From the President

Over 75 people gathered for the Cumberland Land Trust’s 25th Anniversary dinner and annual meeting held September 26th at Our Lady of Fatima.

In presenting an overview of its accomplishments, Cumberland Land Trust (CLT) President Randy Tuomisto reported that the volunteer organization has protected 340 acres of land and is actively considering additional acquisitions.

Guest speaker Rupert Friday, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Land Trust Council, spoke about the importance of protecting special places in our communities for both current and future generations. He praised the CLT for its work and highlighted the value to the public of the outdoor recreational opportunities provided by CLT preserves.

Awards presented
- David Gumbley, Meritorious Service Award
- Frank Matta, Meritorious Service Award
- Joanne Speroni-Woody, Volunteer Service Award
- Pawtucket Water Supply Board, Partner Serv. Award

Randy presents Meritorious Service Award To past board member Dave Gumbley.

The Rhode Island Land Trust Council's mission is to foster a sustainable land conservation movement in Rhode Island by supporting the missions and operations of land trusts and providing a forum for their effective cooperation.
Donor appreciation certificate and plaque
Grant H. Gray Memorial Bequest 1924-2013 $25,000

New 2013-14 Greenways Endowment members
William and Helen Austin
Joseph and Patricia Dias
In Memory of Roland Plasse, by Rita Plasse
In Memory of Grant H. Gray
James and Sally Terry
Michael and Eleanor Bonnor

The last part of the event was special entertainment provided by Kim Oakes, Cris Medina and DJ Peter Parenteau. The rest of the event story is in pictures.

Randy Tuomisto, President

Mayor Dan McKee presents 25th Anniversary Proclamation from the Town of Cumberland to the Cumberland Land Trust.

President Tuomisto presents Partner Service Award to Bill Masuck, Chairman of Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB). The PWSB has been a partner with the CLT on four acquisitions that permanently protected land within the watersheds of drinking water reservoirs that supply both Cumberland and Pawtucket residents.
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The Cumberland Land Trust is especially grateful to our sponsors of the 25th Anniversary Dinner whose contributions made this special celebration possible. Your support is truly appreciated. Thank You!
Joe Pailthorpe talks about the newly created CLT Land Legacy Book compiled to provide in one place a profile of each of the 25 acquisitions made over the last 25 years. The profiles recognize the landowners who have donated or sold their property to the CLT. Sixteen of the 25 acquisitions involved donations of land. The total assessed value of the 25 properties is about $2.5 million. Over the years, through grants and member contributions the CLT paid out $1.6 million to complete these acquisitions. With land acquisition a continuing major focus of activity, the CLT looks forward to adding new pages to the Land Legacy Book in the coming year.

Welcome New Members
Brenda Viscone and Ryan Patrick
Our apology for their omission from our June newsletter.

Mayor-elect Bill Murray enjoying the evening!

Kim sings to Joe Amaral

State Representative Mia Ackerman presents a Proclamation from the R I House of Representatives to Randy and Joe

State Senator Ryan Pearson also attended. Both the Senator Pearson and Representative Ackerman provided R I Legislative grants for Land Trust Stewardship projects.

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