



NEWSLETTER, SUMMER 1995

Dear Members and Friends:

This year we celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of The Greater Lovell Land Trust. We are pleased that we have been able to fulfill our mission and live up to our Policy Statement in this first decade.

Let us review our ten years of accomplishments. We have become a leading Land Trust in Western Maine. We have secured the Sabattus Mountain State Park and expanded it to 165 acres through the Department of Parks and Conservation. We have placed 348.5 acres under conservation easements including the Eastman Hill Farm and the Rodgeron Farm. We expect an additional easement on the 235 acre Small Woodland Owners of Maine (SWOAM) tract to be completed this summer. We are currently working on additional conservation easements, both large and small in acreage.

This winter the GLLT was instrumental in the state-wide planning which resulted in establishment of the Conservation Land Trust Network (CLTN) of Maine. This organization will work closely with all other land trusts while making it possible to continue to have the expertise and leadership of the Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT).

Development pressures affecting our watershed require that we redouble our efforts if we are to maintain our heritage. The budgets for federal and state regulation are expected to diminish. Consequently, it is up to organizations such as the GLLT to further inform the public and foster individual conservation efforts to preserve our environment. Currently, we are working with the Kezar Lake Association to resolve the Village at Evergreen Valley situation and have established the Heald Pond Committee to support all efforts to avoid inappropriate exploitation and the possibility of clear cut logging in the Heald Pond area.

This year the Marion Rodgeron Conservation scholarship was awarded to Carl Bois, Jr. He is a resident of Lovell who will attend Unity College in Waterville, Maine. He plans to major in conservation.

Our Sixth Annual Educational Meeting will take place on August 5th at 10 a.m. at Town Hall, Lovell. Our featured speaker will be Dave Morine, former Vice-President for Land Acquisition of The Nature Conservancy who preserved over three million acres during his tenure. Dave is known to many of us for his down to earth humor, his entertaining presentations, his keen insights, and his devotion to good causes. We hope to see you there.

We welcome new members, both winter and summer residents, and hope for the children of current members to join the GLLT in their own right. We enclose an envelope and make our semi-annual appeal for funds to support our projects. We appreciate and need both large and small donations to our unrestricted and endowment funds which will be necessary to meet the new challenges.

Sincerely,

Sally Davey, Howard Corwin

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Co-Presidents

POLICY STATEMENT

The mission of the Greater Lovell Land Trust is to protect and enhance the quality of Kezar Lake and to provide alternative land development in the Kezar Lake watershed in the towns of Lovell, Stoneham, and Stow.

The Trust, a non-profit alternative to the powers of state and local governments, works exclusively to fulfill the public purposes expressed in Maine conservation laws, such as the Great Ponds Act, the Shoreline Zoning Act, and Town Zoning Regulations.

Through purchase, gift, acquisition of development rights, and the voluntary placing of conservation covenants on property, the Trust works to ensure planned land development in the watershed of Kezar Lake. The Trust cooperates with public, educational, and non-profit groups in educational efforts directed at preserving water quality, land management, and establishing realistic land development options and alternatives.

The Trust does not prevent appropriate land development within the watershed area, but works to ensure that all development efforts comply with existing state and local legislation.

The Trust has begun to acquire and reserve from development specific parcels and easements to protect land of special esthetic, habitat, or other considerations.

Acquisition of land by the Trust is accomplished through negotiation and voluntary cooperation with private landowners. All gifts to the Trust are tax deductible, fully recognized under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

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