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Kennebunk Land Trust(KLT) is grateful that again in 2011 it was awarded funds from the Community Ballot Program at Kennebunk Savings Bank (KSB). Our sincere thanks to KSB for its high regard for community involvement and support, and thanks to all KLT constituents who voted for the Trust!

LAND LEGACY

A NEWSLETTER OF THE KENNEBUNK LAND TRUST



A MILESTONE



FORTY YEARS! Another important milestone in the history of the Kennebunk Land Trust. Earlier this past year, I wrote about the evolution of KLT from its all-volunteer beginning to its current status as a

professionally staffed and managed organization which still relies on many wonderful volunteers to accomplish its goals.

Our fortieth anniversary does mark our status as a maturing organization; coming into our own in the business of conserving and stewarding green space in our community. We are poised for the future and focused on our goals as we move forward.

The conservation of unique and critical green space and the continuing stewardship of those lands under our care remain at the top of our list of priorities. To accomplish these goals, we have invested in improving public access to the properties under our care, we have made collaboration with like-minded organizations a priority, and we are on a campaign to increase public awareness of what we do. By building on the successes in our past,



we look forward to an exciting and challenging future. Come join us in our efforts to improve the quality of life in our area of Kennebunk, Arundel and Lyman. Whether it is a financial donation or volunteering to help take care of our lands, we would love to have you join us in our efforts.

Congratulations to KLT on its Fortieth Anniversary and Best Wishes for the next "40"!



Gordon Collins
Chair, Board of Directors

Year End Acquisition for KLT



The Board and staff of Kennebunk Land Trust are happy to announce the acquisition of a parcel of land on Tideview Terrace in Kennebunk. Bruce and Sally Blackman, long-time residents of Kennebunk, gifted this land to the Trust with the intent of protecting the parcel in perpetuity. Their generous donation expands the area of conserved land along the much-enjoyed Bridle Path. The Blackman's gift, adjacent to Town-owned and Trust-owned properties, brings the total acreage in this cluster of open space to just over 16 acres, further enhancing wildlife habitat protection and the outdoor experience of residents and visitors to the area.



Happy 40th Anniversary!

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For forty years, Kennebunk Land Trust has worked to conserve and steward special places in Kennebunk, Arundel and Lyman. From its inception in 1972, volunteers have been at the center of the Trust's activity, decision

making and achievement, and that remains true today. As the Executive Director for the Trust, I realize that without the strong interest and commitment of hundreds of volunteers over a very long period of time, the Trust could not possibly have made the accomplishments that it can today be so proud of. From governance to stewardship, volunteers are essential.

In 1972, a small group of conservation minded individuals came together with a shared vision and the goal of conserving land in Kennebunk. To that end, the Trust was incorporated under the name Ramanascho Land Preservation Trust, so named to honor the Sagamore woman who deeded much of the Kennebunk region to early settlers.

In its first transaction, the Trust accepted the gift of Strawberry Island. Despite the toll of tide and time, the island, such as it is today, remains both a nostalgic and interesting place to visit. At low tide, one can take a short walk and explore tide pools; and at high tide gulls, mergansers and eiders can be seen bobbing in the surf.

In 1985 the name changed to Kennebunk Land Trust and, over the years, the Trust has worked with willing landowners to acquire 25 parcels of land and 11 conservation easements. KLT was also a partner in the protection of the Kennebunk Wildlife Management Area aka The Blueberry Plains, and it continues to be a strong element of the community. Many of KLT's properties have been open for public enjoyment for a number of years. And recently, the Trust has reconstituted its commitment to expand trails, to create more opportunities for the public to enjoy nature, and to make visits to its preserves more enjoyable for everyone.

At the Sea Road Preserve, a trail traces its way through the woods and along the banks of the Mousam River. This property is contiguous to the Town-owned Bridle Path which connects to KLT's Madelyn Marx Preserve as well as Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge property just off Rte. 9. Butler Preserve, just off Old Port Road and locally known as Picnic Rock, offers an enjoyable and easy walk to the banks of the Kennebunk River. And Moulton Field, on Rte. 35 just northwest of the Lower Village, is a landmark vista of open space as one travels from downtown to the shore.

Notably, KLT has benefited from the help of scores and scores of volunteers including teams of volunteers from Pratt & Whitney and Tom's of Maine, local Girl & Boy Scouts, families, business people, high school students and retirees. As a result of these combined efforts and great dedication, the Trust has opened several additional miles of trails, many of them at convenient in-town locations as well as in rural areas. The Mousam River Wildlife Sanctuary sits at the end of Water St. in downtown Kennebunk and Wonder Brook Preserve is conveniently located at the end of Plummer Lane just off Rte. 35. The Secret Garden, which will officially open in summer 2012, is also just off Rte. 35 behind Evergreen Cemetery. Alewife Woods, KLT's largest holding, boasts over 600 acres of forested land with a ten-acre pond at its center; this preserve is located just off Cole Road in West Kennebunk.

The Board of Directors and staff of Kennebunk Land Trust are proud to celebrate 40 years of land conservation that includes wildlife and vegetative habitat protection, educational opportunities for all ages, the provision of natural places for all to enjoy, and strong community partnership. They recognize and appreciate that the strong allegiance and support of the Trust's many constituents and volunteers are what continue to make the work possible.

Marie Louise St. Onge
Executive Director

The spirit of Kennebunk Land Trust!



The future quality of life in our Maine communities depends on the success of great land trusts like the Kennebunk Land Trust. By conserving key tracts of land, KLT is building the conservation infrastructure for our towns and cities: a natural legacy for all to enjoy and an essential ingredient for vital communities. By stewarding these lands and actively engaging people with nature, KLT is creating our next generation of citizen conservationists, who will carry this natural legacy into the future. Congratulations, KLT, on 40 years of success!

TIM GLIDDEN
President - Maine Coast Heritage Trust



It is gratifying to be assured that my donations to the Kennebunk Land Trust directly benefit the future of land in Kennebunk, Arundel and Lyman. The preservation of land allows residents, visitors and wildlife alike to enjoy forever the natural, unspoiled beauty right here in the Kennebunk area. Congratulations to the KLT for the foresight forty years ago in realizing the importance of preserving our precious environment and establishing this organization.

JANICE J. D'ALONZO
Supporter



The Kennebunk Land Trust has come a long way in the past 40 years. The community support, the land holdings, and the energy have increased exponentially each year. In the early 80's when I was asked to serve on the board, I recall having only a few hundred dollars in the Trust's savings account, a couple of properties, and lots of ideas on how to grow the organization. The Trust's growth is a tribute to the community's commitment to make a difference.

TIM DIETZ
Former Board Member & Supporter



"Several years ago we made the decision to focus our charitable giving on local organizations that make a difference. Kennebunk Land Trust does just that! We couldn't be happier to support their efforts that improve the quality of life for everyone."

FRANK AND VICKIE DRIGOTAS
Supporters



For nearly half a century Elmina Brewster ("Sis") Sewall, was a quiet but deeply dedicated supporter of the people and institutions that gave vibrancy to her adopted hometown of Kennebunk. Those in need – whether two-legged, four-legged, furry or winged – had a friend in Sis. She well understood the importance of access to the arts, cultural memory, education, healthcare, economic opportunity and a healthy environment to the quality of life in her community.

Conserving lands wild, beautiful and productive was one of Sis's deep-seated passions. Not surprisingly, she was a supporter of the Kennebunk Land Trust from its earliest days. If she were here today, she would be greatly pleased by KLT's remarkable track record of accomplishment during its first 40 years. Kennebunk remains one of Maine's most livable communities because its residents have had the foresight to care for both the natural and human-built landscapes that, together, nurture mind, body and soul.

JAY ESPY
*Executive Director
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation*



As a volunteer for KLT, the Trust has helped me to see the significance of beautiful open spaces to balance our communities. I hope our grandchildren will appreciate all that land trusts like KLT are accomplishing.

MYRIAM RODERMAN
Volunteer & Supporter



My fond feelings for Kennebunk Land Trust are really quite selfish. In 1985, I walked out to Strawberry Island to take a break from the world, unaware that it was, at the time, the land trust's only holding. While I had no active role in any land trust then, I felt in my heart, like Laurence Rockefeller, that the world needed places of quiet refuge where people could go "to renew their spirits and energies." Until my sojourn on Strawberry Island, I had satisfied myself with walks on Parson's Beach and at Rachel Carson. In 1986, I became president of the Kennebunk Land Trust, and we, its very dedicated and enthusiastic Board, began the highly successful effort to add other properties to KLT's protected list. I no longer live in Kennebunk, but I sleep better at night knowing that its residents, and guests like me, can walk, sit, contemplate and heal, on all those KLT acres of peace and quiet. I am grateful that the Kennebunk Land Trust thrives in its 40th year, and I wish it well in the years to come.

OP JACKSON
*Former Board Member
Land Donor & Supporter*



As a like-minded organization with its roots in Kennebunk, we have had a long-standing partnership with Kennebunk Land Trust. Their goal of preserving and protecting the natural beauty and character of the Kennebunk region is intertwined with ours at Kennebunk Savings; to be a good steward of the community so that the generations that follow will be able to experience the same kind of place that today we are lucky enough to call home.

BRADFORD C. PAIGE
President & CEO Kennebunk Savings Bank



My partners and I at Libby O'Brien Kingsley & Champion, LLC, are pleased to be regular sponsors of the Kennebunk Land Trust and to give our time to the Trust's efforts.

Professionally, Kennebunk is our home. In addition, more than 60% of our lawyers and staff also live in the Kennebunks. The careful preservation of our open spaces is paramount to the way of life that we all enjoy. We are very thankful for the work of KLT and its dedicated Board, staff and volunteers.

ATTY. GAIL KINGSLEY WOLFAHRT
Supporter



As a former KLT Board member, I enjoyed working with the Board to establish conservation and acquisition policies. Later, Tom and I felt great satisfaction when we were able to donate an 11-acre riverfront parcel and a 1-acre conservation easement to the Trust. We were delighted to see it all come together in the fall of 2011 with the dedication of the Wonder Brook/Murphy Preserve trail system. Happy 40th Birthday KLT!

SHIRLEY AND TOM MURPHY
Land Donors and Supporters



Being able to take my UNE students to the pond at Alewife Woods Preserve to study first-hand a healthy freshwater marsh has been an important part of my Wetland Ecology and Conservation Course. Students have the opportunity to study the diversity of plants in the marsh and also the productivity of the marsh, as well as observe the wildlife. The trip is a real highlight of the course. The work of Kennebunk Land Trust is a valuable contribution to our university community.

PAM MORGAN
University of New England



Preservation of undeveloped land is critical for a community's wellbeing. Whether one is walking within its confines or simply visually appreciating it from without, our lives are enriched by the presence of open space. This is just one reason among many that I have chosen to support KLT in both a time and financial sense.

DOUG ROGERS
CPA, Former Board Member & Supporter



Visiting Kennebunk Land Trust properties with my family combines the benefits of togetherness, physical activity and time outdoors in nature. The time we spend outdoors fosters a deeper connection with the natural surroundings and instills a greater appreciation, love and respect for not only the environment and all the critters that call it home, but also for our community.

I know it takes a lot of work to care for conserved land and it feels great to give back as a volunteer land steward. I hope the kids' involvement in this enjoyable work and the time they spend exploring in the woods will be memorable for them and motivate them to become future advocates in local conservation efforts.

Thank you for all of the valuable work that you do!

ROBIN KERR
Steward & Supporter



Kennebunk High School values its collaboration with the Kennebunk Land Trust. Through this collaboration, our students are learning the importance of preserving their natural environment.

SUE CRESSY
Kennebunk High School



Congratulations Kennebunk Land Trust on forty years of land preservation in Kennebunk and Arundel. Thirteen years ago, when I became a member of the

Board of Directors, I was truly amazed to learn how successful the Trust had been preserving nearly 3000 acres of valuable wetland and upland habitat for future generations to enjoy. The founders of the Trust have performed an invaluable service for the community which continues today. I believe our successors will share that view and will continue the efforts of KLT to pass on this invaluable legacy for the future benefit to the Kennebunk/Arundel area. Well done, KLT! I would also like to express my gratitude to the Trust for the opportunity to serve on the Board. I can say without reservation that I have received far more from that experience than I gave while working with the all the members preserving natural resources.

FRED WIEGLEB
Former Board Member, Volunteer & Supporter



Kennebunk Land Trust has been supportive of RSU 21's efforts to collaborate with the community and extend classrooms to outdoor green spaces. With the Trust's help,

field trips that focus on the Bridle Path and Strawberry Island have been developed; elementary school students benefit from teacher led field studies in the fall and spring. KLT's commitment to engaging young people in conservation efforts is important to the District's strategic goal to strengthen community connections to expand applied learning opportunities for students.

SARA ZITO
Asst. Superintendent

Thank You for 2011 Support!

The Board of Directors and staff of Kennebunk Land Trust extend sincere thanks to all of our supporters for their generous contributions and kind acts during 2011. If your name is not among those listed, please make a gift in 2012. We also gratefully acknowledge those who so graciously support our annual dinner and auction. A listing of those supporters appears in the auction program.

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Kennebunk Land Trust
12th Annual

Dinner & Auction



We're planning our next big success and we hope you'll join us! Friday, May 4th, is the date of Kennebunk Land Trust's Twelfth Annual Dinner and Auction. Over the next several weeks, members of KLT's Board of Directors and staff will be contacting friends and supporters to ask them to participate with donations of items, the purchase of program ads, and in-kind services.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the event this year will also mark the Trust's 40th Anniversary. We're delighted that Destination Catering will provide delicious food throughout the evening, professional auctioneer John Boyd will keep the bidding busy, and Joe Foster will make everyone feel welcome and smiling. Already we've got trips, gift certificates, and hand-crafted items and we'll tell you more about them as the date draws closer. Beginning in February, we will begin listing items on the KLT web site, visit us at www.kennebunklandtrust.org. If you would like to donate or purchase an ad, please call the Trust at 985-8734 to discuss your idea.

Advance reservations are required and available through the Trust office. The cost is \$55/person and \$100/two. We look forward to seeing you at the auction!

In conjunction with the event, we have a raffle. The three winning items are: Dinner for Four at The Nonantum, a Kindle Fire, and \$100 cash prize. Raffle tickets are available at the office for \$5/each or a book of 5 for \$20. We hope you'll join in the fun and take a chance!



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