**From the President**

From the President: New and improved Website

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website www.cumberlandlandtrust.org. Our website has been long due for an overhaul, and working with the Valley Breeze, the team has done a wonderful job of reinvigorating the look and feel, but most importantly, the content of the website. The site’s homepage welcomes visitors with a clean uncluttered design with featured content focused on our mission to provide visitors with the most accurate and up-to-date land trust information.

The website will be updated with new content on a regular basis, with news of events, land holdings and brochures. We will be encouraging our visitors to contact us through the website and sign up for our newsletter.

Please take a moment and navigate through our new website. If you have any questions or comments regarding the content, please feel free to email us.

Randy Tuomisto, President

Congratulations to Eddie Kwiatkowski and Charlie Trudeau, members of Troop 1, Arnold Mills on attaining the highest rank in Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout

Consulting Service Grant

The R I Land Trust Council’s Land Trust Excellence Committee selected the Cumberland Land Trust to receive consulting support from Connie Manes, Esq. who has a contract with the national Land Trust Alliance, of which we are an affiliated member. Connie will be reviewing all our land records and documentation policies for proper and secure retention. The administrative service grant has a value of $5,000.
Employers and management experts say no other youthful achievement carries the same clout as the simple notation that an applicant earned scouting's top rank. Eagle Scout tells a company that you are a giving person, that you have a sense of commitment, that you're a community leader and that you are a team player. Eagle candidates must track their income and expenditures for three months and plan, budget and supervise a community-service project. Only 2 percent of the boys who put on the khaki scout uniform persevere through the ranks to earn the Eagle award. Also, Eagle candidates must earn 21 such merit badges, half of them compulsory and continually refocused to include practical and modern skills such as citizenship, personal management and communications.

Both Eagle Scout projects involved the Cumberland Land Trust Outdoor Environmental Educational Center and property on Scott Road. Eddie led a group of fellow scouts on mapping out and marking a 3 mile hiking trail system, installing map boxes, clearing brush and updating 2 educational brochures.

Charlie led his team of scouts in building a one piece picnic table and two benches. Previously there was no seating area for meetings or for people going on a hike on the land trust trails. Congratulations to both Eagle Scouts on providing leadership all the way through to the completion of the projects!

Stewardship Grants - $2,000.

The Land Trust received two legislative grants from Senator Ryan Pearson and Representative Mia Ackerman. Stewardship of our properties is the second part of our mission of preserving land in perpetuity. These types of grants allow for a higher percentage of your donations to be applied to land acquisitions. Project objective is increased trail use.

Ryan Pearson grant of $1,000 has been used to purchase equipment so that our volunteers and Board members do not have to use their own personal equipment. We have purchased:

- Heavy duty lawnmower for trail head maintenance.
- Brush cutter for trail work.
- Heavy duty loppers for trail work.
- Weed Wrench, for uprooting invasive trees and bushes.

Mia Ackerman grant of $1,000 will be used to upgrade our trail head signage for tremendous improvement in visibility to encourage higher public trail usage.

- New larger signs with improved wording (2).
- Two Dogwood trees, Angell Road.
- Materials for new post/canopy for Atlantic White Cedar Swamp on Nate Whipple Hwy.

See new sign picture, page 4.
LAND LEGACY SOCIETY DONORS 2012-2013

The 7.5 acre Belliveau Reservoir property - Acquired November 29, 2012

With Gratitude and Appreciation to all our Legacy Donors

$1,500
Arthur and Michele Dunn

$1,000
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FUNDING SUMMARY

Total $33,287
Donations listed $10,140
Reserve Funds $6,504
* PWSB $16,643

*Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB) 50% matching Grant - $16,643
[Acquired from: Ronald and Sandra Belliveau, Lincoln, RI]

2nd ANNUAL LAND TRUST DAYS, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 9AM to noon

Like last year we will gather at our Outdoor Environmental Educational Center on Scott Road. This event is for all ages and will include guided hikes at nearby Blue Bird Meadow along with a workshop on birds. More details will be posted on our website.
Welcome New Members

Franklyn & Roberta Cook
Joseph & Nancy Mazza
Robert & Jane Duhamel Ray Pado
David & Kathleen Laverty Matt Putnam & Rebecca Randall &
Raymond & Eileen Mandeville William Nakshian
Stephen & Lynn Vaudry
James Wright

EVENT DATES: TO SAVE

Volunteers for Beetle Study, July 27th
R.I. Land Trust Days hike, Sept. 21st
Annual meeting, Saturday, October 19th
Annual Wine Tasting, Friday, November 15th

As an ongoing effort to save Rhode Island's trees and forest resources, we need your help. Please mark your calendars and join us for the following events:

- **Volunteers for Beetle Study, July 27th**: Help detect early signs of the Asian longhorned beetle to prevent it from becoming a major problem.
- **R.I. Land Trust Days hike, Sept. 21st**: Enjoy a hike while supporting local conservation efforts.
- **Annual meeting, Saturday, October 19th**: Join us for an update on our conservation projects and meet fellow members.
- **Annual Wine Tasting, Friday, November 15th**: Relish in a wine tasting event while supporting our cause.

More details will be posted on the website Events Tab.

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The Asian long horned beetle affects hardwood shade trees such as maple, ash, birch, willow and elm by boring into the core of the tree and eventually killing it. The beetle, which ranges from ¾ to 1 and 1/4 inches with a long black and white antennae and a glossy black body with irregular white spots, has the potential of wiping out thousands of the state's trees if it goes undetected.

The purpose of the survey is to detect the beetle before it has a chance to become a major problem.

Details: [www.cumberlandleandtrust.org](http://www.cumberlandleandtrust.org)

RSVP by July 22 to cynthia.kwolek@dem.ri.gov.

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Our new look.

This is one of three signs being constructed. Sign will be installed on Nate Whipple Highway by the time this newsletter is mailed.

Angell Road new sign completed and installed. Old sign was 18 years old.

3rd sign for Scott Road is on order.

Two new signs have been doubled in size and are now two sided and facing traffic.

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