

Hedgerows

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Talent Show A Hit

On July 28, the Land Trust held its first talent show at the Middle Valley Community Center, and promptly decided to make this an annual summer event. We want to thank Chris "Tucker" Hartshorne who performed his Master of Ceremony job with the help of Grady Dog and Violet Pig. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the talented performances by Gary and Dan Corde, Mary Jane "MJ" Donovan, Jeff Herne and Bill Leavens, Eric Kaiser, the Loreleis from West Morris Central, John Gray Reed, Sara Steele and Maria Manna, and Tim Warrener. Anyone interested in participating this year should call Caryl Brackenridge at (908) 876-4478 or Chris Steffan at (908) 832-9603.



Ken Steffan "pigsitting" Violet at the 2001 Talent Show

Window Adoption Program

We have now raised \$8,750 toward the \$40,500 cost of restoring all the mill windows to required historical standards. Between May and August, we received more generous donations (see list at right).

We are most grateful for these donations and hope that others will consider participating. For details about the program, please call Caryl Brackenridge at (908) 876-4478.

Mary Darter,

Nancy and Jack Lay,

June and Michael Logan,

*The Long Valley Area
Junior Women's Club,*

*the Long Valley Woman's
Club, and*

Chris and Ken Steffan.



Chris "Tucker" Hartshorne was Master of Ceremony at the 2001 Talent Show

Mission Statement

The Washington Township Land Trust was organized to protect and preserve the ecological, cultural, and historical integrity of the areas that contribute to and enhance the rural character of Washington Township and its environs. The Trust also promotes public interest in conserving land for open space uses in harmony with the natural environment and acquires interests in land by purchase or donation. It also manages land and property easements for the benefit of the public and educates the public to be stewards of the land.

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Volunteers help make the impossible possible

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To-date, we have spent \$474,710 on the restoration of the Obadiah LaTourette Grist and Saw Mill. Private donations accounted for \$244,605 while grants provided \$230,105. Obviously there is still a lot of work to be done, but we are proud of our efforts considering the original professional estimate of at least \$1.2 million.

While historic restoration can always provide unpleasant surprises, we feel that we will be able to finish the restoration for not much more than half the original professional estimate. The difference, of course, has been the donations of materials and the work of the volunteers.

We always welcome volunteers, with or without any skills, but we particularly need men or women who have or would like to learn masonry or carpentry skills. It is very rewarding to work on this project and know that your efforts will keep history alive for future generations. If you even have a few hours here or there to help us, please call Caryl Brackenridge at (908) 876-4478.



Chris Steffan and Madeline Schmitt adding finishing touches to a few of the Mill's windows.

When a rechargeable battery dies... recycle it.



Everything from cell phones to power tools now runs on nickel-cadmium batteries. In fact, 95% of U.S. household own some type of Ni-Cad powered product. So what should you do when the battery dies? It can be recycled and should not go in the trash. For one of the 29,000 recycling spots nationwide, call 1-800-822-8837 or visit the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp. site at www.rbrc.org. It also has tips on making your batteries last longer.

Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)

- Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- Lithium Ion (Li-ion)
- Small Sealed Lead (Pb)

Reach conservation groups via the web

Land Trust Alliance:
www.lta.org

National Wildlife Federation:
www.nwf.org

New Jersey Conservation Foundation:
www.njconservation.org

Become a member of the Land Trust

1 Please select a class of annual membership:

- Student \$5 Individual \$25 Family \$35 Business \$100

2 NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TEL. _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

VOLUNTEER? _____

3 Mail to:

Washington Township Land Trust
PO Box 4
Long Valley, NJ 07853-0004



Open space in Washington Township

Assessed Farmland

Total Acres of Assessed Farmland **8,895.30**

Preserved Farmland

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| Akin, Samuel B & Laura C | E Mill Rd | 1/17/89 | 111.14 |
| Aldian, Donald R & Mary J | Pickle Rd | 1/15/97 | 29.05 |
| Alstede Farms, LLC | Pleasant Grove Rd | 3/1/96 | 32.85 |
| Andrews, Stanley | 25 W Mill Rd | 12/21/88 | 79.2 |
| Borgenicht/Scott Farm | W. Mill Rd | 10/7/96 | 312.38 |
| Borgenicht/Scott Farm | W. Valley Brook | 12/3/97 | 385.31 |
| Crater | Black River RD | 1/15/97 | 69.42 |
| DeJohn | Beacon Hill Rd | 3/3/97 | 20.28 |
| Driegert, Steven & Susan R | 427 W Mill Rd | 9/10/92 | 78.9 |
| Farrand, Daniel O & Janet L | W. Mill Rd | 7/11/89 | 25.76 |
| Farrand, Daniel O & Janet L | Turtle Back Rd | 6/23/89 | 59.04 |
| Farrand, Harold | W. Mill Rd | 7/17/98 | 56.85 |
| Farrand, Harold | Turtle Back/W Mill | 7/11/89 | 77.47 |
| Fredrickson, Mark | W Mill Rd | 12/28/87 | 14.0 |
| Haggas, Kent L & Jean E | Naughtright Rd | 9/8/99 | 44.43 |
| Huff, R&S Winters, A Porambo | 100 Beacon Hill | 2/26/93 | 114.5 |
| Jenkinson, Robert H | 447 W Mill Rd | 4/19/89 | 74.9 |
| Liebenzell Mission of USA | Schooley's Mt. Rd | 8/24/95 | 100.07 |
| Lundberg, John | 411 W Mill Rd. | 5/29/92 | 53.13 |
| Maier Brothers | Parker Rd | 4/5/89 | 97.68 |
| Maier Brothers, Geo W Etals | Old Turnpike Rd | 12/30/97 | 135.69 |
| Malinowski, M&M Lubicz-Lu | Turtleback Rd | 4/19/00 | 20.25 |
| Melroy, George M | 16 Fishers Mine Rd | 12/30/97 | 86.4 |
| Palmer Family, Ltd | Flocktown Rd | 10/6/95 | 12.66 |
| Palmer, Eddie D & Jeanne | 43 Flocktown Rd | 6/30/95 | 46.18 |
| Pescatore, Kenneth & Rosemarie | E Mill Rd | 5/29/92 | 114.08 |
| Quinlan, Arthur & Madaleine | W Mill Rd | 9/3/98 | 43.92 |
| Radics RVBCL | | | |
| LV Trst A McKeon | Fairmount Rd | 8/13/99 | 112.9 |
| Smith, Kenneth I & Erna | W Mill Rd | 9/22/93 | 65.58 |
| Vivian, Thomas & Grace (Wagner 2) | Fairview Ave | 8/13/99 | 47.03 |
| Wagner 1 (All-D-Reiterhof 1) | 33 Naughtright Rd | 3/3/99 | 25.2 |
| Total Acres Preserved | | | 2,546.25 |

Pending Farmland

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| Centenary College | Middle Valley/Califon | 66.0 |
| Ciak, Sigmund & Carolyn | Zellers Rd | 155.0 |
| Clapp, Roger & Judith N | Black River Rd | 61.0 |
| Esemblare, John W & Cameron | 19 Winchester Dr | 25.0 |
| Friedemann, John E | 352 W Valley Brook | 12.0 |
| Jenkinson, Robert H | W Mill Rd | 12.0 |
| Lindaberry, W E Exec Est Horsefield | Middle Valley Rd. | 42.0 |
| Lindaberry, W E & Marjorie S | Middle Valley Rd. | 25.25 |
| Lindaberry, W E & Marjorie S | Middle Valley Rd. | 65.87 |
| Lindaberry, W E & Marjorie S | Middle Valley Rd. | 9.5 |
| Lindaberry, W E & Marjorie S | Middle Valley Rd. | 4.41 |
| Lindaberry, W E & Marjorie S | Middle Valley Rd. | 6.17 |
| Lindaberry, W E & Marjorie S | 121 Middle Valley Rd | 95.0 |
| Peppas, John A & Marie | 210 Middle Valley RD | 28.0 |
| Plut, Walter & Karolina | Flocktown Rd | 12.0 |
| Tice Family LLC, Richard & | Fairmount Rd | 43.80 |
| Washington Township (Burd Farm) | Naughtright Rd | <i>under Govt.</i> |
| Total Acres Pending Preservation | | 663.00 |

Privately Owned Open Space

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| W.T.L.T | 7.73 |
| Total Acres Privately Owned | 7.73 |

Government Owned Open Space

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| Total Acres Government | 2,058.018 |
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Compiled by Steve Alper, Township Open Space Committee, April 2001.

PARK COMMITTEE
Jon Wagar
766-4018



Workday at Mill Pond Park, July 2001
(Left) Bill Leavens, Caryl & Jim Brackenridge, Jon & Jen Wagar, Tim Morris

Living in Bear Country

[Reprinted in part from a New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife pamphlet]

Black bears are at a crossroad in the Garden State. Since the 1970s, the population has been steadily increasing- along with the number of New Jersey residents. As a result, bears and people are coming into contact with each other more than ever before. The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife is implementing a black bear management plan that not only assures the continued survival of a black bear population in New Jersey but also addresses the property damage and safety concerns of residents and agriculturists.

An important element of the management plan is the education of homeowners in bear country. Proper sanitation techniques have proven to be the most effective and efficient method of preventing black bear nuisance problems around homes. All garbage must be stored in airtight containers, in a secure area. Do not store garbage cans against the doors of the garage or basement, or in a wooden shed. Garbage containers should be stored in a secure area and washed at least once a week with a disinfectant solution to remove any odors.

The outside feeding of dogs and cats should be done during daylight hours. All uneaten food and scraps, as well as the food bowl, should be removed immediately after feeding. Birdfeeders should be suspended from a free hanging wire so the bottom of the feeder is at least 8' off the

ground. Feeders should be hung in daylight hours only.

In high-density bear areas, crops, beehives and small livestock may be vulnerable to bear damage. Electric fencing is sometimes effective in controlling bear damage. Fencing information is available from our Wildlife Control Unit. Black bears learn very quickly. Bears that associate food with people may become aggressive and dangerous. This may lead to personal injury, property damage and the need to euthanize problem animals.

Please note that the mere presence of a black bear is not considered a problem. If you are experiencing nuisance or damage problems related to bears, please contact the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Control Unit at (908) 735-8793. Sightings can also be reported to this office.

If A Bear Comes Into Your Yard: Use common sense in a bear encounter - never approach the animal. Remain calm. Make the bear aware of your presence. Do Not feed the bear! Keep at least 15 feet away from the animal. Make sure the bear has an escape route. Yell, bang pots and pans, or use an airhorn to scare the bear away. If the bear will not leave, move to your car, house, or other building, if available. Note that the bear may utter a series of huffs, snap (pop) its jaws, and swat the ground. These are all warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away.

Remember If a bear stands on its hind legs it is merely trying to get a better view rather than acting in a

threatening way. Make your presence known by clapping, talking or waving your arms. Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, then slowly back away. Do not run from the bear. If you encounter a bear at close range, remain standing upright, avoid direct eye contact, back up slowly and speak in a calm, assertive, and assuring voice.

Black Bear Facts: Black bears are native to the state. The New Jersey bear population has grown to at least 1,000 in the year 2000 and their range continues to expand south and east. Black bears can run up to 35 miles per hour and are strong swimmers. Bears are excellent climbers, even as cubs. An adult black bear will climb trees, both for food and protection. Bears learn quickly, and have excellent senses of smell and hearing.

A black bear's diet consists of mostly plants and fruits. They also eat small and mid-sized mammals, insects and dead animals. Bears give birth every other year. One to four cubs are born in winter dens. Male black bears can weigh more than 600 pounds, but average about 400 pounds. Females average 185 pounds. Bears can survive into their teens in the wild. Other than a female with cubs, or during the breeding season in June and July, bears tend to be solitary creatures. Black bears do not typically exhibit aggressive behavior. However, they are large, powerful wild animals and should be treated with respect.



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