In 1984, Orton P. Jackson joined the Board of Directors of Kennebunk Land Trust and in 1985 was elected President of the Board. Throughout his six year term as President, he ably led the organization in the protection of nearly 900 acres.

Now, thanks to his continued generosity and conservation mindedness, we are delighted and honored to announce the conservation of an additional 70 acres of land in Kennebunk. Over the past few months, OP donated two wonderful tracts to the Trust and placed a conservation easement on a third property. In conjunction with the land donations, OP is making significant endowment contributions in support of stewardship responsibilities associated with the land, and to inspire and enable new acquisitions.

In the first transaction, 40 acres were transferred to the Trust. The tract comprises valuable wetlands associated with Lake Brook and adjacent forested areas. Acquisition of this parcel safeguards important wildlife habitat and the protection of tributaries associated with Lake Brook, which eventually feeds into the Atlantic. Although no trails exist at this time, public access is invited in this transaction and the Trust is now considering the establishment of trails at the site.

The second gift is a 14-acre parcel that does not provide for public access. This property includes significant frontage along the Kennebunk River and an established wildlife corridor. And the third donation, a conservation easement, protects 13 acres of land that remain privately owned including 1,500’ of frontage also along the Kennebunk River with important habitat and a considerable scenic view shed.

Mr. Jackson is a long-time resident of Kennebunk and his friendship to the Trust has been unwavering. As President of the Board of Directors, at a time when there was no Executive Director or staff, he guided 6 land transactions to fruition. His leadership inspired new momentum and rejuvenated the organization following a period of inactivity. OP has been a constant and enthusiastic sponsor of KLT and its work for over 20 years. KLT’s Executive Director, Marie Louise St.Onge said “The leadership demonstrated by OP while serving the Trust as President from 1985 through June of 1992 is eclipsed only by the leadership and philanthropy evidenced by these three land protection contributions. All of us at the Trust are immensely grateful for his gifts to the community and for his continued confidence in Kennebunk Land Trust. OP is leaving a terrific legacy.”
Within a few short weeks, Kennebunk Land Trust will launch its Annual Appeal. The work of KLT in the local community is longstanding, and positive results associated with that work are concrete, measurable, and serve to nurture and enhance our lives. Often these days, we share in conversation with each other just how busy we are, how concerned we are about current conditions and future prospects, and the toll it all takes. We all agree there is much on our proverbial plate and what lies ahead is uncertain. But one thing that we can be certain of is the value of conserved land. We can be confident that a walk in the woods or along the coast will replenish us, that the protection of air and water quality is indispensable, that safeguarding diversity in flora and fauna is essential, and that the responsibility to look after these resources is ours.

When you receive our Annual Appeal mailing and request for a donation, I hope you will remember how the Trust’s work touches your life. When KLT protects special places and scenic landscapes, it makes a contribution to the quality of our lives. When KLT conserves critical watershed areas and secures habitat for wildlife, the Trust helps the community to define itself, its values, and its future. Protected lands provide each of us with a sanctuary, a safe haven where we may literally catch our breath and sight of something beautiful. As our days become busier, our town more congested, and our natural resources more threatened, help us to continue the work of land conservation in the Kennebunk/Arundel region. Please make the most generous gift possible on behalf of your household or business. Our choices and actions today will make a difference for generations to come. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Marie Louise St. Onge, Executive Director

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**2008 Day of Caring**

Again this year, KLT and the land it protects benefited from the efforts of a dedicated squad of volunteers from Pratt & Whitney. For the seventh year in a row, the Trust participated in the United Way community outreach program and for the same number of years it has been matched up with this great team of workers. Whether trail clearing or bridge building, it seems there is no job too demanding for these committed friends of KLT.

While most of our visitors enjoy KLT lands and use them wisely, sadly a small number of illegal ATV riders can create big problems. Thankfully, our allies from Pratt & Whitney worked with members of the KLT Stewardship Committee again this year to construct bridges that will remediate damage caused this spring. We are grateful to the fellows from P&W, and we look forward to working with them again next year!
New Board Member Profile

The Board of Directors and staff of the Trust are pleased to welcome new Board member Gordon Collins. Joan and Gordon moved from Wolfeboro, New Hampshire to Kennebunk in 2001. Gordon is currently Director of Marketing for Rubb Building Systems in Sanford, Maine and has been working in York County, Maine since 1987.

He has volunteered and served on the boards of a number of non-profit organizations in the area including most notably United Way of York County for the past twelve years and the Industrial Development Corporation of Sanford/Springvale.

Gordon has loved the natural world all of his life; he enjoys hiking, photography and fly-fishing in his spare time. He is delighted to be joining with other volunteers and board members to further the great work accomplished by The Kennebunk Land Trust in preserving natural areas in our community.

Mousam River Wildlife Sanctuary Dedication

Saturday, June 7th, was the perfect day for a walk in the woods. Shouldered by rain in the preceding days and very high temps in the days that followed, this day was simply ideal. The sun shone brightly in a big blue sky, and we were further delighted by bird song and gentle breezes. On this day, the Board and staff of Kennebunk Land Trust set time aside to honor the donation and the official opening of this wonderful 38-acre preserve of land in downtown Kennebunk.

Kate and Tom Chappell were the generous donors of this preserve, and happy we were that Kate was able to join us that day. KLT Executive Director Marie Louise St.Onge, thanked Kate and Tom for their generous gift of land and the accompanying Stewardship Endowment contribution. Kate shared with those present her delight at being able to “…walk from home to this very special place to enjoy the quiet of the woods.” And she read a wonderful poem by Wendell Berry (below).

The blazed trail is open for public enjoyment and travels approximately ¾ mile through an upland forested area to a scenic overlook of the Mousam River. Trail walks were led by experienced birdwatcher, Pat Sanborn, and tree & shrub specialist, Eileen Willard, both active members of the York County Audubon Society. The day was wonderful and we thank all those who joined us in celebration!

The Peace of Wild Things
by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children’s lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.
On To The Ninth!

Thanks to all of you, KLT’s Eighth Annual Dinner and Auction was a smash hit! For the eighth time, the Board of Directors of the Trust turns to each of you with sincere thanks for making our most significant fundraiser of the year a complete success. Again this year, we’re hearing what a wonderful time our guests had that evening. Auctioneer Kathy Kingston and our good friend Joe Foster kept the repartee lively and friendly, the Silver Tureen served delicious food from hors d’oeuvres to dessert, and friends were generous bidders. The success of this evening rests in large part on the dedication and generosity of our kind volunteers, without them it would not be possible. Thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, advertisers, donors and thank YOU!

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Changes in 2008

At its Annual Meeting in June, the Board of Directors and staff said goodbye to two Board members, welcomed a new Board member, and elected a new slate of officers. Paul Dest and Jeanne Meggison each completed two terms on the Board. They were bid a fond farewell and much appreciation was expressed for their respective generous contributions to the Trust.

Gordon Collins was newly elected to the Board; Jim Harrison was elected President; Ann Legg as Vice-President; Laurie Brochu, CPA as Treasurer; and Sandy Armentrout as Secretary.

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