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Help Build the Nest to Preserve the Land that You Love

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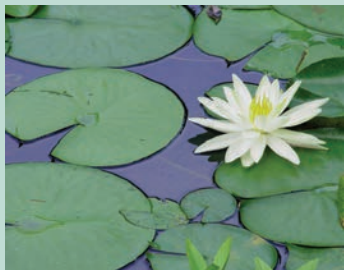
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HCT's Mission

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



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Visit www.HarwichConservationTrust.org
for updates on HCT's wild happenings
from walks & talks to land stewardship
and land-saving success to innovative
volunteer citizen science projects.

17-Acre Muddy Creek Headwaters Project



Once natural land is gone, it's gone forever. That's why Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT) proactively pursues the last, best natural lands that if preserved, can help protect water resources, wildlife habitat, scenic views, and many more environmental elements that create your rare Cape Cod quality of life. Your support of HCT's land-saving work is so important and truly makes a difference for both land and water. And now we may have a chance to save another threatened landscape.

Preserving land to protect Pleasant Bay continues to be a top priority for HCT and aligns well with HCT's overarching Save Land-Save Water Initiative. The goal of the Save Land-Save Water Initiative is simple, but significant. HCT seeks to preserve priority watershed properties that can help protect water resources including bays, harbors, ponds, and our fragile drinking water aquifer.

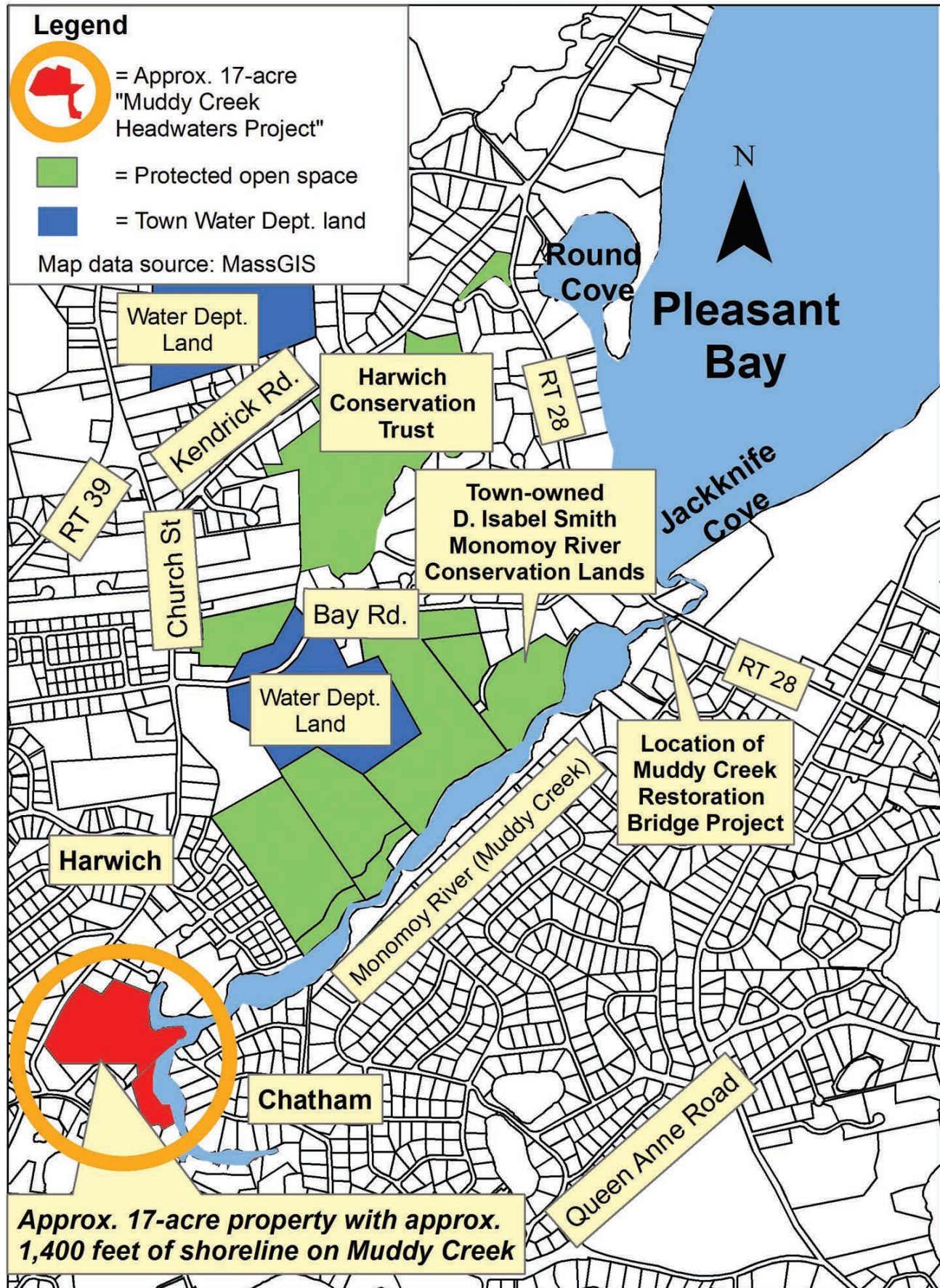
Since 2004, HCT has been in discussions with the Marini family of East Harwich to purchase and preserve the family's 17 acres at the headwaters of Muddy Creek, which is bordered by both Harwich and Chatham. Muddy Creek (also called Monomoy River) flows into Pleasant Bay under Rt. 28 at Jackknife Cove. Muddy Creek has probably been studied more than any other sub-embayment of Pleasant Bay, especially in support of the large-scale water quality improvement project called the "Muddy Creek Bridge & Salt Marsh Restoration Project." The goal of the bridge project is to restore full tidal flow back and forth beneath Rt. 28 and is scheduled for completion by this summer.

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Photos by Janet DiMattia

17-Acre Muddy Creek Headwaters Project (continued)



17-Acre Muddy Creek Headwaters Project (continued)

Upstream of the new bridge, the 17 acres could be converted into 12 lots that would generate more traffic, wastewater, and habitat destruction for wildlife living in the property's forest, meadow, and wetland habitats, including 1,400 feet of shoreline on Muddy Creek. It makes sense to preserve this property to protect Muddy Creek and Pleasant Bay.

The 17-acre property was most recently listed for sale at \$1.55 million. HCT is still in discussions with the Marini family about a potential purchase price. However, once a purchase price is firmed up, HCT has committed to raising the lion's share of funds supplemented by a town contribution explained in Article #38 of the upcoming May Town Meeting Warrant.

In summary, if Article #38 is approved by voters at the Harwich Annual Town Meeting on May 2nd, then the town's contribution would be \$500,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. HCT would own the land and the town would own a conservation restriction over the land. Article #38 also includes an additional \$300,000 to be raised by HCT for a total figure of \$800,000 in the article, thereby enabling the Town to apply for a state grant. But ultimately, the Town's maximum contribution under Article #38 would be \$500,000. Again, there is not yet an agreed upon purchase price with the Marini family, and the land was recently listed for sale at \$1.55 million. The vote on May 2nd is an important step on the path to preserving this land.



**Please vote YES
on Article #38
at the May 2nd
Annual Town Meeting
held in the Harwich
Community Center gym
at 7:00 p.m.**



Photos (top to bottom):
red-tailed hawk
belted kingfisher
great blue heron
by Janet DiMattia

17-Acre Muddy Creek Headwaters Project (continued)

Reasons to purchase and preserve the 17-acre landscape on Muddy Creek:

- ✓ Preserve approx. 1,400 feet of Muddy Creek shoreline, thereby protecting the scenic view that will be enjoyed by the public using non-motorized watercraft (i.e. kayak, canoe) after the tidal restoration/bridge project is completed at Rt. 28.
- ✓ Preserve forested upland and meadow for a walking trail loop in East Harwich on the border with Chatham.
- ✓ Protect the water quality of Muddy Creek and Pleasant Bay which provide critical habitats for a variety of resident and migratory wildlife species, including river herring and American eel.
- ✓ Preserve land within Priority Habitat for Rare Species (i.e. the geographic extent for state-listed rare species) as designated by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP).
- ✓ Preserve land within NHESP Estimated Habitat for Rare Wildlife (i.e. based on occurrences of rare wetland wildlife observed within the last 25 years and documented in the NHESP database).
- ✓ Preserve land mapped by the Statewide Land Conservation Plan.
- ✓ Preserve potential archeological significance.
- ✓ Preserve natural resources consistent with goals set forth in the town's Open Space & Recreation Plan and the Barnstable County Regional Policy Plan.

For more information or to support the 17-acre Muddy Creek Headwaters Project, please contact HCT Executive Director Michael Lach at 508-432-3997 or email hct@cape.com.

Save the Dates!

Annual Town Meeting • Monday, May 2nd



Harwich Voters: please vote YES on Article #38

Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Harwich Community Center Gym

VOTE YES to authorize \$500,000 in Town Community Preservation Act funds.

Help preserve 17 acres to protect Muddy Creek and Pleasant Bay.

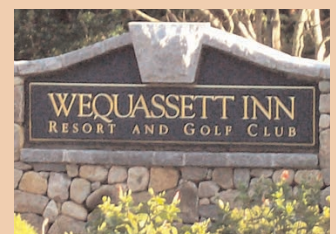
HCT's ANNUAL CELEBRATION & MEETING

WEQUASSETT ON PLEASANT BAY

Monday, August 1st, 4:30-6:30 pm

Honor HCT's Conservationist of the Year
Learn about vernal pools from featured speaker
Dr. Maureen Ryan, Ph.D.

**Space is limited, RSVP by July 20th
by emailing: hctevents@gmail.com**



Hall Conservation Land Completes 'Emerald Necklace'

By sometime this summer, hikers will be able to walk the entire shore around the scenic West Reservoir, thanks to the purchase of a waterfront tract from the Hall family.

Harwich Conservation Trust Executive Director Michael Lach said the purchase completes an “emerald necklace” of undeveloped land that includes the Bell's Neck conservation area to the south and east, and the Cape Cod Rail Trail on the north side.

“It's the last four waterfront acres on the entire West Reservoir,” Lach said. The 4.1-acre parcel has more than 800 feet of shoreline on the tranquil waterway, popular with fishermen and canoeists, as well as a resident pair of swans.



Alan Hall & Mike Lach photo by Alan Pollock

Using Community Preservation Act funds approved by voters at last year's annual town meeting, the town finalized the purchase of the property in February, with support from the Harwich Conservation Trust. The final purchase price was \$630,000. The land won't be ready for public access for at least several months, Lach said. A trail through the new land will be linked to the 184 acres of town-owned conservation land to the south, and to the bike trail in the north.



Sunset photo by Stephanie Foster

The four acres are ecologically important and support the town's conservation management plan goals, officials say. It's also central to the history of the Hall family and to the town of Harwich.

“It's a beautiful piece of property. I grew up there,” said Alan Hall, who helped broker the deal on behalf of his father, Arthur H. Hall Sr., his mother, Carolyn C. Hall, and his brothers, Arthur H. Hall Jr. and Aaron L. Hall. The family is retaining its 18-acre homestead next to the conservation tract, but wanted to ensure that the waterfront land remained protected from development.

In researching the history of the land, the family discovered that it retained deeded rights to access and improve the unpaved cart ways that crisscross both their property and the town's conservation land.

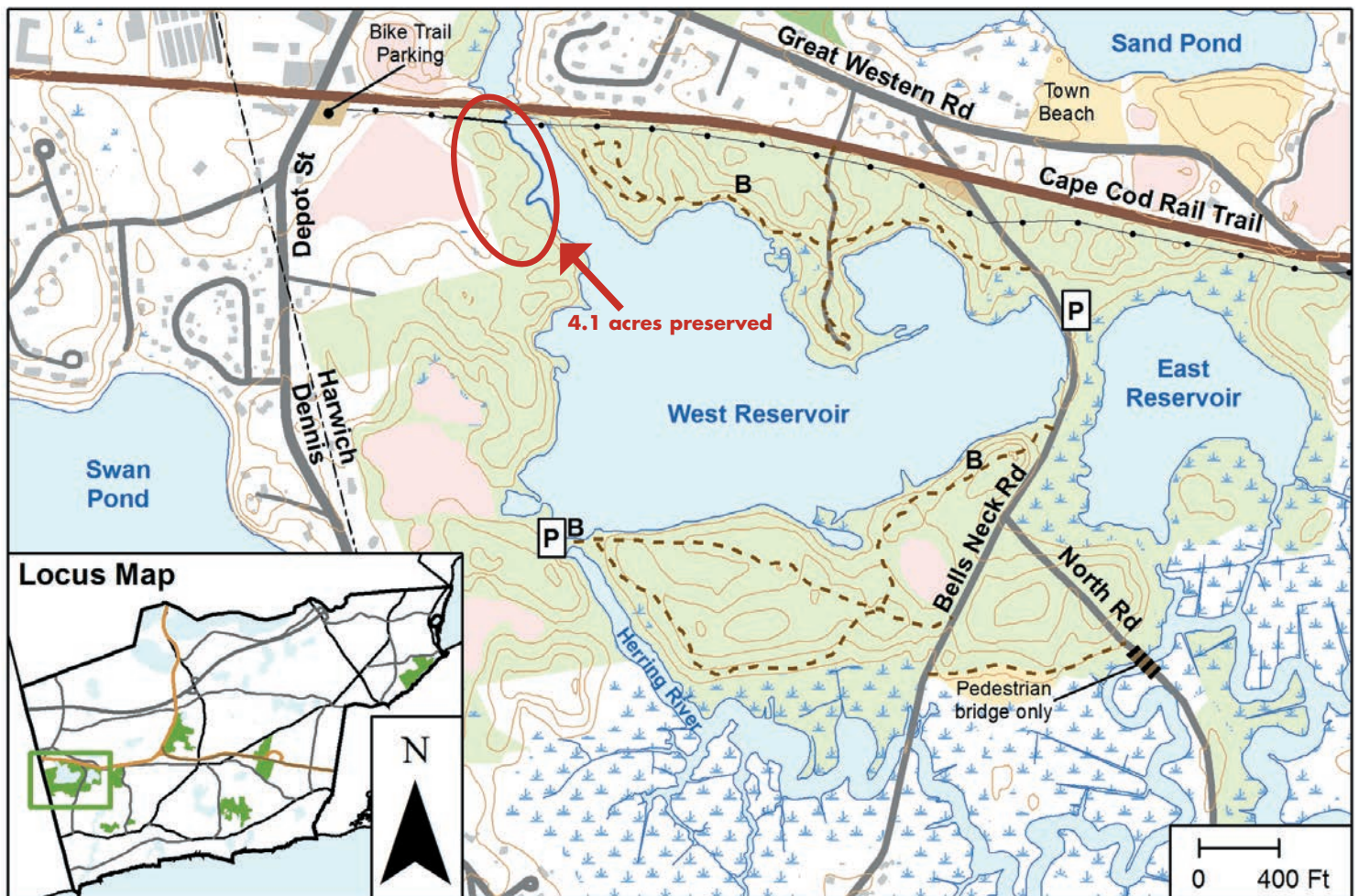
“Being good neighbors and being good citizens of the town of Harwich, and being local folks here for 14 generations, my father and my brothers, we thought that it would be in our best interest and the best for the town to release our rights as a donation,” Hall told the Board of Selectmen. If the entire 22-acre tract had been broken into house lots, all of the owners would have had claim to the easement, he said. Signing over the rights to use the cart paths was “the right thing to do,” Hall said.

The land around the West Reservoir is scenic and environmentally important, but it's also rich with history, Hall said.

“The reservoir was put in place in 1925 by Marcus L. Urann,” the founder of Ocean Spray cranberries, Hall told the selectmen. The inventor of canned cranberry sauce, Urann bought up many tracts of land around the Cape, including the land around Bell's Neck, for cranberry farming. Damming the Herring River at Johnson's Flume, Urann created the West Reservoir, raising the water levels for more convenient use to flood the adjacent bogs. The East Reservoir, on the opposite side of Bell's Neck Road, “was also a cranberry bog, and that got wiped out in a hurricane in 1938,” Hall said.

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'Emerald Necklace' (continued)



Hall's grandfather, John Emulous Hall, purchased the land in 1957 and used it for cranberry farming and for herring seining. The Hall family still harvests cranberries from some of the bogs on the property.

In its heyday, the neighborhood was an important one for Harwich. The train station was a hub of activity, and a key jumping-off point for vacationers headed for the Belmont Inn. The area was home to the giant cranberry screening house, now a self-storage business, and a tipple where the train would unload its cargo of coal to trucks below. The concrete abutments for the tipple can still be seen next to the rail trail.

Alan Hall said it took many years for his family members to agree on the best plan for the future of the land, and, in truth, his grandfather probably wouldn't have approved of the sale to the town.

"He was a hard man," his grandson quipped to selectmen. But John Hall loved the land, spending long days working the bogs, and trudging to the top of a small hill overlooking the reservoir to eat his lunch. The hill is now owned by the town.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Peter Hughes thanked Hall and his family for granting the rights to the cart paths, and for working with the town to preserve the four acres.

"We're all really thrilled that it came to a successful conclusion," Hughes said. "You certainly are a credit to this community." The town will erect some kind of sign letting visitors to the land know about the Halls' generosity, he said. The open space is a treasure, "and it's going to be here long after all of us are gone," Hughes said.

Story courtesy of Alan Pollock and The Cape Cod Chronicle

Help Build the Nest: Preserve the Land that You Love

Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT) is embarking on an exciting, new initiative – a long-term fundraising endeavor called Help Build the Nest. This endeavor will help ensure HCT's ability to save and steward land over time.

Because our Cape Cod quality of life is at risk from too much development, HCT believes that saving land is smart, practical, and necessary for all of us and future generations. We are dedicated to land preservation, land stewardship, and community education. We ask you to stand with us through time, to help us build HCT's nest of land-saving resources.

To help us build the nest, we've created an inviting, educational brochure describing four different giving opportunities:

Annual Gift:

Consider increasing your annual giving

Bequest:

Plan a legacy gift through your will with a bequest to HCT

Endowment:

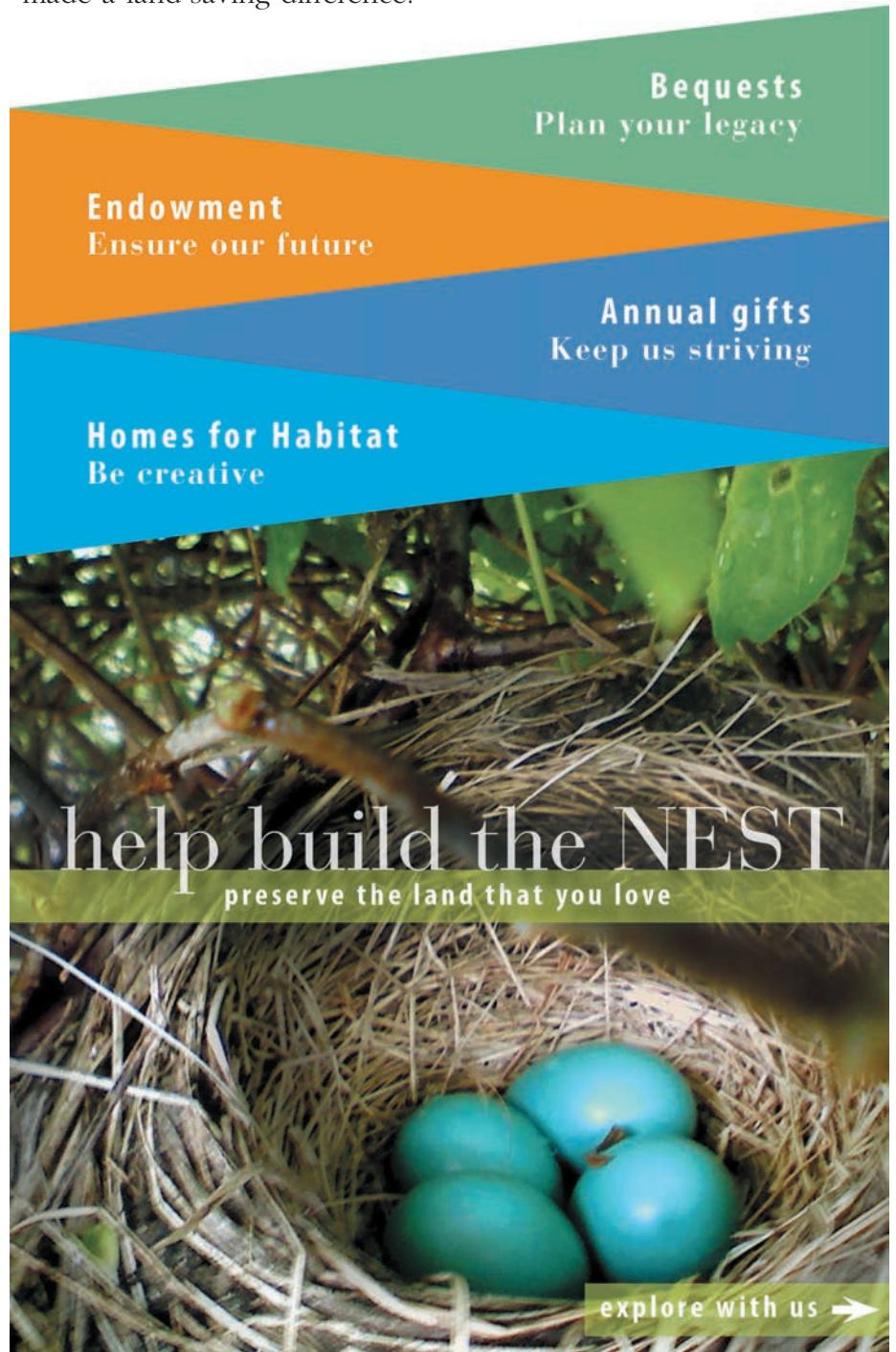
Help ensure the permanent preservation of land

Homes for Habitat:

Innovatively create a significant land-saving source of funds

**If you would like a copy of HCT's
"Help Build The Nest" brochure
(brochure cover pictured below), please email HCT
Executive Director Michael Lach at hct@cape.com.**

Meanwhile enjoy the following story about HCT member Patrick Otton to learn how HCT's "Homes for Habitat" program has already made a land-saving difference.



Help Build the Nest: Preserve the Land that You Love (continued)

Patrick Otton makes a land-saving difference with HCT's Homes for Habitat

By Susanna Graham-Pye

Cape Cod's winter woods possess a rough, remarkable beauty. Pale sage-colored fruticose lichen, wispy and delicate, softens bare oak branches angled against the cold white sky. Other lichen of the crustose variety look sponge-painted in splotchy hues of vibrant ochre on rocks that jut out of the leaf litter.

Here and there white pines, rich with green needles, fight for purchase in a forest increasingly dominated by white, black, and red oaks.

"I love it out here," says Patrick Otton as he walks the woods of his house lot that is next to the undulating 49 acres of open space (Pleasant Bay Woodlands) recently protected by Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT). Otton was one of many people who helped preserve the land. His contribution, about which he is modest, was a unique one. When it looked as though the remaining funds necessary to preserve the land might not be raised, Otton offered his house and land which about the 49 acres, as motivation to potential contributors. His offer added both value and acreage to the preservation effort.

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Patrick Otton and his dog Sky, photo by Gus Romano

Help Build the Nest: Preserve the Land that You Love (continued)

For his dog, Sky, all this is beside the point as he pauses to nose through a blanket of leaves at the base of a scrub pine and tries to pick up the scent of who or what may have passed before him. Sky happily resumes his purposeful trot amongst the trees with Otton in tow.

“Who was here?” Otton asks the dog, who gives his tail a short wag of acknowledgement. “Coyote maybe? Skunk?”

“Doesn’t he just look happy,” Otton says of Sky. The dog does look happy as does Otton.

Otton grew up in Michigan on Lake Huron. He spent his childhood playing, hiking and exploring the forests there. He has always loved the outdoors, though for many years his life offered less time to enjoy it as he does today. He stops and looks into the woods of the neighboring 49 acres. “Can you imagine if this were all a subdivision? Houses and roads? I can’t.”

After two years of putting away restoring his cottage, Otton “officially” moved into the home situated on an acre of land on Kendrick Road in East Harwich. The house was sold as a “tear down,” he says, quickly noting that “tear down just isn’t his style.” He’s been renovating the place himself, using as much from the original structure as he can.

In addition to his passion for the out-of-doors and nature, Otton’s other great love is abundantly clear around the house: boats, big and small, fill his yard.

“I always wanted to work on boats,” he says. “But my parents insisted I have a ‘real’ job.”

And so, Otton got a degree in electrical engineering and for years worked designing industrial controls. He admits with a laugh, he lived two lives: one in the official workplace, the other as woodworker whose favorite projects involved messing around with boats.

In 1992, the opportunity to work on the U.S.S. Constitution presented itself and Otton seized it. He worked as a shipwright in documentation and as historian as well as archivist. The work so piqued his interest that he earned a Masters in Library Science and worked in the “library realm.”

Otton says he reached a point where he knew he didn’t want a life where boats were always on the back burner, so he moved from the Boston area to the Cape. Here his first job was with Arey’s Pond Boatyard. Now he works at Karl’s Boats in Harwich. He’s an avid sailor and kayaker, and also helps coach Nauset High School’s rowing team.

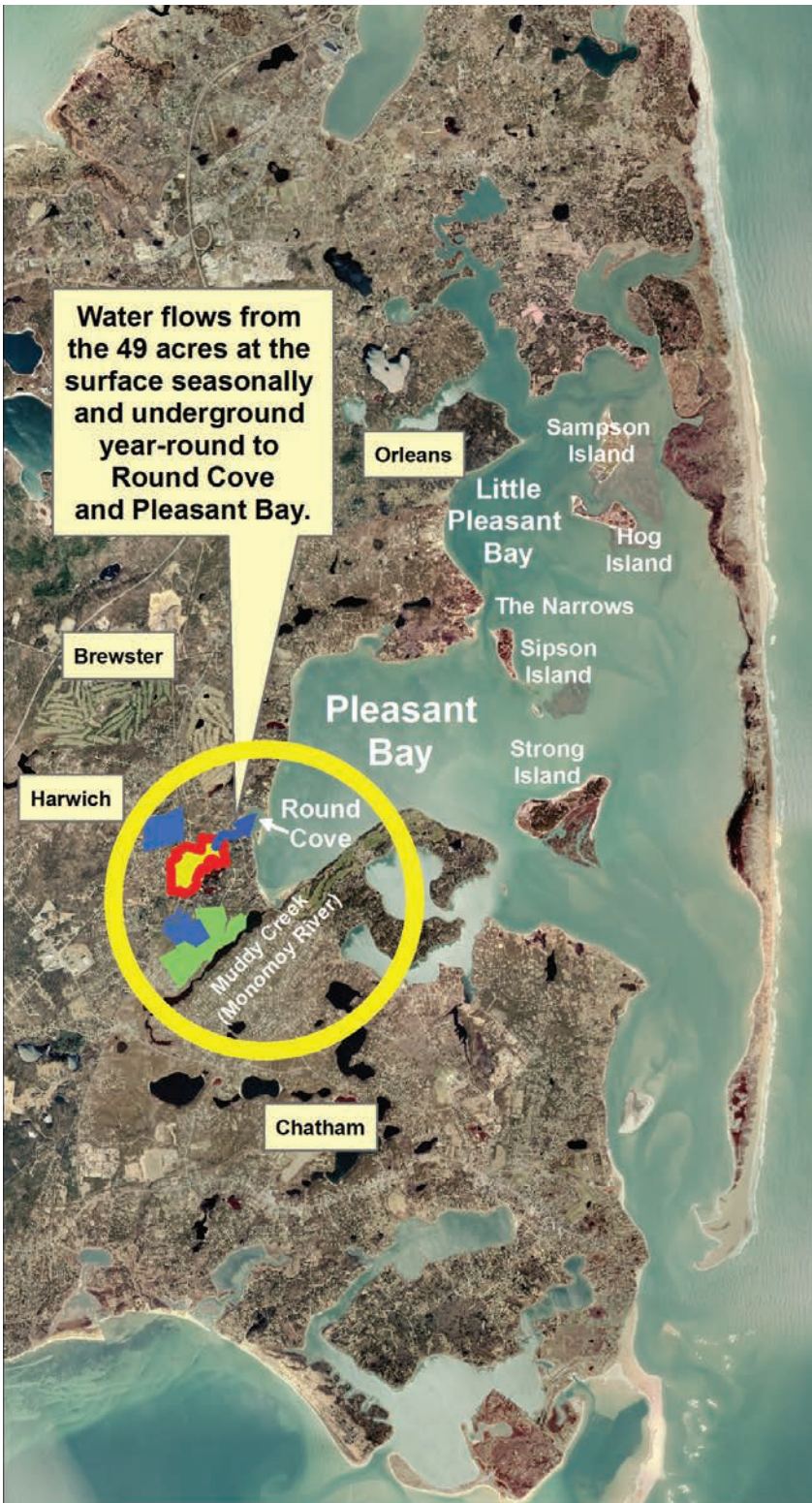
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American crow photo by Janet DiMattia

Help Build the Nest: Preserve the Land that You Love (continued)

As he walks, occasionally stopping to let Sky enjoy a woodland scent (Sky's blond fur is quite green in places when he rolled in seaweed during an earlier beach visit elsewhere), Otton ponders the problems so many Cape residents do - at what point of build-out does Cape Cod cease to be the place so many love? At what point does the Cape's character completely change? How many homes can the land bear? Ultimately, he says, "Open space preservation is one of the few tools left, if not the only tool."



When Otton purchased his tear-down and land, HCT's "Pleasant Bay Challenge" to preserve the 49-acre landscape was underway (see map at left). This parcel was the largest piece of undeveloped, unprotected land in the four-town, 21,000-acre Pleasant Bay Watershed. The focus of conservation and preservation efforts for decades, Pleasant Bay and its surrounding watershed were designated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern by the state in 1989.

For years, the 49-acre parcel topped the most wanted list for the Harwich Conservation Trust.

Finally, and coincidentally during HCT's 25th Anniversary Year in 2013, the stars aligned to launch a two-year fundraising goal of \$3.6 million in order to purchase and preserve the land. HCT partnered with three anonymous families, The John T. Ryan, Jr. Memorial Foundation, Wequassett Resort, and Friends of Pleasant Bay to create the Pleasant Bay Challenge of \$1.8 million to attract another \$1.8 million from the community in matching funds with hopes of reaching the \$3.6 million goal.

Over the following months, many did indeed contribute matching funds, and yet as the deadline loomed in August 2014, a shortfall of \$500,000 remained. Otton notes, there was a definite sense of urgency to preserve the land that could help protect water resources. HCT Executive Director Michael Lach agrees.

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Help Build the Nest: Preserve the Land that You Love (continued)

“The land is critical to protecting water quality in the Pleasant Bay Watershed because it’s perched just 1,000 feet back from Round Cove, so groundwater flows toward the estuary, which is already impaired owing to surrounding development with septic systems and consequent nitrogen-loading,” Lach says. “Preservation of the property also helped to protect the quality of Harwich’s drinking water as the property lies within the recharge zone to public water supply wells that provide approximately 31% of the town’s drinking water to nearly 10,000 households.”

With the majestic power of the Atlantic drawing our attention out toward the sea, it is, at times, easy to forget the forest. The diverse habitats are used by resident and migratory wildlife for foraging, nesting, and sheltering. The habitat edge between the wooded uplands and wetlands attracts a variety of bird species. The land hosts vernal pools that harbor sensitive species which are otherwise unable to survive. The Eastern box turtle, a Species of Special Concern in Massachusetts, has been observed in the vicinity.



Box turtle photo by Janet DiMatteo

As the clock ticked on summer fundraising efforts, Otton said he wanted to help in some way. He decided to offer up his new home and land, which abuts the 49 acres.

“Patrick’s contribution was unique in that he inspired land-saving support for the 49-acres through planned giving,” Lach said. Otton has a reserved life estate, which means he will continue to live in his home until he passes away, at which point HCT will receive his gift of woody land and home.

“During the campaign’s final fundraising event, we shared the great news that Patrick would donate his land and home to HCT if everyone in the room could help us raise the final \$500,000 needed to save the 49 acres,” Lach said. “There were smiles all around and donors dug deep to raise the final amount.”

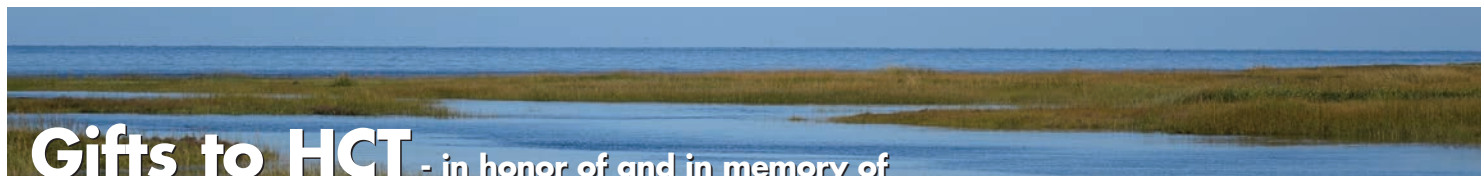
Lach calls Otton “a salt-of-the-earth guy with a quiet manner, big heart, and deep appreciation for HCT’s land-saving work.”

More about HCT’s “Homes for Habitat” Program

Patrick’s forward-thinking gift of land and home to HCT has become part of a new initiative started by HCT, called “Homes for Habitat.” For some folks, giving their home to HCT makes sense either as a gift during their lifetime, through a bequest in their will, or in Patrick’s case through a reserved life estate. By gifting your house, you enable HCT to: raise funds by leasing, raise funds by selling, provide housing for HCT staff/interns, or someday restore natural habitat by removing the house. When HCT fully receives Patrick’s house gift, HCT will have the option of leasing the house, providing housing for HCT staff/interns that could steward the neighboring 49 acres, or restoring the land. Flexibility is the key to this new and innovative way of making a land-saving difference.



Green heron photo by Janet DiMatteo



Nancy Vail Shoemaker

Gifts to HCT - in honor of and in memory of

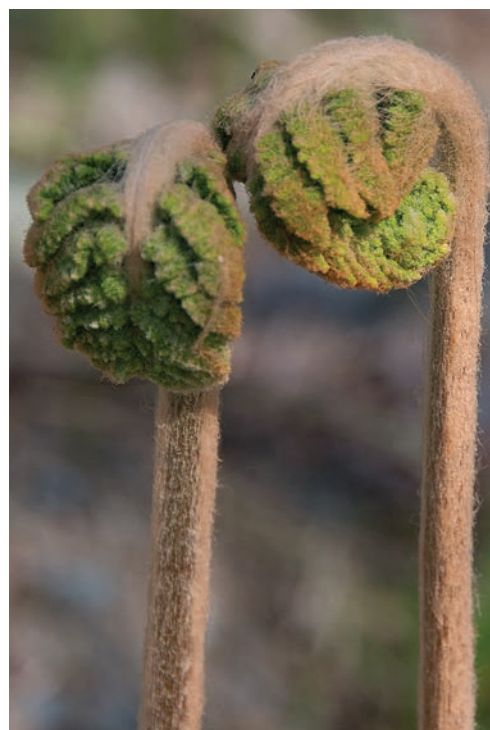
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Clark and Harriet Alvord
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Fiddleheads photo by Janet DiMatteo

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Andrea Aldrovandi

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In Honor of HCT Volunteers
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In Honor of Mother Nature
Judith Baker

**In Honor of Aunt Donna
and Pete (Peterson)**
Garin and Crystal Casaleggio

In Honor of Nancy Roberts
Julie and Vincent Kraft



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AmeriCorps and HCT



In partnership with the Town of Harwich Conservation Department HCT is pleased to host AmeriCorps Cape Cod member David Ushakow two days each week from Oct. 2015 to

July 2016. He is 25 years old, and originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 2009, he left the cold winters of the Midwest for sunnier skies and a higher elevation at the University of Colorado in Boulder (300 days of sunshine per year at 5,430 feet). While he was there, he was a proud member of the Golden Buffalo Marching Band on cymbals for four years and the University Concert Band for three years playing percussion. In the summer of 2013, he participated in the Native American and Pacific Islander Research Experience in Costa Rica. He conducted a population survey on the fishes at the Las Cruces Biological Station and assisted many of his colleagues with their various research projects. Upon returning to the States, he completed the final year of his degree in Environmental Studies, and received his diploma in 2014.



As a member of AmeriCorps Cape Cod, he serves in Harwich with both HCT and the town. As part of this placement, he monitors conservation lands in Harwich, assists with the herring

count, helps plan Tour de Trash (the town-wide clean-up happening April 30), and helps with many other projects that may come up. "HCT and the town have been an awesome AmeriCorps placement, thanks to the wonderful people I work with here. Overall, I enjoy living on the Cape and being a member of AmeriCorps, and I look forward to the final four months of my AmeriCorps term," said Dave, enthusiastically.



About AmeriCorps Cape Cod

Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod (ACC) is a full-time residential service program committed to addressing the environmental and disaster related needs of Cape Cod and its fragile natural resources. Each year, up to 32 service-minded adults commit 11 months to responding to the needs of the community through hands-on service focused on Natural Resource Management (Land & Water Conservation), Disaster Preparedness and Response, Environmental and Community Education, and Volunteer Engagement.

Longstanding partnerships with the Cape Cod National Seashore (US National Park Service), the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, the American Red Cross, the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee, Cape Cod land trusts, and a large network of nonprofit organizations and municipal and county departments allow members to provide high-quality service to the 15 towns of Cape Cod.

Learn more at

www.americorpscapedoc.org



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