From the President

Legislative wrap-up

This was the first year since 2005 that none of the RI Land Trust Council’s legislative agenda was approved by the General Assembly. Overview:

- A $53 million “Clean Water, Open Space, and Healthy Communities” Bond was approved and will be on the November ballot for voter approval. The bond does include $3 million for the state’s farmland protection program and $4 million in funding for Local Recreation Grants (to municipalities). However, the Bond does not include any funding for Local Open Space Grants or the RIDEM Land Acquisition program. State land trusts contacted their representatives in the House asking for their support for a floor amendment during the House budget debate to re-insert the $3 million in funding for Local Open Space Grants; back in the Bond (as proposed by the Governor). While, the amendment was not approved, we would like to thank Representatives Karen MacBeth and James McLauglin for their support.

- The legislation initiated by RI Land Trust Council to increase penalties for “encroachment” on protected lands passed the House but was never scheduled for a vote in the Senate where it died in committee.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership support is at an all-time low!

Our annual membership support form is included in this mailing. Over the last several years our membership donations have declined significantly from an annual high of $13,444 in 2007 to last year’s low of $5,803. Some members have not made any donations in recent years, so we would very much appreciate it if you could get back to supporting our great organization.

We ask for donations twice a year for membership and annual appeal. Some members give to one, some to both and some have not donated in a while, so please consider the Land Trust with your charitable assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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25 Years, 25 properties acquired

25th Anniversary Celebration Sept. 26th

Since 1989 we have been serving the community with a very meaningful land preservation program. As of this date we have acquired 25 properties, some donated, some at bargain sale and some at full appraised value - all significant.

This year’s annual meeting will be a special celebration of this great milestone. It will be held on Friday, September 26th at Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall. A special RSVP mailing will be sent out in August.

This will be a sponsor-based event, if you are interested in supporting with a donation. The Sponsor form is posted on our Website Events page.

Pictured below is the Nate Whipple Highway “Atlantic White Cedar Swamp”. Three acquired parcels along Nate Whipple total 151 acres.
Planned Giving Program

Receive your free informative brochure about charitable bequests...see how endowed funds can perpetuate your values forever.

The Greenways Endowment Fund established in 2007 with two donations of $500 each has now grown to $108,657. Thanks to our 86 donors the Land Trust is now receiving an annual legacy nearing $4,000 yearly to support our land mission.

A legacy bequest of $25,000 was received earlier this year from the estate of Grant H. Gray* a long time member of the Land Trust. Grant passed away on October 29, 2013 at the age of 90. Grant is survived by his wife Barbara and two children. The board of directors voted to apply the donation as a legacy to our mission in the following manner: $2,500, 2013 Land Legacy acquisition of the Amaral/Kleber property; $7,500 Greenways Endowment Fund; $15,000 towards future acquisitions for matching fund donations.

The Land Trust is very grateful and honored that Mr. Gray provided this legacy investment in some of Cumberland’s most beautiful preserved lands.

* see page 3

Joe Pailthorpe, Chairperson
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New Acquisitions coming soon

3 properties under sales agreements.

Three properties with sales agreements as well as four others are in various stages of planning and negotiation. The acquisition committee of Randy Tuomisto, Joe Pailthorpe, and Frank Matta has been very busy pursuing opportunities that will benefit our membership and the town.

Properties range in size and acreage, but all are significant and strategic. Properties range from donations to bargain sales to market value purchases. We are expecting up to $48,000 in grants to assist in one of our acquisitions, hopefully in the next 4 months. The picture below is from the site of a planned acquisition of forested wetlands and large pond

Stewardship Grants - $2,000.

Legislative Grants from Ackerman and Pearson

For a third year we have received $1,000 state grants from Senator Ryan Pearson and Representative Mia Ackerman. All these funds have been very useful for our property stewardship programs. This year we are also using some funds to upgrade our land records for added protection and storage.

With a trails grant of $3,000 3 years ago our non-acquisition grants add up to $9,000. That’s a good chunk of money that we do not have to use from our donor base which therefore can be used for our land acquisitions program. We are very grateful for the continued support of our legislators.

Valley Breeze conservation stories

Thanks to Writer/Editor Marcia Green

If you missed any of Marcia’s stories, you’re in luck! We are posting each of the series on our website. To date the following stories have been /will be published:

- June 19th Land Trust: Otis Smith/Rowbottom Preserve. 53 acres. Tour guide Randy Tuomisto
- June 26th Land Trust: High Rock Preserve. 72 acres. Tour guide Frank Matta.
- July 3rd Town’s Franklin Farm. 68 acres. Tour guides were Denise Mudge and Pam Trillo

Coming soon will be: The Town’s Blackall Preserve on Old W. Wrentham Road, 130 acres; Land Trust’s Atlantic White Cedar Swamp on Nate Whipple Hwy., 145 acres; the RI State and Town properties on Tower Hill Road, up to 1,000 acres +; and more.

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3rd Annual Land Trust Days

Saturday, September 6, 2014
Celebrate Land Trust Days with the Land Trust!

Come celebrate the 2014 Land Trust Days hosted by CLT. Join us at the High Rock Preserve Outdoor Educational Center on Scott Road for outdoor oriented family fun.

Beginning at 9 am, CLT will host an hour-long nature walk and scavenger hunt targeted for children under 13. Participants will be guided on an easy hike through the Blue Bird Trail and use their observation skills to locate items in our natural environment.

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LAND LEGACY SOCIETY DONORS 2013-2014

The 4.0 acre Amaral/Kleber Reservoir property - Acquired December 23, 2013

With Gratitude and Appreciation to all our Legacy Donors

$2,500
*In Memory of
Grant H. Gray

$1,500
Arthur and Michele Dunn

$1,000
Sharon Mullane & Bryan Jaeger

$500
Susan and David Bundy
Cumberland Conservation Commission
Irene Tuchapsky

$250-499
Frank & Suzanne Matta, Ill
Joe and Rachel Pailthorpe
Randy and Mary Tuomisto
Michael and Barbara Boday
Alice Clemente
Debra and Charlie Mitchell
Pauline Turenne

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Jack and Nina Sutherland
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Scott Welton
Selden Whitcomb
Rebecca Randall & Wm. Nakshian
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Manny and Anneken Terezakis
HK and WJ Austin
Theona Beauchemin
Marcel and Sharon Beausoleil
Katherine and David Dickinson
Dale and Phyllis Dobbins
Julie and William Guerin
Irene Hill
Anna and Stephen Hultquist
Joan Kelley
Paul LeBoeuf
Raymond and Eileen Mandeville
Julie Miller
Jason Mundy
Richard and Margaret Ratcliffe
**Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB) 50% matching Grant - $11,544
[Acquired from: Joe and Delores Amaral, Vi Kleber, Sons Daniel and Brad ]

8th Annual Wine Tasting
Friday,
November 14, 2014
Details will be posted in mid August
There will be opportunities to observe birds so bring your binoculars if you like!

The CLT is also planning a presentation about outdoor recreation. Check the website later this summer for more details on both events.

The CLT is a member of the RI Land Trust Council which coordinates the RI Land Trust Days program statewide. The purpose is to raise awareness about the important role land trusts play in their communities.

RILTC web: [www.rilandtrust.org/landtrustdays/](http://www.rilandtrust.org/landtrustdays/)

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**Welcome New Members**

Joe and Delores Amaral  
Karen and Mark Cabatingam  
Violet Kleber  
Roger Lavallee  
Steven and Joyce Mooney

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**Land Trust Days, September 21, 2013**

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**Rampant development at any cost does not make for a viable economy or a quality place to live and work. The public and voters of Rhode Island recognize this fact as shown by the high percentage of support for all past open space bonds. Some believe that land conservation costs money, because it removes land from the tax rolls. However, by striking a balance and preserving land for the public good it will reduce the costs for services that would have been necessary had that land been developed, resulting in a net savings to the community.**

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**Thanks for all that you do for land conservation.**

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Randy Tuomisto, President

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