



# PECONIC LAND TRUST NEWSLETTER

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Photo: Dutch Redmond

## Cassidy Preserve

In 1997, the Trust received a gift of 23 acres of tidal wetlands in Greenport on the North Fork. This acreage is part of a 58-acre conservation effort undertaken by members of the Cassidy family who had farmed the property bordering Hashamomuck Pond for many decades. At one point, the family made the decision to sell their property and a 19-lot standard subdivision was planned. However, the project was never completed, and the family sought alternatives. They approached the Peconic Land Trust in 1995 and the Trust assisted them with the creation of a concept plan that would not only help them realize the equity in the land, but also provide a conservation component to enable them to protect the

land. The plan created for the family was a relatively simple 3-lot subdivision that included a 2-acre residential lot, a 33-acre farmland parcel, and a 23-acre wetlands area. The Trust coordinated the sale of development rights on 95% of the 33 agricultural acres to the Town of Southold, thereby protecting it and reducing property taxes.

The remaining 23 acres, given to the Trust as a preserve in late 1997, are wetlands that Suffolk County designated as a dredge spoil area in 1963. This wetland area is adjacent to Mill Creek, one of the Town of Southold's most productive shellfishing sites. As the new owner of the Preserve, the Trust has embarked on a wetlands restoration project (see accompanying article) to partially

reverse the dredge spoil fill of the early 1960s. This work is being coordinated by Chris Pickerell, wetlands specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, and will contribute significantly to restoring a productive wetland and thereby a healthier bay system.

In working with the Trust, the Cassidy family was able to realize its goal of protecting their land without compromising their financial considerations. Their gift of "Cassidy Preserve" is a charitable gift and can be used, if qualified, to reduce the family's ordinary income tax and to offset the capital gains tax on the sale of development rights on the farm acreage.

## Wetlands Restoration

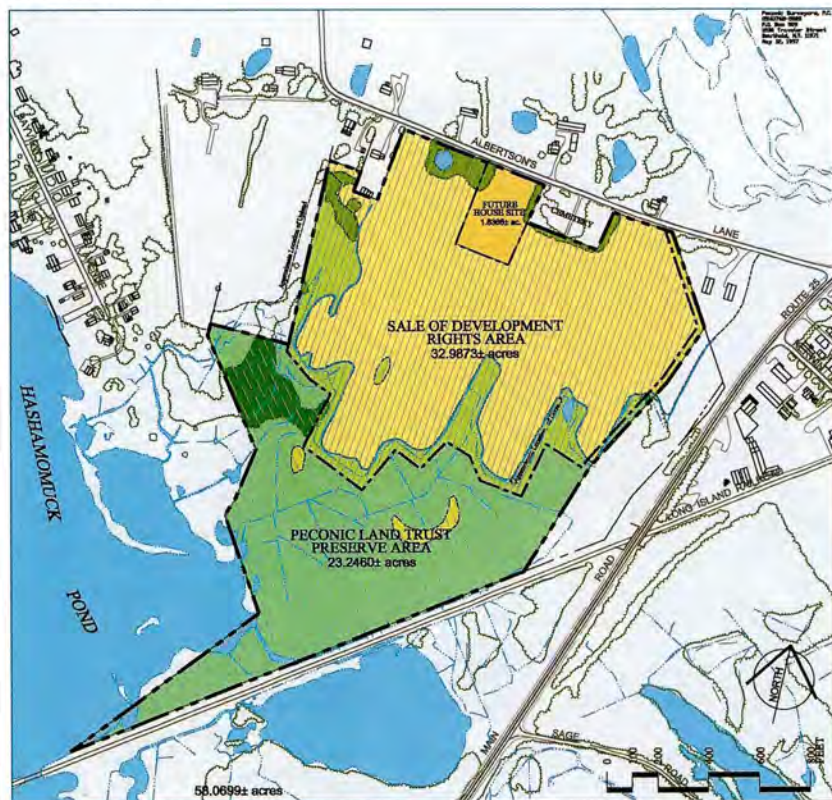
The Trust views conservation as an ongoing process that includes long-term stewardship and proper management of the land it has protected. The Cassidy family's gift of "Cassidy Preserve" was an opportunity for the Trust to implement a wetlands restoration project on the site. The following is an excerpt from the Trust's management plan prepared by Chris Pickerell.

Hashamomuck Pond supports a considerable population of wintering waterfowl and is the most productive hard clam bed in the Town of Southold. In 1963, Suffolk County dredged the entrance to the Pond and deposited the spoils on the marsh, filling a tidal creek system on the northeastern shore (see cover photo). The parcel includes salt marsh, successional maritime forest and dredge spoil area. High quality, estuarine high and low marsh habitat currently occupies one third of the area. Fortunately, the depth of fill is shallow and the fact that there is a source of tidal water immediately adjacent to the spoil area makes this site an excellent candidate for restoration. Hydrology of the marsh is dominated by manmade mosquito ditches which predate the dredging in the early 1960s. A site survey from 1963 indicates that the filled area was once a tidal creek with surrounding high marsh meadow. Unaltered, this site poses a significant mosquito breeding habitat and offers little in the way of wildlife habitat.

The main focus of our restoration effort is the creation of low marsh and tidal pond habitat. The topography and hydrology of the site will be restored so that it appears as it did prior to the original disturbance. The goal is to create conditions suitable for growth of smooth cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*); once the cordgrass is established, other functions will follow. The proposed site plan will take advantage of the existing ditching to bring tidal waters to new ponds within the spoil area. The presence of peat, as well as considerable clay, will allow the ponds to be constructed so that they retain enough water to support the growth of widgeon grass (*Ruppia maritima*).

Small-scale plantings of smooth cordgrass will be undertaken to stabilize the banks of the ditch extension and portions of the Pond shore where erosion is expected. The newly created low marsh habitat will be allowed to vegetate naturally and the depth and salinity of water will prevent the common reed from re-colonizing.

Monitoring by Trust staff, including Mr. Pickerell, will involve visiting the site twice monthly during the growing season to record tidal elevations and observe erosion and plant growth. This procedure will be followed for two years to ensure that the project is a success.



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### CONCEPT PLAN



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*Concept Plan map created by Conservation Advisors details the wetlands preserve area, the protected farmland acreage, and the 1.8-acre residential lot. The Cassidy family is looking for a buyer for the farmland acreage.*

*The following letter was received from Graham Hawks, former Executive Director of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust following a winter visit to Quail Hill Preserve. It is printed here with his permission.*

Thank you so much for taking the time last week out of your busy schedules to visit with me and involve me with the work you are doing. I appreciated your kindness very much. It is mind boggling to embrace exactly all the good work you have done and are doing on Long Island.

But the importance of it was brought home to me as I walked around Quail Hill very early that morning and that afternoon as Scott drove me through the fields. To my conscious mind came a flood of feelings from the time I was a ten year old boy spending summer periods in the Hamptons.

Sure, the place has changed dramatically since the times of my boyhood visits over 32 years ago. But as my conscious and unconscious mind merged during my visit, I was recollecting past memories because they were suddenly grounded in the present--memories that would have been left memories if that land had not been protected. The feelings were one because the land was still there, ancient lands, remnants of glacial moraines that simply have a right to exist.

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You are preserving the very essence of life and a way of life on this island. You are preserving the right of this land to exist for its intrinsic value, not just for us, but for the planet as a whole. The farm itself is such an important way to relate to the land, in the way we were meant to—through an intimate relationship—one where we are constantly reminded of our dependency upon creation to sustain us and, in turn, our responsibility to treat the land so we don't fundamentally alter its capacity to continue to sustain us. Our burden as *homo sapiens* is we constantly need that reminder, that intimacy, in order to be stewards with the creation and not domination over it.

Quail Hill provides people with the opportunity to have such a vanishing, intimate relationship: to dig in the earth with one's hand, feel its living grit between one's fingers, the taste and smell of it in the fruit and vegetables grown in it, and therein celebrate the bounty creation provides for all of us.

Hopefully, all of you in the Peconic Land Trust office find the time amidst all that you have to do to protect the land to appreciate it. I, for one say, "Thank you" and Godspeed to you in your continued good works.

# Montauk's Startup Ranch

Owners of Startup Ranch since the 1950s, the Star family began their ranch with one race horse that they initially stabled at Deep Hollow Stables. Eventually, their stable grew to 45 horses and their ranch also expanded to accommodate them. Startup colts were trained in Montauk for several months and then sent to the track. Startup horses won races at many famous tracks including Aqueduct, Saratoga and Belmont. The Peconic Land Trust has been working with the Star family since 1996.

After Dr. Star's death in 1987, Mrs. Star found good homes for her horses. She also took on the task of passing her equity to her daughters through the use of a Family Limited Partnership and a qualified Personal Residence Trust. As the family began the process of subdividing a 12+ acre property, they approached Peconic Land Trust for assistance. After meeting with the family and their advisors, the Trust understood the family's goals and recommended that they consider using conservation easements to reduce their estate tax and capital gains liability.

We proceeded with an analysis of the natural features of the property (soils, slopes, existing structures and vegetation, agricultural aspects and scenic vistas) within the context of the current regulations.

This analysis was the basis upon which a plan was developed to meet the family's goals and needs. Because the family intends to live adjacent to this property in the previously subdivided area, and because they wish to preserve the equestrian and scenic integrity of the property, we provided specific slope analysis for various lots and the impact of their development on the surrounding parcels. This exercise assisted the family in determining the portions of the property that needed to be protected at all costs, and the areas that were most suitable for future development. The open space area was designed for continued use as horse paddock and pasture for the main house and barn, assuring that the pristine maintenance of the land would continue. Adjacent Suffolk County park land significantly enhances the proposed development area. Current real estate market information was considered to ensure the feasibility of the overall plan in regard to the size of the lots, their projected value, and salability.

The Peconic Land Trust's work with the Star family is based on our commitment to assist landowners in reaching family goals while helping them to perpetually protect significant portions of the land. As a result of the Trust's partnership with the Stars, the pastures at Startup Ranch will stay forever open.

## Recent Conservation Accomplishments

**Stern Preserve** - Located on Ram Island in the Town of Shelter Island, the gift of this 5+ acre preserve extinguished the development rights on two wooded building parcels. The protection of high terrain property such as this parcel contributes to the protection of the aquifer on Ram Island.

**Fiore Acquisition** - Working with the landowners, the Town of Southold and Bridgehampton National Bank, the Trust was able to purchase, through a bargain sale, 50 acres of farmland on Richmond Creek in Peconic. Subsequent to the Trust's acquisition of the site, the Town purchased development rights to 36.5 acres of the property. In effect, the Trust has been able to reduce density of the site from a potential of 24 lots to only 3. The Trust expects to sell the restricted farmland for agricultural use to a private conservation-minded buyer. The limited development of 3 lots will also be sold to fund the acquisition and the Trust's future conservation efforts.

**Olney Raymond Easement** - A gift of a conservation easement on 9.4 woodland acres in Shinnecock Hills, Southampton has reduced the density on this site from 8 residential lots to 1 residence, protecting a significant vista of scenic, open space.

**Amagansett Acquisition** - In February, the Trust purchased three parcels totaling 94.6 acres on Accabonac and Springs-Fireplace Roads from the Potter family. Funding for this "bargain sale" acquisition was provided by an anonymous donor. The site, which is primarily oak forest, had a development potential of 37 homes.

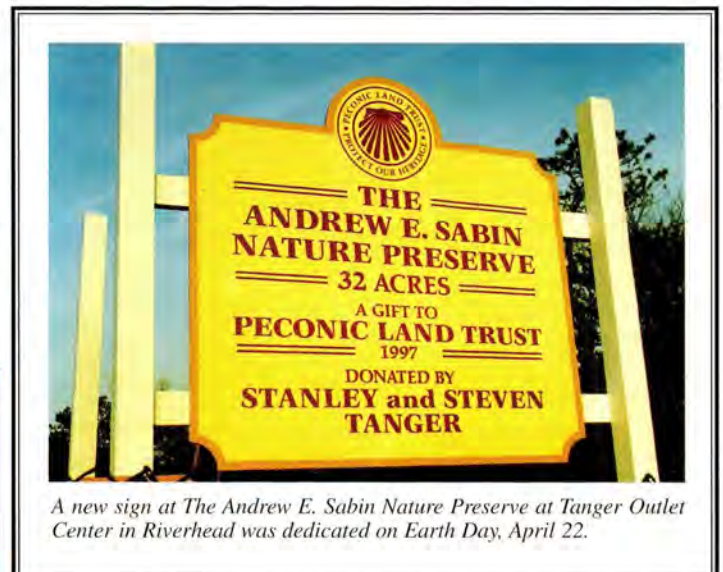
**William C. and Elizabeth S. Lesster Preserve** - Also in February, the Trust acquired 5 acres of wetland property immediately adjacent to the Trust's 40-acre Berglund Preserve on Little Sebonac Creek in Southampton.

With this issue, the Newsletter makes its 4-color debut. Advances in printing technology have finally made this an affordable option. Of course, the paper is still recycled. We like the new look and we hope you'll agree!

## Southampton Town Extends Trust Contract

The Trust continues to work with the Town of Southampton through its Farmland and Agricultural Advisory Committees and the Department of Land Management, under a new contract for 1998. In cooperation with the Town, the Trust prepared a Farm and Farmland Preservation Strategy and recently completed an update to the Town's farmland inventory. The Town's efforts on behalf of farmland preservation come at a critical time since more than half of the 8,346 agricultural acres (down from 8,600 two years ago) are in danger of being developed.

In addition, the Trust is working with the Town Board and Farmland Committee on the Town's Purchase of Development Rights program. Its responsibilities include the coordination of public, private and non-profit preservation strategies; identification of prospective sellers of development rights and assistance with negotiations and agreements; assistance with the preparation of applications for matching funding and related farmland preservation assistance.



A new sign at The Andrew E. Sabin Nature Preserve at Tanger Outlet Center in Riverhead was dedicated on Earth Day, April 22.

## Do You Know . . .

. . . how conservation projects come to the Trust? So many people have wondered, that we thought our readers would be interested in learning more about the first step in the process. The following are just a few examples of the 75 projects we have completed during the Trust's first 15 years.

**1. Farmers.** In the last fifteen years, the value of farmland and open space has increased dramatically as the demand for second homes has grown. A tax structure that taxes land on its "best use" (development) rather than its current use, and high estate taxes have placed farmland in jeopardy and left farm families concerned that they will be unable to pass their family land and livelihood to the next generation. Since it was founded in 1983, the Trust has worked with many families to protect their assets and their family businesses within the context of conservation. Significant acreage has been protected through the Trust's work with farmland owners in Amagansett, including **Quail Hill Preserve** and the **Deborah Ann Light Preserve**, totalling more than 200 acres. In addition, easements have been donated by the **de Menil, Tyson** and **Carmichael/de Cuevas** families. Other protected farmland projects include the **Orville Terry Farm Preserve** and the **Johnson Easement** in Orient, the **Sagg Head Easements** in Sagaponack, the **Rose Hill Road Easement** in Water Mill, the **Bayview/South Harbor Easement** in Southold, and the **Fiore Acquisition** in Peconic.



*Jagger Preserve in Westhampton*

**2. Conservation investors.** Increasingly, people are expressing interest in purchasing land and protecting it from development. Some of these conservation-minded buyers have come to the Trust because they have read about our program in the newsletter, while others have been referred to us by area real estate brokers. One such example is

the **Cove Beach Easements**, gifts from Mr. Raoul Witteveen from 1995 to 1997, which protect 69 acres of a 98-acre waterfront parcel in East Marion. Another is the **Scubbins Creek Easement**, a 2-acre site designated a "Critical Environmental Area" by the Village of Quogue, in which the Trust facilitated the conveyance of the easement from the donors to the Village.

**3. Communities.** Area residents observing the loss of scenic views and natural resources over time and the changes that occur within a community as a result, contact the Trust to see what can be done. Several of the Trust's earliest projects came about in this way. In 1986, the Trust was able to acquire **Big Fresh Pond Preserve** through a "bargain sale" with funds raised from neighbors. Also in 1986, the Trust successfully acquired a half-acre parcel of commercial property, now known as the **Southold Town Green** through a "bargain sale" with funds provided by George Wells, and conveyed it to the Town of Southold in 1988. Still another example is **Smith Corner Preserve** in Sagaponack, purchased by the Trust with funds raised entirely through the generosity of local neighbors. In 1990, local neighbors raised the funds necessary to purchase 21 acres of Amagansett farmland owned by the Bistran family. The sale was simultaneous to a purchase of development rights by East Hampton Town which confined future development to 4 acres on the site, now known as **Town Lane Preserve**.

**4. Protection of wildlife habitat.** Examples of sites now owned and managed by the Trust include: the **Berglund Preserve**, 40 acres of uplands, saltwater wetlands and marsh in Southampton given by Nils Berglund; the **Jagger Preserve**, a 3-acre wetland site in Westhampton given by Henry Jagger; **Seaweed Point Preserve**, a 2-acre peninsula integral to the vital habitat of Davis Creek in North Sea that was gifted by the Magee and Ubertini families; and the **Andrew E. Sabin Nature Preserve**, a 32-acre site donated by Steven and Stanley Tanger and supported by Andrew Sabin that protects a number of endangered species.

**5. Municipalities.** While local governments recognize the value of open space and farmland, they may be hampered by limited funds for acquisition. As they review projects, planning boards and planning departments in the East End townships sometimes suggest that a landowner or developer contact the Trust for assistance in preserving more open space within the plan. One such referral resulted in the **Thornton E. Smith Easement and Preserve**. In this case, the Trust worked with Mr. Smith to develop a project that is a successful model for the blending of public and private conservation techniques. In 1995, Mr. Smith sold the development rights on 34 acres of his 80-acre property to the Town of Southold and gave the Trust a conservation easement on the remaining acreage, thereby reducing the allowable density from 22 to 6 residential lots. In addition, Mr. Smith donated to the Trust approximately 13 acres of woodland and wetland that will be preserved in perpetuity. Another private/public effort was a unique collaboration between the Trust, private individuals, non-

## Asset Management Seminar

Farmers and other landowners participated in a day-long seminar in January that provided an overview of planning for the future use, ownership and management of their land. The purpose of the seminar was to introduce them to a variety of alternatives to outright development. Sponsored by the Trust, the Long Island Farm Bureau, First Pioneer Farm Credit, and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, the day's agenda included discussions on limited development/conservation planning, capital gains, estate and property taxes, conservation easements, installment sales, appraisals, zoning regulations and other issues pertinent to land ownership. The Trust, in cooperation with the Town of Southampton, is preparing a booklet, "Conservation Options," that explains the various land/estate planning options available. If you are interested in a copy of this booklet when it becomes available, please call our office at (516) 283-3195.

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*Margot Booth, photographed at the Trust's Phillips Pond Preserve in Southampton, has been retained to assist the Trust with its ongoing stewardship program. A North Fork resident, Margot recently worked for The Nature Conservancy of Texas at its Galveston Bay Prairie Preserve.*

profit organizations, Southold Town, Suffolk County and New York State protecting 105 acres on Down's Creek in Cutchogue. The site includes an important Native American fort, **Fort Corchaug**, productive farmland, scenic woodland and wetland. As a result of this project, the potential density of 42 residential lots was reduced to just one homesite.



*Quail Hill Preserve in Amagansett*

**6. Real Estate Developers.** The Trust has worked with several developers during the last few years to reduce the potential density of their projects. One such example is **Scuttlehole Farms Easement**, where the owners, Green River Limited Partnership II, conveyed a conservation easement on 4 subdivided residential lots, totalling 3.75 acres, adjacent to a 16-acre agricultural reserve. Another is the **Morning View Farms Easement**, conveyed by The Green River Limited Partnership, that reduced the allowable density in a subdivision and enabled the adjacent farmland to be returned to agricultural use. In these situations, prime agricultural soils and scenic open space were protected without loss of investment return to the developer. Still another example is the **Montrachet Woods Easement**, which reduced the allowable density of ten residential lots on 40 acres to no more than one, thereby protecting a significant watershed resource.

*Ed. Note: The Trust would like to express its appreciation to the many other landowners with whom we have worked since 1983 to protect more than 2,500 acres of farmland, wetlands, woodland, and open space. If you would like to have a complete listing and map of the Trust's conservation projects to date, please call our office.*

## Save Capital Gains Taxes and Receive Lifetime Income

When you donate your home, vacation home, undeveloped land (not suitable for conservation) or investment property to Peconic Land Trust, we can sell the property without paying capital gains tax and pay you a lifetime income from the proceeds. Your gift may also earn you an income tax deduction. The principal ultimately comes to Peconic Land Trust, enabling us to continue our work to protect open space and farmland. Suggested minimum value \$100,000.



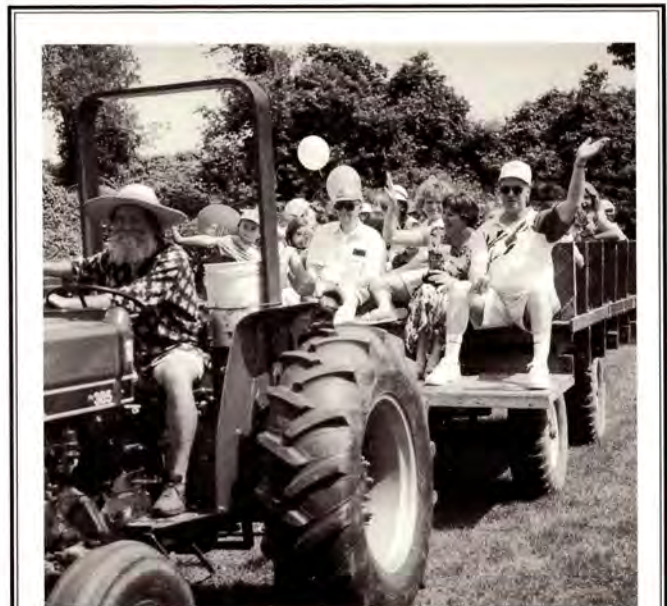
## Trust Receives 1997 Organization Award

The Peconic Land Trust was the recipient of the 1997 Organization Award for outstanding service toward the Bays by *Save the Peconic Bays, Inc.* The Southold-based organization presented the award to Trust President John v.H. Halsey at its annual awards reception on November 22 at Duck Walk Vineyards in Water Mill. Gayle Marriner-Smith, President of Save the Peconic Bays applauded the Trust for "protecting farmland and open space on the East End through its conservation projects involving the acquisition of land and easements and through its partnerships with local governments. Through these efforts, hundreds of acres of ecologically sensitive land within the Peconic Watershed have been preserved."

## 1998 Challenge: Raise \$600,000

Once again, we would like to thank the 18 Sponsors and more than 1,200 contributors to the Trust's 1997 Challenge. With their generous support, we successfully raised \$500,000 for our land conservation work. Due to the significant increase in development pressure and the unprecedented demand for the Trust's planning services, our 1998 Challenge Grant will be \$600,000, with \$300,000 in Sponsor pledges that must be matched by donations from the public by October 31.

The Challenge is the foundation of support that enables the Trust to continue and maintain our conservation efforts. If you are able to serve as a Sponsor, making a pledge of at least \$5,000, please contact Marsha Kenny, Director of Development at (516) 283-3195.

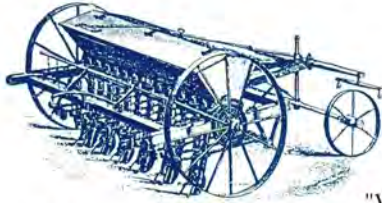


### Save the Dates! Celebrate the Trust's 15th Anniversary

Join the fun at Quail Hill Farm, Amagansett for the Trust's 15th Anniversary Peconinic. The date is June 13, from Noon to 4 pm. Tractor rides, farm tours, jazz, good food and friends are on the agenda, rain or shine. In addition to the Peconinic, the Trust will host its annual Benefit Clambakes in Bridgehampton (July 18) and in Westhampton Beach (August 15). Call (516) 283-3195 for ticket information and reservations.

## Tim Caufield Honored

In its 11th annual "People of the Year" awards, *The Suffolk Times* named Peconic Land Trust's Vice President, Timothy J. Caufield "Overall Person of the Year." In making the announcement, Tim Kelly, Editor of *The News-Review*, and former Managing Editor of *The Suffolk Times*, referred to the preservation of Fort Corchaug, the acquisition of prime farmland in Peconic and the conservation work the Trust has completed with landowner Raoul Witteveen in East Marion as "high-profile" projects that "came to a successful conclusion in large measure through the work of Tim Caufield." William Baxter, whose family owned the Fort Corchaug property, recognized Caufield's determination to protect the historic site and applauded him for bringing people together. The Trust is fortunate to have Tim on our team.



I am often asked, "What do you do over the winter?" I appreciate the question, though I am usually at a loss for words, for conservation and farm work are forever varied and not easily summarized. But, as I go about my winter work, I also reflect on our 8 years at Quail Hill. From a group of 30 families, we have grown to serve 150 families; our first crops were planted on 4 acres, now we are certified organic on 25 acres. We have sponsored countless classes, led education farm tours for hundreds of people, created gardens for others, donated thousands of pounds of food to shelters. We were one of the first CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farms in the country; we are now part of a movement of over 600 small farms across the U.S. I think about Deborah Ann Light, who owned and cared for the acres at Quail Hill before giving it to the Trust in 1989. We have come to share her deep respect for this land as we share the sense of responsibility for its stewardship.

## From Quail Hill Preserve . . .

A year ago, we seeded clover on 25 acres of Amagansett loam, along Town Lane, by hand. The first day we stayed ahead of the tractor, which raked in the seed we sowed, and by day's end, we had walked, spinning seed, some 19 miles. That clover, roots reaching down four or five feet to hold soil, even in summer drought conditions, created a carpet, live green matter willing to accept water. Given that Nature labors for 700 years to make 1" of topsoil, it is the least we can do to prevent erosion, to aid in the formation of humus. It is the charm of clover, if well seeded and repeatedly mowed, to stimulate life in soil and to lay down increased organic matter. For 8 years we've worked with clovers and the whole of the biotic community, to build a healthy soil in this fine island place. Soil is an exhaustible resource ... this silt loam, given care, will grow sweet food, and provide nests of grass under the hill, for passing starlings.

*Scott Chaskey, Preserve Manager*

## From Shellfisher Preserve . . .

Despite the mild winter which afforded us the opportunity to work outside, unfinished "fall cleanup" continues, as we clear fallen branches and rake leaves from around last year's plantings. In what seems like a never-ending job, wisteria vines are cut and pulled from the oaks, cherries and other trees that are being strangled by these aggressive climbers. In many cases, the trees are too badly damaged after years of growing under the stress. As Spring approaches, we are anticipating new construction on the building lots that were created as part of the Trust's conservation/limited development plan for the Plock family, the previous owners of the site. We hope to remove ferns, and other indigenous plant life before the bulldozers arrive so that we can create a nursery area to grow out these and other salvaged plants, and propagate native species. In turn, the mature plants will be used for

enhancement of this preserve and other Trust-managed sites. Three of the four lots have been sold and we are looking forward to welcoming our new neighbors. Depending on their interest, the nursery area could also serve as a "community" vegetable garden. Whatever direction we take, we know that Shellfisher's new residents will soon appreciate the preserve and the rich diversity of plants and animals that call it home.

*Chris Pickerell, Preserve Manager*



## Wish List

Your response to our "Wish List" in our last newsletter was fantastic. We'd like to thank the following for their generosity: Antonia Booth, Town of Southold Historian, for lending us the photo for the cover of our Fall 1997 Newsletter, Herrick Hardware for a tool chest on wheels, Bob Wolper of Wolper Bros. Contracting for fabricating a base for a memorial plaque dedicated to Lucy Bradley, to volunteers Alice Cole, Carol DeVito, Mary Foster and Judy Saner for their time, ideas and good humor. Don't forget, gifts of goods and services, or items on our "Wish List" will help the Trust stretch its conservation dollars. Please call our office, (516) 283-3195, if you can provide any of the following . . .

Bobcat or similar equipment  
Tractor (75-80 H.P.)

Dump truck  
Irrigation pipe

## A Tribute To A Friend

Having grown up in Southampton where my family was among the earliest English settlers of Eastern Long Island, I have always had an interest and appreciation for local history. However my family's history pales in comparison with that of the Shinnecock people who came to Long Island many thousands of years ago and taught my forebears how to survive in their new home. Thus, I have always valued my life-long friendship with Lamont Smith, a Shinnecock. Lamont once told me that his Indian name meant "Running Deer" and indeed, he was fast and fleet as a youth. We went off to Dartmouth together but there our lives would diverge for a time. After college I would seek him out at his home on the reservation and learn of his efforts with the Shinnecock oyster project and his travel to other reservations. In recent years he was interested in Native American gardens and, at the request of the friends of the Pharaoh Museum, initiated a garden with the "three sisters" (corn, squash and beans) on property protected by a conservation easement held by the Trust. It was with great sadness that we learned of Lamont's recent passing. Those who knew him at the Peconic Land Trust send their condolences to his family and friends. As for myself, I will miss Lamont's friendship, perspective and efforts on behalf of his people and heritage.

John v.H. Halsey



*Habitat for Humanity of Peconic Inc. - The Trust worked with Bridgehampton landowner Walter Channing on the transfer of a development right from his land to another parcel in the area. This TDR project resulted in a conservation easement on the Channing property and enabled Habitat, a nonprofit organization that builds affordable housing, to construct a home on a site previously unavailable to them due to Department of Health restrictions. The ground-breaking ceremony at the Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike site last November was attended by local Habitat volunteers, members of the Southampton Town Council and Planning Board, and Trust staff.*

## The Bottom Line: Bequests

If you would like to extend your support of the Trust's work protecting farmland and open space on Long Island, you may include a provision in your will to bequeath cash, securities, or property to the Trust. The following language may be used:

**"To the Peconic Land Trust, Incorporated, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in 1983, having as its principal address 296 Hampton Road, Southampton, New York 11968, (Gifts of Real Estate) "I hereby give and devise my real property at address here to Peconic Land Trust, Incorporated, of Southampton, New York."(Other Gifts by Will) "I give and bequeath (e.g. \$\_\_\_\_; my shares of name here common stock) to Peconic Land Trust, Inc. of Southampton, New York."**

If you or your attorney would like to discuss a potential bequest, please call Marsha Kenny, Director of Development, at (516) 283-3195. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

### Other Ways to Support Land Conservation:

**Matching gifts** - If your employer has a matching gifts program, your gift to the Trust can be doubled or tripled. Please check with your employee benefits office.

**Memorial gifts** - A gift in memory of a loved one or friend is a special tribute to those who appreciated the beauty of Long Island. We will be pleased to notify the family of your charitable gift.

**Special occasion gifts** - Commemorate an anniversary, birthday, wedding or other special occasion with a gift to conservation. The Trust will send a card in your name to whomever you designate (just provide us with a mailing address!).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Stewardship is ongoing for Trust staff and we welcome your help. On May 30 and June 27, our staff will remove debris, prune and carry out other stewardship tasks at Fort Corchaug. If you can work outdoors on either or both of these dates, please call Margot Booth at (516) 283-3195.

## HELP PECONIC LAND TRUST PROTECT OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND

The Trust provides farmers and other landowners with unique alternatives to full-scale development. Please remember that matching gifts, offered by many employers, can double or triple the value of your gift. Please take a moment to check with your employer and enclose appropriate forms, if eligible. We appreciate your support. I/we are pleased to support the conservation efforts of the Peconic Land Trust.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me information on the Trust's planned giving program. If you are interested in making a contribution of asset property (any property of value such as appreciated stock, artwork, a house or a subdivided lot), please contact Marsha Kenny, Director of Development.

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I am the god  
 of the forest. I roam  
 the night sky sleek as an  
 arrow, trampling over the  
 ground. I shatter the  
 moonlight  
 in the  
 form  
 of a  
 cat,  
 I  
 am  
 the  
 wild.

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