT: HCT college intern Hannah Rusch working on invasive Japanese knotweed

RIGHT: Nathaniel and Hannah help to remove old debris from an abandoned car in the Mill Pond Woodlands.





Trails and Technology

Mike Lach

Maps Go Mobile

This past summer HCT released the 3rd edition of its very popular Walking & Bicycle Trail Guide. The newest version includes some interesting features like the "mobile maps" that can be downloaded to your smartphone, iPad or other mobile device.

HCT has placed square bar codes at each trailhead kiosk as well as on the cover of its Trail Guide. You can scan the bar codes with a smartphone, iPad



or other mobile device to download trail maps directly from HCT's website.

If using this novel approach to navigation is new to you, no problem. HCT's website and Trail Guide have directions to get you started.

The new Trail Guide also features the paved bicycle trails that run east-west and north-south across town. The bike trail and bike safety additions were advocated by Dick Thomas, the recent past Chair of the Harwich Bikeways Committee.

Dean Knight, Chair of the Town of Harwich Conservation Commission, suggested that the new mobile bar code technology could have a useful application at trailheads around town. HCT created the new town-wide trail guide in consultation with the Town Trail Committee and Town Bikeways Committee.

"When we redesigned the website, we incorporated the bar code concept by linking it to a user-friendly 'Trails' page where visitors can easily down-

load maps. The result is that people with smartphones and other mobile devices can scan the bar code on the Trail Guide cover and zip right to the webpage with maps to each conservation destination. They can also visit most trailhead kiosks, scan the bar code and zip to a trail map for that specific site. We hope folks enjoy this new feature to experience the outdoors in a new way," said Michael Lach, HCT Executive Director.

"People should really be taking advantage of the technology that's available. You get caught up in the day-to-day and can miss opportunities like this. HCT's mobile device feature enhances the user experience. We print for a lot of nonprofits, and I can't think of a single one that's using that mobile device bar code," said Kevin York, Vice-President of On-Cape Lithographers, a division of Print Synergy Solutions, which prints the HCT Trail Guide.

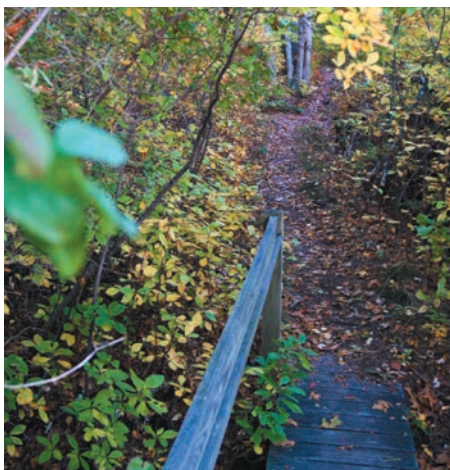


photo by Vince DeWitt

Find trails like this one across a footbridge at HCT's Coy's Brook Woodlands.



Mike Lach

Trails and Technology



Stephanie Foster

HCT's 12-acre A. Janet DeFulvio Wildlife Sanctuary Boardwalk can be found to the east of this scenic vista off the Route 28 Herring River Bridge. A trail map is available at HCT's website: www.HarwichConservationTrust.org.

To learn how to download trail maps to your smartphone, just click the "Trails" link at HCT's website, www.harwichconservationtrust.org. If you're using the paper copy Trail Guide, just turn to page 24 and follow the steps to download the bar code reader application (app). Happy Trails!



Scan this bar code with your smartphone and zip right to trail maps on HCT's website.

HCT interns and youth volunteers maintained trails like those at the D. Isabel Smith Monomoy River Conservation Lands. The kiosk has a smartphone bar code for accessing a web-based trail map.