Welcome new executive director Ed Goodell

Hiker and outdoor enthusiast Ed Goodell joins the Trail Conference staff as its executive director on March 5. Ed's broad experience includes not only leading a variety of mission driven organizations, but also volunteering and serving on their boards.

“Ed’s enthusiasm for hiking and the Trail Conference became apparent early in the search process,” said Jane Daniels, Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee. “In addition, his degrees in biology and landscape architecture will help the Conference to deal with the issue of hikers’ impact on the environment.”

On accepting his new position Ed commented, “The Trail Conference has a great story. It is an enduring grassroots organization with an incredibly successful record of creating usable open space in the most populated region of the country. I am delighted to be joining the volunteers and staff who are creating an even brighter future.”

Ed is eager to begin working to improve the quality and quantity of trails in the region, to attract and better serve more members and volunteers and to increase the organization’s visibility.

Ed was formerly the Director of Customer Experience at Intel/Exchange in New York City. Prior to that job he was Director of Corporate Social Responsibility at the Social Venture Network in San Francisco. He has also worked for the Louisiana Board of Regents, the Downtown Development District in Baton Rouge, LA, and operated his own landscaping business.

Minnewaska’s Stony Kill Falls is added to public open space

Stony Kill Falls—one of four magnificent waterfalls in the Shawangunks—is now part of Minnewaska State Park Preserve. The Trail Conference raised more than $100,000 toward its purchase price, working with the Open Space Institute (OSI) to acquire the 90-acre parcel, which also protects nearly 3,000 feet of the Stony Kill as it approaches the falls.

The land will provide access to the 87-foot-high falls, and also serve as a much-needed gateway to the adjacent 12,000-acre Minnewaska State Park Preserve. For many years, this region of the Preserve could be accessed only by walking several miles from Lake Awosting.

“This is a truly wonderful new opportunity for the hiking community,” said Conference President Gary Haugland. “We will now turn our efforts to creating an environmentally friendly foot trail that will allow public access to magnificent Stony Kill Falls.” Haugland credited the success of this protection project to the ongoing collaboration between the Conference and OSI. The two organizations will continue to work together as well as with staff from Minnewaska State Park Preserve to design, blazes, and maintain a trail leading to the base and the top of the falls, as well as create a modest parking area on a nearby public road. (Ed. Note: Work dates will be announced in a future issue of the Trail Walker.)

The Trail Conference and its members provided about half of the funds for the $220,000 purchase, through a special appeal orchestrated by the Conservation and Advocacy Committee chaired by past president H. Neil Zimmerman. The Open Space Institute provided additional funding and logistics for the purchase, closing on the sale January 22. The land will be announced in a future issue of the Trail Walker.)

The Conference is conducting workshops on Saturday, May 5, at the Haldane Union Free School, 35 Haldane Avenue, Haldane, N.Y., for Conference members, members of Conference clubs, and people from nearby communities. The Conference needs trail volunteers, so attending a class is a good way of determining if you would like to be a maintainer, monitor, or member of a trail crew.

This year we have invited members of our newly formed Science Advisory Committee to participate in the Trail Volunteer Training Workshop. For the first time there will be two classes helping to bring current scientific knowledge to our members. Each class will consist of a morning lecture and discussion, field work, and material to take home. Lunch will be provided. At 3:30 all participants will regroup for socializing and sharing their experiences. Sessions will be held rain or shine.

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Lowdown on the Highlands

The New York Times recently ran a piece of great interest to the Trail Conference in its Weekend New Jersey section (January 21, 2001). Referring to the New Jersey Highlands as “the last frontier,” the article put all the perspectives in one place for readers to consider. The wishes of preservationists, the dreams of developers, and the hopes of communities were well reported—as were the inevitable conflicts.

The region’s ability to contain population growth and control sprawl is being severely tested. Every hillside it seems has a development plan. And the resolution of those who want to save the Highlands needs to be strengthened.

Just west of the Highlands in northern New Jersey is the Wallkill River Valley. The river, whose rich banks and flood plains have been good to area farmers, is also under siege. Site of a critical national wildlife refuge as well, it’s waters serve as a sentinel of the health for the entire area. And as more small farms are no longer able to be competitive enough to even pay property taxes, their leveled and cleared landscapes provide ideal settings for new subdivisions. The mountains of the Highlands have served as effective barriers to the transformation of the valley into another city.

New York Purchases Second Catskill High Peak

Catskill’s Vly Mountain Protected as Public Land

Vly Mountain, one of the last Catskill peaks above 3,500-feet that remained in private ownership, will be purchased and preserved by New York State. Thus another of the key goals of the Trail Conference’s and Adirondack Mountain Club’s Catskill lobbying efforts has been achieved.

The Trail Conference and the Adirondack Mountain Club have long advocated for the State’s purchase of Bearpen and Vly properties with the Wallkill River Valley to the highest bidder. Now there is a proposal to develop multi-lane access from I-80 through the Highlands and into the Wallkill Valley. In order to enhance the economic growth of communities in this part of New Jersey (or create a world-class ski resort in Vernon), so the argument goes, a modern highway needs to be built. The widening of Route 15 for this purpose will act as an invitation to those who want to locate their homes and businesses in this area. At the end of the highway numerous roads fan out, soon to be transformed from country roads to commuter arteries. To be sure, many communities see this as a boon to their flagging economies; but the promises of growth are seldom fulfilled, while the real estate market and the natural environment is guaranteed.

I urge all Trail Conference members to become aware of the threats to the Highlands, and to become active in trying to preserve as much of this precious region as possible. There are many avenues for communication with legislators and elected officials that you desire not to sell the Highlands and the Wallkill River Valley to the highest bidder.

New York State will also purchase five smaller parcels totaling 406 acres for $402,000 to help consolidate the Greene County portion of the Long Path hiking trail, which runs from the George Washington Bridge near New York City to John Boyd Thatcher State Park in EPF.

The Highlands deserve our unfailing attention, but I regret to say that one of the Trail Conference’s strongest advocates for the Highlands is leaving. Anne Lutkenhouse, after years of dedication to the Appalachian Trail in New Jersey as well as the Highlands Trail, is moving on. She was responsible for our obtaining the designation as the Highlands Millenium Trail and her abiding love of the parks and open spaces of the Highlands led to the (unofficial) naming of a special resting spot along the AT in Waywanda State Park. We will miss you Anne.

The Move

We did it! We have moved into our new office in Mahwah and are open for business. With the able planning and coordination skills of Judith Fulmer and with help from many, many volunteers she managed to make the new place fully functional within days. Thanks to one and all —you are a great bunch.

As and you see in this issue of the Trail Walker, we have hired a new Executive Director. Best wishes to Edward Goodell as he begins his new position. We look forward to an exciting future with him in Mahwah.

The sign left behind at 234 Madison Avenue said: “Here Today—Gone to Mahwah!”

Gary Haugland
Double Dose of Good News for Sterling Forest

The Park Gets Bigger

Ninety-five percent of Sterling Forest is now protected public space following purchase in December of a 1,065-acre parcel at its heart by The Trust for Public Land and the Open Space Institute. After extensive negotiations the environmental groups paid $7.89 million for two properties owned by Sterling Forest LLC, one of which includes a conference center along Sterling Lake. The parcels are to be turned over to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and included in Sterling Forest State Park.

The two conservation organizations raised the purchase money from a number of public and private sources that have long participated in efforts to preserve Sterling Forest. New York State provided $4 million, New Jersey $1 million, the Federal Forest Legacy program $2 million, and $50,000 was donated by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, various organizations, and individuals, including an anonymous member of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

The purchase of these two parcels at the interior of Sterling Forest leaves approximately 740 acres in the hands of the Sterling Forest Company, which, according to news reports, plans to develop 103 homes and an 18-hole golf course on 57 acres in Tuxedo and business-related structures on 75 acres along Route 17, also in Tuxedo.

Once again, the Conference thanks all those that made this recent acquisition possible: the States of New York and New Jersey, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, and our sister organizations The Trust for Public Land, and the Open Space Institute.

Former Senator Lautenberg Gives $1.75 Million for Visitor Center

In January, former New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg donated $1.75 million from his family’s foundation toward building a visitor center in Sterling Forest State Park. This money will be augmented by $300,000 from the State of New York and other private donations.

The Lautenberg Family Visitor Center is to be a 10,000-square-foot building located at the south end of Sterling Lake, in the town of Warwick, New York. It will be built of natural stone and masonry intended to match the beauty of its environment and will include an auditorium, multimedia room, and interactive exhibits as well as function as a rest area for hikers. A conceptual plan for the center (seen above) has been produced by Hudson Design in conjunction with New York State Parks and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2001, with completion slated for September 2002.

As senator, Lautenberg was crucial in securing $17.4 million in federal funding toward the $35.5 million price of preserving 15,800 acres of Sterling Forest in 1998.

Gary Haugland, President of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, said of the proposed center, “Senator Lautenberg and Governor Pataki are to be congratulated for their vision in creating this educational center, located in the heart of the Hudson Highlands. It will be a priceless resource for the metropolitan region’s hikers, students, and educators.”

Adieu to Anne, our 14-year veteran

by Gary Haugland

After 14 years of dedicated service to the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, Projects Director Anne Lukenshouse has announced that she will not be making the move to New Jersey, and thus will be departing to pursue other interests.

During her tenure Anne has served as assistant director for the Conference and as assistant field representative for the Appalachian Trail in New York and New Jersey. In 1993 she was promoted to her current position as Projects Director.

Anne has been a constant and supporting figure in the growth of the Trail Conference over the last decade and a half, particularly in expanding projects in New Jersey. The Trail Conference recognized her efforts by giving her the Anchor Award in 1993. Perhaps her signature project is the 1-mile-long Appalachian Trail relocation effort through the Pochuck Creek floodplain in Vernon Valley, NJ. She initiated this project by pulling together government agencies and volunteers to build the 110-foot-long Pochuck Bridge; several thousand feet of elevated boardwalk has followed. This complex project has taken over 10 years to reach its near-conclusion (planned for 2001/02). Anne’s behind-the-scenes encouragement and tenacity kept all parties on track.

Anne also developed the Appalachian Trail Ridge Runner program in 1993 after N.J. State Park Service officials and the volunteers decided to field these trail educators. Anne’s driving efforts also have resulted in the Highlands Trail being named a Millennium Trail for the state of New Jersey. She developed new relationships with reporters, editors, and writers for regional newspapers and magazines, helping to increase the Conference’s visibility, membership roles, and recruitment of volunteers.

Additionally, Anne has been a key writer for the Trail Conference’s newsletter, Trail Walker, and coordinator of all material in preparation for the managing editor.

Anne’s gentle demeanor and kindness, behind her drive, have earned her great respect and affection among volunteers. “I really enjoyed working with Anne over the last five years both on the Highlands Trail and on mountain bike issues. Besides giving me sage guidance, she was always there with moral support when things got difficult,” commented Bob Moss, Highlands Trail Committee chairman.

Anne leaves with mixed emotions, but her heart will always be with the Trail Conference. “The Trail Conference is like a much-extended family to me. It’s always hard to leave, but seeing the projects and improvements that I’ve had a role in achieving makes me proud of my contributions to this region. My heartfelt best wishes to all the volunteers who truly do make such a difference.”

We will miss you Anne. Your hard work and successes leave us a valuable legacy...
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The Trail Conference extends heartfelt thanks to all contributors to the Save Stony Kill Falls Appeal. For more information, see the Conference’s Web site www.trailconference.org.

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eventually be conveyed to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, which owns and maintains Minnewaska State Park Preserve. Until that time, PIPC will administer the lands as part of the adjacent 12,000-acre park. The panel includes a house with 12 acres that will be sold to defray the purchase price.

Major fundraising challenge is met

The Stony Kill appeal was the most ambitious fundraising effort ever attempted by the Conference, and the generous response by members, both clubs and individuals, quickly put us over our $100,000 goal. The Trail Conference contributed $15,000 to the purchase price of $120,000, including a nonrefundable $1,500 option payment, from the TC's Outdoor Fund, to hold the property while we raised money. The Outdoor Fund is a component of the Conference's Major Fundraising Campaign, which includes a pledge of $150,000, and is designed to provide The Conference with funds to participate in land acquisition projects. Special thanks go to our member club donors. The Appalachian Mountain Club/New York North Jersey Chapter’s committee contributed a total of $10,000; the Mid-Hudson, Ramapo, North Jersey, and Knickerbocker chapters of the Adirondack Mountaineers contributed a total of $3,500. Other club donors include: The Campmor Environmental Team, New York Hiking Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Alpinists, the Adirondack Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nassau Hiking and Outdoor Club, Catskill 3500 Club, Intervale Hiking Club, Mosaic Outdoor Mountain Club, Nas...
Help introduce families to trails

The Trail Conference’s Outreach Program in Harriman State Park seeks volunteers to lead one- and a half-hour nature walks along the Appalachian Trail for families who are unfamiliar with the trails and woods of the park.

The walks are conducted on Saturday mornings in July and August. Leaders will work in teams and will recruit participants from among the families picking in the vicinity of Tiorati Creek.

Trail Training Workshops on May 5 continued from front page

Registration is required. Select one of the following workshops, fill out the coupon, and send it to the TC Office by April 22 along with a $5 registration fee ($4.00 for non-members). An information packet will be sent to all registrants in late April. Sign up is first come, first served. Past workshops have been oversubscribed, so send in your registration early.

Maintenance “101”

Ever wonder what makes the one hiking trail more pleasant to walk on than another? The answer is in how well the trail is clipped and blazed. This training session teaches techniques, maintenance standards and what problems to expect and how to solve them. You should take this class if you are interested in becoming a maintainer or enhancing your skills.

Construction and Restoration

Hiking trails are built with side hills, steps, and waterbars. These elements are also used to restore an eroded trail. Workshop participants will restore a section of a trail by constructing steps, waterbars, and side hill.

As an individual or with a club?

This is a wonderful opportunity to cultivate an interest and love for walking and nature among children and their parents. A training workshop in the natural sciences will be offered to prospective leaders; look for an announcement in the next issue of the Trail Walker. For further information or to volunteer contact Outreach Program Committee chair Wanda Dav- enport at 201-670-8183 before 5 p.m.

Volunteers Wanted

This is an unusual find. More commonly, the situations that monitors encounter on NPS land deal with off-road vehicles such as ATVs and mountain bikes, or to lesser extent, hunters and horseback riders. All of these are prohibited on the AT corridor. Sometimes we come across trails that have been cut and abandoned but live on as washouts and eroded hillsides. Infrequently, we find encroachments by neighboring property owners. At boundary monitors are not enforcement officers. We are volunteers who walk the boundary on a regular basis and report what we find. We post and replace signs and boundary markings so people know that they are on NPS land if they approach from off the trail. We also watch for any development that might make an impact on the trail.

Anyone interested in becoming a monitor should contact Don Myers at 845-362-6020. There are several sections available between the New Jersey state line and Route 17 in Orange County, NY.
Hikers’ Bookshelf

Wilderness Navigation

Reviewed by John P. Jurasek

If you are seeking a refreshing new book on using navigational tools in the wilderness that is also a quick and easy read, then Wilderness Navigation may be the book for you. This latest release by The Mountaineers Press will certainly keep good company alongside some of their more famous releases.

I was surprised at the amount of information packed into the book’s eight chapters and 135 pages. All of the standard topics are covered, including a description of topo maps, compass usage, and various navigation techniques. There are many illustrations and map views that, although in black and white, certainly help with understanding the sometimes-difficult concepts. There are also “Wilderness Navigation Practice Problems” which test the reader on his or her knowledge. The chapters on the use of the altimeter and GPS unit were particularly informative. Regarding the latter, it is important to note that the authors discuss the use of selective availability—the intentional scrambling of the GPS signal, which introduced errors up to 300 feet—which was eliminated last year by presidential order. Because selective availability has been shut down, GPS is now a far more useful navigational tool than the authors suggest.

This book provides a good overview of the various wilderness navigation techniques, allowing readers to move on to some of the more comprehensive books on the subject and explore whatever area interests them.

A Fine Kind of Madness: Mountain Adventures Tall and True

Reviewed by Alice L. Tufel

Why do we climb? That question—and, by extension, the question “Why do we hike?”—is the unifying theme in Laura and Guy Waterman’s fifth and final book together, A Fine Kind of Madness: Mountain Adventures Tall and True. A selected compilation of the Watermans’ writings through the years, both fiction and nonfiction, the book illustrates the authors’ diverse talent for humor, biography, gothic horror, memoir, contemporary stories, and meditative essays, all of which they handle here with ease. While many of these pieces are meant simply to entertain, the book’s exploration of the “basic impulse to climb” also leads inevitably to critical questions about wild lands preservation.

Set in the mountains of New York, Vermont, and New Hampshire, the selections in this volume were inspired by both the Watermans’ own experience on rock and ice, and writers ranging from Dr. Seuss to Shakespeare. Guy’s Mickey Spillane-like “The Gearfreak Caper,” inspired by a Woody Allen story, is about one climber’s obsession with gear, while the final, thoughtful essay, “Why the Lorax Lost,” inspired by Dr. Seuss, considers our complacency in the increasing drain on our natural resources. “The First Ascent,” a highly inventive fictional rendering of Satan’s entry into Eden, offers a gloss on Milton’s Paradise Lost, casting the guardian angels as rock-climbers. “The Two Highest Women in the World” is Laura’s evocative fictionalized account of two women who made climbing history in the 1820s, while “Climbing with Margaret” tells the story of two twentieth-century women planning a fiftieth-birthday climb together. “Education in Verticality” presents a droll humorous take on a challenging winter climb, and the more serious “Winter Above Treetline” and “Five Winter Trips: The End of Adventure?” depict vividly both the majesty and the brutality of the mountains in winter, offering lessons and posing questions that no winter hiker or climber can afford to ignore.

The biographical profiles cover, among others, “Hot Henry” Barber, the youngster who took the climbing world by storm in the 1970s, and Lester Germer, who took up rock-climbing at age 49. Also represented are Ed North and his heroic rescue of two climbers stranded by an avalanche in Huntington Ravine in March 1968, and Charles Ernest Fritz, who in 1951 set a new high up New Hampshire’s Mount Passaconaway only to descend via a bushwhack. Fay’s quandary, says the Watermans, “is ours.” They wonder “Do we really do anyone favors by smoothing the way? Or...do we impoverish the mountain experience for those we set out to help?” It is not just our environmental resources that are diminished by the attempt to make the backcountry ever more accessible, the Watermans seem to be saying, but our own personal resources. Their ideas have particular resonance as the twenty-first century ushers in a seastorm of personal technology that threatens to rob us of any remaining self-sufficiency we might have.

Before Guy Waterman died in February 2000, he had become concerned that his and Laura’s message had not traveled far or wide enough. But he needn’t have worried. The Watermans remind us, without preaching, that we must continually ask ourselves why we seek out the backcountry—and this book goes a long way toward making us think hard about that question. What we do with the answer will have a lasting impact on both our external environment and the internal environment to which it is inextricably linked.

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Shirley Rosen

Members and friends of the Trail Conference were saddened to learn of the recent death of Shirley Rosen, the wife of Dr. Albert P. Rosen, who writes the Trail Walker columns, Health Hints for Hikers.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, she graduated from the Long Island College Hospital School of Nursing during nursing school she met her husband who was a medical student. In 1949 they settled in Fair Lawn, NJ, where she assisted her husband in the establishment of his pediatric practice, and remained active in his office until her recent illness. A prodigious seamstress and quilter, she was also a skilled tennis player.

She and her husband were avid hikers. They traveled the globe on hiking excursions which included the Rockies, the Andes, and the Tien Shan Mountains of Kazakhstan. She summed the Grand Tetons, Mt. Kilimanjaro, and Mt. Ararat, among others. Her affiliations and memberships included The Appalachian Mountain Club, The Woodland Trail Walkers, The Iowa Mountaineers, The Sierra Club, the Catskill 3500 Club, and the AMC 4000 Footer Club.

She is survived by her husband, her sister, Rhoda Tomashesky of Somers, NY, her daughter Nancy Rosen Blackwood of New York, NY, her son Jonathan M. Rosen, MD, of Albany, NY, and two grandsons, Benjamin G. Blackwood and Isaac L. Rosen.

Memorial donations may be made to the Long Island College Hospital School of Nursing, the NYNJ Trail Conference, or the Brandeis University National Women's Committee.

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Hikers’ Market Place

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Proposed State Budget Contains Funding for Wilderness and Parks

The release of the governor's budget marks the beginning of the Albany political year. The Trail Conference and the Adirondack Mountain Club lobby the state budget to ensure that sufficient funds are appropriated for buying and managing wilderness and state parks. Governor Pataki proposes to spend more than $1.5 billion for environmental and public recreation programs in his 2001-2002 Executive Budget.

The governor's budget would increase funding in the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) from $1.25 million to $1.5 million, the highest level ever proposed for the EPF. The budget provides more than $70 million for buying forest preserve and state parks. Over the past six years, New York has invested more than $150 million to preserve more than 500,000 acres.

Taking Care of Public Lands

Other EPF funding priorities in 2001-02 include $4 million for state park and forest preserve stewardship projects from EPF and Bond Act sources. The TC and the ADK have successfully lobbied for this funding to finance hiking trail maintenance in the Adirondacks and Catskills, construction of canoe portages and river access points, campground rehabilitation, and support for land management planning.

In addition, $10 million in state park revenues from the State Parks Infrastructure Fund will be used to maintain, improve, and rehabilitate state park facilities, trails, and camping areas throughout the state that are operated by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation.

Tax Incentives for Granting Trail Easements

The Governor’s budget also contains a new tax incentive, the conservation donor tax credit, to further promote the protection of additional scenic lands. The incentive would provide private landowners with a tax credit for donating land to a governmental entity or non-profit for, or donating a conservation easement on their property. The value of the tax credit would be 25 percent of the value of the land or easement donation up to $1,500,000. This program, if approved by the state legislature, should be a valuable tool for encouraging landowners to grant hiking trail easements for the Long Path and other long distance trails.

Assembly Proposes Increases for Open Space Conservation

Richard Brodsky, chairman of the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, has proposed legislation to add more than $5 million to the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), the Trail Conference and Adirondack Mountain Club support this Assembly initiative to supplement the EPF to replace Bond Act funding for land acquisition and open space preservation. The state Senate under the leadership of Majority Leader Joe Bruno, has also indicated support for both additional land acquisition funds and for land stewardship needs.
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A first year report from the New Jersey Field Representative

New Jersey Trails: A New Beginning

by Larry Wheelock

In 1999 the Trail Conference, in its effort to bring a greater focus on the trail and land conservation needs of northern New Jersey, chose to hire a Field Representative. This position was to provide a center point for volunteer needs, trail management planning, and improved state and local agency communications, and to begin the assessment and development of trail land conservation planning.

Among the projects begun in this first year were:

- A plan for land acquisitions in Northern Passaic County was completed. At the request of the Passaic River Coalition, which is developing a master land acquisition plan, we provided a detailed list of valuable lands for developing “greenways,” protecting existing trail corridors, and preserving open space that could be used for recreational and wildlife conservation.

- The nucleus of a West N.J. Trail Crew has been formed. With the help of Monica Resor and David Day a core of dedicated trail workers began an on-going project to rehabilitate the Red Dot (Mt. Tammany) Trail in Worthington State Forest at the Delaware Water Gap. Many volunteers working in the spring and again in the fall developed a new trailhead from the Dunnfield parking lot, constructed a magnificent flight of timber stairs, and continued with extensive rock work to rehabilitate an eroded portion of the trail. Trail crew members will continue with this project and others in Stokes State Forest and elsewhere in the 2001 season.

- On the Appalachian Trail in New Jersey work continues on the Pochuck wetland crossing. Over 800 feet of new boardwalk was constructed with the help of volunteer crew. With the direction of the N. J. Department of Environmental Protection we moved 156 tons of materials across the Pochuck River and into the work site, mostly by hand. Once the weather cooperated the project went like clockwork and was completed by late fall. If all continues going as well in 2001 we hope to complete this project with 2,200 feet of boardwalk, another bridge, and 500 feet of conventional trail construction.

- The Farny Highlands Trail System remains an important focus for the T. C. With the hard work of volunteers and the ongoing cooperation of the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection we remain hopeful that this trail system will become wholly open in the near future.

In the coming season we will start development of a new trail over Buck Mountain to connect the Split Rock Loop Trail to the Pyramid Mountain trail system.

With these and many other projects in progress, we look forward to a very busy season ahead...
Meet: 10 AM at Lewis Morris Park, Sunrise Lake, upper lot. Come out we'll walk along periphery of park, enjoying views such as Paterson FVT. Wonderous Wyanokies. And downs. Optional dinner in Congers afterwards. We go in any weather. 840-4145. Meet: Call leader. Join a moderate 9-mile walk with some ups and downs on Dunfield Creek Trail.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

FVT. Mountain View. Leader: Jean Colosi, 973-330-3006. Meet: 10 AM at Savings Bank parking lot, 87 Market St., Saugerties. Inclement weather cancels. RVW. Indian Head Mt. Leader: Jim Zwick, 518-799-3035. Meet: 10 AM at Indian Head Mt. parking lot. P-t 4.4 mile right on Little Cline Hill Rd. off Rt. 23. 23 miles. Steady rain cancels.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 15


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NYHC. Canal Walk. Leader: Dorothy & Dan Dombroski, 609-585-6674, in Blackburn, 973-711-2785, after 9 PM. Meet: for meeting place and time. One of 5 AM or 6 PM No. 2. We will Toward From Hamilton to Mountain House to Flat Rock, and back.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

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MONDAY, MAY 1

Defense of Orange County, 212-685-6443. Meet: 8 AM Platforms to Black Rock, explore Revolutionary War battlefield (5 miles). $4 charge要考虑, without parking passes. Steady rain cancels. NYHC. Canal Walk. Leader: Dorothy & Dan Dombroski, 609-585-6674, in Blackburn, 973-711-2785, after 9 PM. Meet: for meeting place and time. One of 5 AM or 6 PM No. 2. We will Toward From Hamilton to Mountain House to Flat Rock, and back.

CLUB CODES


FVTW Frost Valley Trail Walkers. Contact: Cheryl Sherr, 973-299-0212. Mon. 3 PM. Tues. 8.7 mi, Wed. 5.5 mi, Thurs. 7.10 mi. Fri. ramble up to two mi.

GMHC German-American Hiking Club. Contact: Evelyn Hoyle, 973-457-8319.

HHC Hunterdon Hiking Club. Contact: Lud Bokker, 908-788-3941.


MSC Miramar Ski Club. Contact: Jay Schrader, 212-471-7030.

MJD Mosaic Jewish Outdoor Mountain Club. Contact: 516-938-5721.


NYR New York Ramblers. Contact: Anna Maryannovics, 718-384-2908. Hills may be strenuous.

OCSJ Outdoor Club of South Jersey. Contact: PO Box 455, Cherry Hl, NJ 08003: 973-783-3700.

RNY Rip Van Winkle. Contact: Fred Backhaus, 914-246-5670.

SW. Stonewalkers. Contact: 212-335-7687.

UCHC Union County Hiking Club. Contact: Kurt+Chertock, 908-464-8289.


WITH Woodland Trail. Contact: Michelle Keller, 63 Stevens Rd., Clifton, NJ 07013; 973-773-7984. Guest card $2. for 6-month hike listing.
Hikers' Almanac

MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 3
HHC. Washington Crossing Park. 4 - 6 miles, easy to moderate; Bring a jacket and something to eat. Meet: 8 AM at Old Orange Turnpike, west of Trenton, NJ; Picnic lunch near closing.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4
HHC. Wharton State Forest. Meet: 9 AM at Blairs Mill Road parking area, near the Border Station.

MONDAY, MARCH 5
WW. Windham Himalaya Trail. Meet: 9 AM at High Point State Park, NJ. 6-7 mile hike; fast pace; flat terrain. Hike a new piece of the Paumanok Path through the Hudson Highlands.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8
RP. Rocky Hill Park. Meet: 10 AM at Rocky Hill Park, NJ. 6-7 mile hike; fast pace; flat terrain. Hike a new piece of the Paumanok Path through the Hudson Highlands.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10
LIGTC. Laurel Valley Ramble. Meet: 10 AM at Laurel Valley Blvd, NY; Step off. 

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

MONDAY, MARCH 12
WWW. Stony Mountain Loop Trail. Meet: 9 AM at Summit County Fairgrounds; Drive 6 miles; 8 - 9 mile hike; fast pace; flat terrain. Hike a new piece of the Paumanok Path through the Hudson Highlands.

Hike Almanac Continued

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
FVT. Tamiment Forest Circular. Leader: Jim Kogan, 212-932-1727. Meet: 7 AM at Minnewaska State Park Preserve parking lot. 8 miles; moderate pace with some ups and downs. See remains of old mansion; bring your Metrocard.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24
SW. St. John's in the Wilderness. Meet: 9 AM at Vly and Bearpen. 5-7 miles. Leader: Carolyn & Jim Canfield, 973-728-9774. Meet: 10 AM at Van Cortlandt Park to attend Palm Sunday services; lunch is served. Cost: about $20.