A Legacy for the Landscape

Have you thought about how you might create a legacy that will reflect your commitment to GPMCT’s mission? No matter what your age is now, it’s not too early to begin planning to make a lasting gift to our landscape.

There are many ways to approach estate planning to benefit the Wildlands stewardship fund, to support the Trust in perpetuity, or to create or expand a special program for the Trust, including:

• A bequest through a will or codicil
• A gift of retirement plan assets
• A charitable lead or remainder trust
• A remainder gift or bargain sale of real estate
• A life insurance policy or beneficiary designation

In addition to possible income, gift, and estate tax benefits, some of these options may convert a low-yielding asset with high capital gains potential into a generous charitable gift that provides you or your family with income. And this year, there are special tax benefits associated with an IRA charitable rollover.

If these are new concepts to you, please be assured that the Trust can work with your legal or tax advisors to develop a plan. If you are interested in creating a lasting legacy to benefit Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, please contact: Marcia Gronewold Sly (207) 590–2677 or <marcia.sly@aol.com>.

Highlights of the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands Campaign

Thanks to the overwhelming outpouring of support from the community—people and institutions who care about the environment and about the region’s quality of life—since June 2005, Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust has:

• Purchased the 4,300-acre Wildlands and thus permanently secured an important open space in a region under intense development pressure.
• Re-opened the property for year-round recreational opportunities after it had been posted “No Trespassing” for more than a decade.
• Successfully completed the campaign to raise more than $2.8 million.
• Enlisted the financial support of more than 450 donors from Orland, Bucksport, Ellsworth, Blue Hill, Castine — and as far away as Israel.
• Received a $200,000 bequest for the stewardship endowment fund, which will provide for the long-term management of the property.

• Secured $5,000 for the Wildlands from the Town of Orland, voted in by the citizens at the 2007 town meeting.
• Competed successfully for a grant of $346,000 from the state’s Land for Maine’s Future program.
• Received funding from the Davis Conservation Fund, International Paper Co. Foundation, Fields Pond Foundation, Maine Community Foundation, Quimby Family Foundation, and the Betterment Fund, among others.
• Been designated “Nonprofit Organization of 2006” by the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.
• Recruited fifty volunteers who regularly meet to create and maintain trails, inventory the Wildlands’ special features, plan events, raise funds, and govern our land trust.
• Working with consulting ecologists, a forester, and volunteer teams, completed a comprehensive natural resources inventory and forest management plan.
• Met two challenge grants for a total of $150,000 from an anonymous, long-time area family.
Nearly 200 people gathered under a big white tent in the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands the afternoon of July 14 to celebrate the success of the Campaign for the Wildlands. Members and guests filled tables and children spilled out into the field to play as we held our annual meeting, board elections, an excellent dinner and volunteer awards. As of July, we’d reached 97% of our campaign goal of $2.86 million—enough to pay off our loan on the property. Hence the celebratory mood! Campaign Coordinator Marcia Sly reported on the Campaign’s progress. President David Gross held the annual meeting, and members elected three new faces to the board—George Schelling and Bill Larkin of Orland, and Paul Santavy of Ellsworth. Re-elected to a second three-year term were Brian Keegstra and Olga Lange of Brooksville.

Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by MacLeod’s Restaurant, with chicken donated by W.A. Bean & Co. and beans by Bob & Marsha Mushrall. For dessert, a Wildlands cake decorated by Cheri Domina and strawberries, courtesy of Silverridge Farm and our intrepid crew of strawberry pickers. Music was provided by Sean Mercer and friends—as well as the Wildlands Singers; views were courtesy of Mom Nature herself.

Our grand finale was the Volunteer Awards ceremony, recognizing those people who’ve gone above and beyond to make the Wildlands project such a success. There are many dozens of people who’ve served on committees and focus groups—those people were thanked by name by committee chairs at the meeting—and given candleholders made by KidsPeace. Many others have helped with our multitude of work crews on the property. The following volunteers, however, really stood out this year as giving their all—and we were able to give them limited edition woodcuts of Great Pond Mountain, courtesy of Brian Keegstra: Jane Crosen & Richard Washburn; David Gross; Mollie Heron; Ted Van Leer; Bob Mushrall; Brian Keegstra & Olga Lange; Curran Murphy; Carol Bennett; Jake Maier; Hans Krichels & KidsPeace; Jennifer Riefler; Scott Bennett; Colin Baker; Shawn Mercer; and George Macleod.

All volunteers received GPMCT Volunteer t-shirts courtesy of Mollie Heron. If you’re a volunteer and haven’t gotten a t-shirt, contact us at 469–7190 or greatpond@midmaine.com.

Wildlands Campaign Conclusion Celebrated

Nearly 200 people celebrated the success of the Wildlands Campaign at the 2007 Annual Meeting, held in the Wildlands, with food, music, laughter, and gratitude.
Dear Members and Friends,

Think back over the two years since we embarked on the imposing task of actually purchasing the Wildlands. What a remarkable journey! In the beginning, the challenge of raising such large sums seemed almost insurmountable, but with your steady work and enthusiastic support, we’ve come within 2 percent of our goal of raising $2.86 million. All of us who share the vision for the Wildlands can take great pride in this astonishing success.

Since the summer of 2005, the land trust has nearly tripled in membership and we have gained widespread support from people in all the communities in the area. Thanks in part to a number of great articles about the Wildlands in local papers, our land is gaining a reputation as a unique and truly special place among outdoor enthusiasts, local residents, foundations, and government agencies that support conservation work.

Now we are at a critical stage where we focus on stewardship of our land, including maintaining the roads, trails, and bridges, developing a sustainable forestry program, and increasing the opportunities for people to use the land. Our Board, volunteers, and Administrative Director, Cheri Domina, have been working hard on initiatives to repair roads, obtaining funding for trails and stewardship and, with the board and stewardship committee, developing plans for how we will use the land. The responsibility of taking care of the property has proved to be every bit as challenging as we had expected, and it has become clear that more funding and staff time will be needed if we are to manage the land effectively.

While we’re overjoyed to proclaim the Wildlands campaign a success, we know that this is also a starting point for a renewed effort to create a solid base of support for the ongoing work of the Trust. This means both maintaining a healthy level of annual operating funds and building an endowment that will ensure long-term stability for the organization. Please consider how you might stay involved—whether it’s through an additional gift at year’s end, or by making a pledge for continued support in 2008 and beyond, or by including GPMCT in your own plans for the future of your estate.

Your support will make a huge difference in determining the future of the landscape of Downeast Maine. Thank you for all you do to help preserve this very special place,

Colin Baker
Kent Price

Wildlands Campaign Co-Chairs
Great Pond Mountain Wildlands Campaign Gifts through September 2007

We are enormously grateful for the generous support of our many donors, and have made every effort to acknowledge gifts as donors wish to be recognized. We apologize for any errors or omissions. Thank you!

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Mollie Heron
Joe & Cheryl Jensen
Mary Offutt & Brian Clough
Nathaniel & Fay Page
John & Katie Parkinson
Deborah Puliam
Whit & Ellen Russell
Theodore & Susan Van Leer
Peter & Barbara Walton

BAR HILL ($10,000-24,999)
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Frank Best & Amy Thompson
Ordway Clifford
Douglas DeAngelis
Gerry & Marguerite Lenfest
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1 This is the beginning of a stewardship fund for the Wildlands. In addition to gifts secured through the Wildlands Campaign, GPMCT has been named as the beneficiary of two $100,000 bequests, designated for the stewardship fund.

2 Land management expenses include such major one-time expenses as a survey and appraisal (required by the Land for Maine’s Future grant program); a natural resource inventory; a forest management plan. The GPMCT board also approved allocation of campaign funds for real estate taxes and other land management expenses for the life of the campaign.

GPMCT Operating Budget June 1, 2006–May 31, 2007

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

- Grants received: 7,500.00
- Annual appeal: 4,257.50
- Membership revenue: 11,459.00
- Merchandise sales: 1,302.36
- Campaign allocation: 20,534.08
- Miscellaneous (events, etc.): 1,091.00

Total income: 46,143.94

Expense

Fundraising expenses

- Salaries & benefits: 2,985.50
- Office expenses: 1,054.96

Total fundraising expenses: 4,040.46

Program expenses

- Salaries & benefits: 7,463.81
- Land management: 8,760.86
- Natural resources inventory: 4,950.00
- Program development: 925.69
- Real estate tax: 6,503.54
- Legal fees: 1,335.26
- Communications & postage: 2,237.77
- Mileage: 319.68

Total program expenses: 32,496.61

Administrative expenses

- Salaries & benefits: 7,463.78
- Insurance: 4,325.00
- Accounting & payroll: 2,566.12
- Bank service charges & brokerage fees: 595.91
- Office expenses: 3,979.80
- Miscellaneous fees & dues: 900.00

Total administrative expenses: 19,830.61

Total expense: 56,367.68

Net ordinary income: – 10,223.74

Other income/expense

- Interest income: 9,231.34
- Dividends: 2,766.32
- Investment gains/losses: 72.25

Total other income: 12,069.91

Net income: 1,846.17

Ways to Give

Did you know that by giving just $83 per month, you can make a significant gift of $1,000 to GPMCT’s annual operations? Spreading your gift out over a period of time is a relatively painless way to make a big difference in the Trust’s cash flow. Whether it’s $5 a month, a planned gift for the Wildlands stewardship reserve, or a gift of appreciated securities, your support is vital to the future of the organization. See our website, www.greatpondtrust.org, or phone GPMCT at (207) 469–7190 for information and assistance.