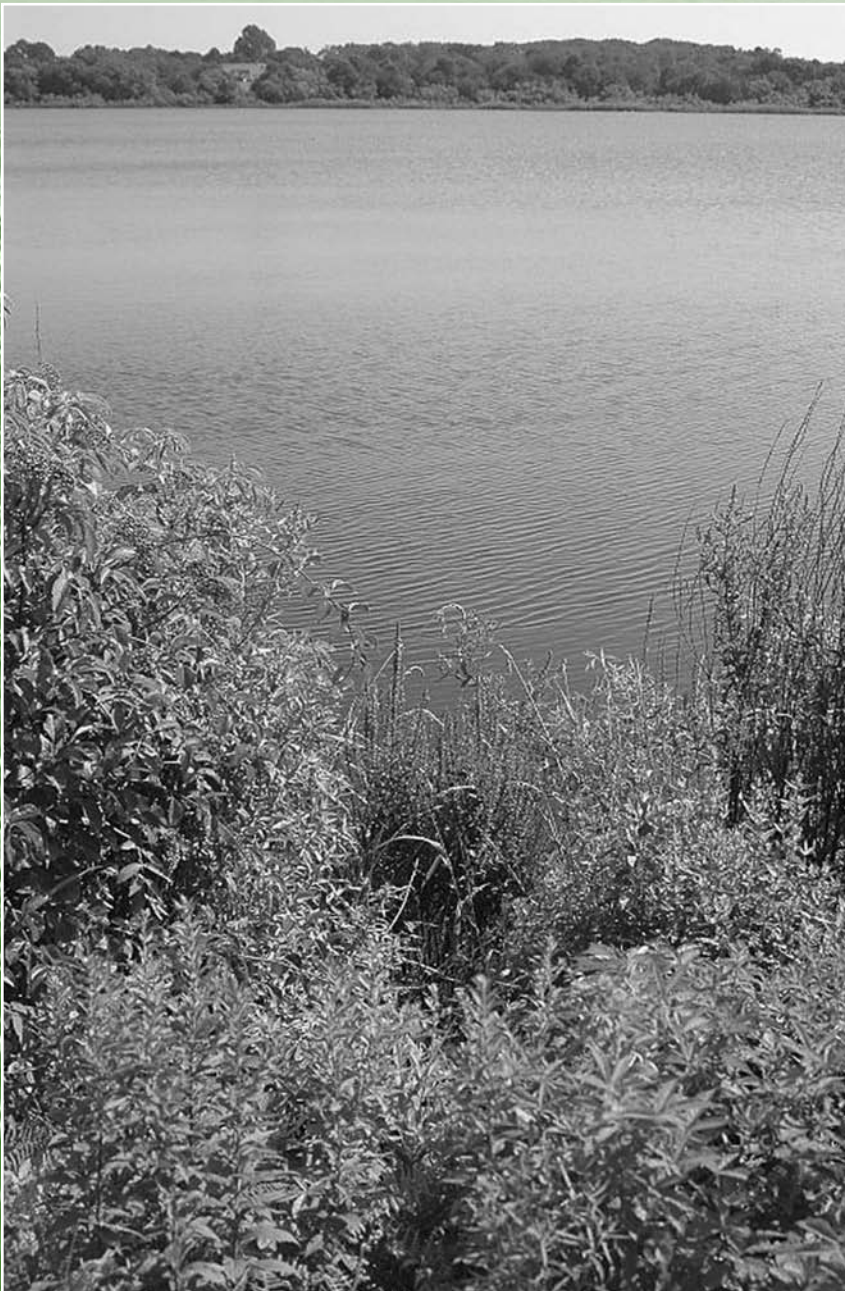


# Aquidneck Land Trust

## 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2005-2006



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## A Letter from the Board Chair



Stuart MacNaught  
Board Chair

### A LONG WAY!

*A man who lives on an amazingly beautiful island on the New England seacoast goes to a cocktail party. There he sees friends and acquaintances from across the island that marvel at the recent successes of the local Land Trust. With the new found support and accomplishments, people tell him that the Land Trust is all set, and no longer needs their support. Everyone agrees that the Land Trust has come "a long way."*

*"Not so!" the man argues. "The Land Trust needs your support more than ever! Our work has just begun – we have a long way to go!"*

### ALT HAS COME A LONG WAY!

The Aquidneck Land Trust (ALT) has had great news to report over the past year. Across the Island, the Land Trust is gaining record momentum and support. We have an amazing, talented and committed staff that works with well-oiled precision and passion in their hearts. We have very generous volunteers and supporters who enable ALT to pursue and protect our mission. We have the support and partnership of three visionary councils – Portsmouth, Middletown and Newport. Most importantly, we have amazing landowners who are donating or making bargain sale transactions with the Land Trust. The proverbial glass isn't half filled – it's overflowing! But we must not get complacent...

### ALT HAS A LONG WAY TO GO!

In the sixteen years since the Aquidneck Land Trust was founded, the Land Trust (working together with our wonderful preservation partners) has conserved about eight percent of the open space on the Island. Of Aquidneck Island's 24,400 total acres, over 1,886 acres have been conserved by ALT and our partners. We must do better! In 2005, over 230 acres on Aquidneck Island were developed, while the Land Trust conserved 184 acres. There is much work to be done –and the clock is ticking. Today, we need your support more than ever! With fewer open space acres remaining, we need to work faster, smarter, and raise more money than ever before.

Your continued support of the Aquidneck Land Trust will go a long way!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart MacNaught". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stuart MacNaught  
Chair of the Board of Trustees

*Board Chair Stuart MacNaught, Carolann Brown, Congressman Patrick Kennedy, and Governor Bruce Sundlun at a fundraising event, to help protect the Brown Preserve, held at Congressman Kennedy's house.*



## A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Supporter,

This past year was the Aquidneck Land Trust's (ALT) most successful year to date in terms of strategic acres conserved. That is good news for everyone who loves Aquidneck Island and is concerned about the environment in general.

In 2006, ALT completed 7 strategic conservation transactions adding over 598 acres to our conservation portfolio. That is the most acres ever conserved by ALT in a single year since its inception more than sixteen years ago. The success in 2006 brought ALT's total conserved acreage to over 1,886 acres. That number amazes me because when I started working for ALT in August 2000 the organization's total conserved acreage stood at about 500 acres. What a positive difference a committed organization with terrific supporters can make!



*Edward Sortwell Clement, Jr.  
Executive Director*

While these acreage numbers are impressive, the true importance is in what the numbers represent. Consider more closely the over 598 acres conserved in 2006. These acres represent preserved natural resources that will help ensure Aquidneck Island's long-term sustainability. For example, in February 2006, ALT acquired a Conservation Easement from the Elshant family on a wooded parcel in Portsmouth that provides important wildlife habitat. In April 2006, when the van Beuren family generously donated a Conservation Easement to ALT on most of the Vaucluse Estate in Portsmouth, acres and acres of Prime Farmland Soils and Soils of Statewide Importance were conserved and will be utilized by a local agricultural enterprise that will produce grass fed beef and other products. In May 2006, the City of Newport conveyed a Conservation Easement to ALT on a water reservoir area the City owns in Portsmouth and Middletown thereby protecting 3 of Aquidneck Island's 7 public water reservoirs and many of the associated buffer lands. In October 2006, ALT and the City of Newport completed their efforts to secure Miantonomi Park and the abutting Sunset Hill parcel, all located in the densely developed North End of Newport, with ALT Conservation Easements so that this public park resource will remain available for public recreation long-term. By protecting these parcels and others in 2006, ALT also secured many important scenic vistas that will help maintain the beauty of our island home and its desirability as a destination.

The acres conserved in 2006 also represent community. For example, consider the Brown Preserve in Portsmouth. Numerous parties came together to help ALT come up with the \$300,000 purchase price required to conserve this large wooded parcel. The Town of Portsmouth, through the good work of the Portsmouth Town Council and the Portsmouth Open Space Committee, granted \$150,000 to the project. A number of conscientious residents also hosted fundraising parties for ALT. The landowner at the time, Carolann Brown, even made a generous charitable contribution. With this outpouring of support, ALT successfully closed on the Brown Conservation Easement in June 2006. As with every ALT acquisition project, multiple parties come together to exercise their communal power and create something that is far greater than the sum of the individual parts.

As the classic environmental slogan goes, "Think globally, act locally!" We heard about many dire global environmental problems over the past year: climate change; loss of biodiversity due to habitat loss; water supply issues; the vulnerabilities of our large scale food system; etc. These messages can be overwhelming, and cause one to feel helpless. However, as demonstrated in 2006, when the community comes together to support ALT we can act locally in powerful and tangible ways that not only help Aquidneck Island's environment but also inspire other communities to take action. I look forward to partnering with you on more great projects in 2007!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward S. Clement, Jr." with a date "72." written below it.

Edward Sortwell Clement, Jr.  
Executive Director



*Ted Clement at Aldo Leopold's  
("The Father of Conservation") Shack, Wisconsin.*



The Board of Trustees of the Aquidneck Land Trust are deeply grateful to the hundreds of individuals, families, businesses, organizations, foundations, government entities, and landowners who generously support our work. The Land Trust strives to offer creative, flexible, respectful and convenient methods to enlist lasting philanthropic support. Membership dues, targeted appeals and campaigns, special events, planned gifts and bequests, in-kind goods and services, and perhaps most important, donations of land and development rights enable all who treasure Aquidneck Island to participate in the work of the Land Trust.

Many heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to the Land Trust during the Fiscal Year, which ended September 30, 2006.

Three foundations have provided extraordinary leadership and support. Their solid commitment enables the Land Trust to be an increasing strategic and vital leader in land preservation on Aquidneck Island.

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*A crowd joins ALT in welcoming James Howard Kunstler as part of ALT's Conservation Speaker Series. The lecture was held at the Portsmouth Town Hall in May 2006.*

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*Ted Clement and Barbara van Beuren, with her attorney Joe Hall, executing a Trail Easement for the Sakonnet Greenway Trail.*



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Portsmouth Town Administrator Bob Driscoll, ALT Executive Director Ted Clement, Out-Going Board Chair Alison Vareika, ALT Supporter Peter Damon, and BankNewport President & CEO Tom Kelly celebrating BankNewport's \$100,000 grant award for the Sakonnet Greenway Trail.

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A group on a Land Matters Walk & Talk tour pauses at the Water Reservoir Area to hear about the local wildlife from Conservation Biologist Carol Trocki



If your name is listed incorrectly or has been omitted, please notify the Land Trust's Development Office and accept our sincere apologies.

# Aquidneck Land Trust Protected Properties

## **Land Preservation Partners**

*Founded in 1990, The Land Trust's first conservation easement was placed on the historic Slocum estate on Bellevue Avenue. Currently, the Land Trust has permanently conserved over 1,886 acres. We gratefully thank the very special individuals, families, businesses, neighborhood associations, municipalities and government agencies who have partnered with us to preserve and steward their land in perpetuity. Their vision of the future, and appreciation of the past, leaves a legacy for all of us to enjoy.*

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### Elshant Preserve, Portsmouth

In February 2006, ALT and the Town of Portsmouth joined with the Mary A. Elshant Family Trust to permanently conserve a wooded parcel with important wildlife habitat and water resource values. This 5.45 +/- acre property abuts and buffers Sisson Pond and other previously conserved lands. ALT acquired a perpetual Conservation Easement on the property and the Town assumed ownership of the land. The Town granted \$42,500 to help ALT complete the project.

### Vaucluse West Segment of the Sakonnet Greenway Trail, Portsmouth

In February 2006, the van Beuren family donated the seventh of eight necessary Trail Easements to ALT for the Sakonnet Greenway Trail. The Sakonnet Greenway Trail, when completed, promises to be Aquidneck Island's single longest public walking trail at approximately 7 miles long stretching from The Glen in Portsmouth to Middletown's recreational complex on Wyatt Road.

### Vaucluse Estate, Portsmouth

In April 2006, Barbara van Beuren and her family donated a perpetual Conservation Easement to ALT on 128.79 +/- acres. The property is very important from an agricultural perspective, as it contains Prime Farmland and Additional Farmland of Statewide Importance as identified by the United States Department of Agriculture. It is also near a number of other agricultural properties which is important because fragmentation is a significant threat to agricultural viability in New England. The property affords the public breathtaking scenic vistas as it has significant frontage on Wapping Road (over 2,600 feet) and the Sakonnet River (over 1,250 feet). The property also has important water resource values as it abuts the Sakonnet River and has two streams which cross the property and drain into the Sakonnet River. The parcel contains a wide variety of habitat types including cobble shoreline, perennial stream habitat, scrub/shrub wetland, forested wetland, and upland beech-maple forest. These habitats attract diverse wildlife species such as the White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) which is listed on the Rhode Island Rare Native Animal List.



*Elshant Preserve*



*Vaucluse West segment of the Sakonnet Greenway Trail*

"Once again we are reminded of how valuable the Land Trust is to Aquidneck Island. Without the Land Trust's dogged determination any number of things could have prevented this from being finalized," said Former Portsmouth Town Council President Mary Ann Edwards when speaking about the Water Reservoir Area Conservation Easement completed in May 2006.



*Vaucluse Estate*



## **Water Reservoir Area, Middletown and Portsmouth**

In May 2006, conservation history was made when the largest Conservation Easement deal ever on Aquidneck Island was completed. ALT closed on a Conservation Easement with the City of Newport and the Town of Portsmouth that covers and permanently protects a 404.21-acre area in Portsmouth and Middletown which includes three of Aquidneck Island's seven public water reservoirs (Lawton Valley Reservoir, Sisson Pond, and St. Mary's Pond) as well as many of the associated buffer lands. The area, which includes a lot of forest, has important wildlife habitat values. For example, Great Egrets and Black-crowned Night Herons, both listed as Species of Conservation Concern in Rhode Island, have been sighted there. This large area also affords beautiful scenic vistas to passersby on West Main Road, Jepson Lane, Union Street and elsewhere.

## **Brown Preserve, Portsmouth**

In June 2006 Carolann Brown, the Town of Portsmouth, and ALT, with the help of many generous residents, conserved approximately 28.76 acres of a wooded parcel. The property provides beautiful scenic vistas to passersby on Sandy Point Avenue and Glen Farm Road. The parcel also affords superb scenic vistas to people recreating at the Town owned Glen property as these parcels are contiguous to one another. The property has important wildlife habitat values and water resource values. ALT received a perpetual Conservation Easement on the land and the Town became the new landowner.

## **Farmscapes Property, Portsmouth**

In August 2006, ALT signed an option agreement with Farmscapes Holdings, LLC to purchase a perpetual conservation restriction on approximately 125 acres on Wapping Road. Under the agreement, ALT will have two years to raise \$3,000,000 to purchase the conservation restriction. This property is very important from an agricultural perspective as it contains Prime Farmland and Additional Farmland of Statewide Importance. The property is also very important from a wildlife habitat perspective because it contains a number of habitat types including open field/meadow habitat, pond habitat, wooded swamp habitat, etc. Furthermore, it contains one of the largest unfragmented forests on Aquidneck Island. Its diverse



DICK HOOD PHOTO

*Water Reservoir Area*



*Farmscape Property*



*Brown Preserve*



DAVID THALMANN PHOTO

*Paradise Valley Park and Diocese Parcel*

habitat types attract diverse species including important State of Rhode Island listed species such as the following types of birds: Northern Harrier; Dark-eyed Junco; Blue Winged Teal; etc. This parcel also affords the community other important conservation values such as refreshing scenic views.

## **Paradise Valley Park and the Diocese Parcel, Middletown**

In September 2006, ALT and the Town of Middletown signed a major \$140,000 Grant Agreement allowing ALT to acquire a perpetual Conservation Easement on two important parcels: the 14.76-acre Paradise Valley Park and the abutting 6.19-acre Diocese Parcel.



# Green Island Society



Create a Land Preservation Legacy with the Aquidneck Land Trust

Aquidneck Island remains one of the most precious natural environments in the United States and those who have been fortunate to live on the Island, permanently or seasonally, recognize the value of preserving as much open space as possible for the long-term sustainability of Aquidneck Island.

Despite the tremendous development threat that consumed over 230 acres in 2005 on Aquidneck Island, the Aquidneck Land Trust (ALT) continues to be able to save special and diverse parcels on the Island, from farms and old growth forests to public parks and water resources. Due to the public's support, land acquisition will remain a top priority until Aquidneck Island's valuable and threatened open space parcels are secured for present and future generations.

Yet now, building a stewardship endowment is also crucial to ALT's ability to serve as perpetual and effective stewards of the lands we have worked so hard to conserve.

ALT's **Green Island Society** is a new and distinguished group of individuals who are interested in giving back to the environment and to Aquidneck Island. These visionary people recognize the leadership role earned by ALT in acquiring parcels important to the Island's future and serving as a permanent guardian of over 1,886 acres on Aquidneck Island. These investors leave a legacy for all to be proud of by including ALT in their estate plans. **Green Island Society** friends have made an important philanthropic commitment to open space and sustainability on Aquidneck Island that we will depend on and celebrate for all time.

## CHARITABLE BEQUESTS

A bequest is the most effortless way to include the Aquidneck Land Trust in your estate plans by simply authorizing a specific sum of money or other asset to be distributed to ALT. Alternatively, you may choose to leave ALT a percentage of your estate or a residue after bequests are made to your heirs. A percentage will adjust for any substantial change in the value of your estate. This is especially practical if you are unsure with regard to the value of assets which will be available from your estate.

Your gift can also be contingent. For example, you

may direct specific funds be distributed to an individual if that person survives you; otherwise, the funds are distributed to ALT.

A bequest to ALT's stewardship endowment is considered a "restricted" bequest, as it can only be used for that purpose. While the stewardship endowment is ALT's highest long-term priority, a bequest can also be unrestricted, or restricted to another specific purpose. With an unrestricted bequest, you allow ALT to apply your gift to its most pressing needs. ALT's governing board will determine the best use of your bequest. If you choose to restrict your bequest for a specific purpose (such as land acquisition or for ALT's stewardship endowment fund), it is recommended that you work closely with ALT to establish the appropriate language so that both parties' expectations can be fulfilled.

A bequest through your estate produces significant estate tax-savings. The gift is deductible on the state and federal estate tax return, thus reducing estate taxes. In addition, a gift to ALT as primary or contingent beneficiary of a tax deferred IRA or 401k not only reduces estate taxes, but can eliminate post death income taxation on the distributions from the accounts. You may even leave the final decision to your heirs or beneficiaries by allowing them to "disclaim" a gift, thus allowing the assets to pass to the charity, but only if your heirs so choose.

## DONATION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT

A conservation easement is a legal document between a landowner and ALT that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. An easement remains an encumbrance on the property title and allows you to conserve beloved land without relinquishing your right to pass it on to your heirs. Donors of conservation easements may receive significant estate, income and/or property tax benefits. The terms of such an easement must be agreed upon by ALT and the donor in advance.

**REAL ESTATE** – *You may eventually wish to leave your home, vacation home, farm or other real estate to ALT. You may also make such a gift now, retaining a "Life Tenancy" or "Life Estate". You would continue to live in your home and, if you wish, make a provision for your beneficiaries to live there also. ALT becomes the owner upon your death*

# Green Island Society



(or that of any specified beneficiaries), and your estate receives a charitable deduction equal to the value of the property at your demise.

**LIFE INSURANCE** – The gift of an insurance policy can result in a tax deduction at the time of your gift and, if you continue to pay the premiums on the policy, such payments may also be deductible. This also reduces the size of your estate and thus the tax obligation to your heirs.

**RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS** - Assets accumulated in pensions, profit-sharing plans, 401(k)s and IRAs often constitute a substantial portion of your assets. These assets are includable in your taxable estate, and are also considered taxable income to your beneficiaries (subject to certain limited offsetting deductions). When left to ALT, retirement plan assets can escape both income and estate taxation.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY** – Valuable items such as art-work, yachts or jewelry may be good candidates for gifting provided that these items are easily and economically marketable, to ensure that the proceeds can benefit ALT.

**CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS** – These trust vehicles provide you with lifetime income, with funds becoming available in the future for ALT's needs. Remainder trusts provide you with an income tax deduction in the year the transfer is made while reducing your future estate tax liability.

**CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS** – These trust vehicles provide annual income to ALT during your lifetime, with the principal reverting to you or your heirs after the term of the trust. Lead trusts may reduce or eliminate estate taxes depending upon the term of years you choose, the percentage determining the yearly payment to ALT, and applicable federal interest rates at the time of the gift.

## **HOW THE AQUIDNECK LAND TRUST CAN HELP....**

If you are interested in a planned gift benefiting the Aquidneck Land Trust, we would be honored to work discretely with you and your advisors to formulate a mechanism to carry out your wishes and achieve valuable tax savings. And, if you wish, we would like to acknowledge your thoughtfulness and farsightedness at a time you deem appropriate by inviting you to be a part of the Green Island Society.

## **SERVES AS A FOUNDATION OF OUR ENDOWMENT**

In 2005, Edward S. Clement, Jr., Executive Director of the Aquidneck Land Trust, received a call from a representative of a Middletown woman, who enthusiastically shared the news about Ms. Marjorie Ward's bequest to the Land Trust. "Marjorie loved Aquidneck Island and was concerned about the long-term need for open space. She recognized the important work of the Land Trust," stated Helen Grossman, a long-time friend of Ms. Ward. Ms. Ward's \$280,000 surprise bequest laid the solid foundation for our stewardship endowment that must now continue to grow in order to fortify the Land Trust's stewardship responsibilities in the future. "Marjorie Ward clearly realized that her gift would have a lasting impact on the Land Trust and on the Island's environment. I think that she would also be pleased to know that others are now following the example she set," declared Ted Clement.

*Six generations of my family and Newport have been linked with fond memories and deep affection for this special place. Both my grandfather and father were born in Newport, the latter continuing to live here on his farm – Hammersmith. Our island has witnessed some drastic changes since their childhood, and especially during the past half century – not all positive. One organization, in particular, has forthrightly stood up to protect and preserve what remains of our heritage. Namely, the fields of grass and flowers, streams and ponds, wetlands and woodlands, farms and forests, are now the diminishing open spaces that contributed to the unique character of our island, and enhanced its beauty. I'm proud to continue to serve on the Advisory Board of the Aquidneck Land Trust, and my children and I are pleased that a portion of my estate will then continue to work to further protect and preserve our island. I leave my gift in honor of my father, my grandfather, and in memory of my sisters, Janet Rutherford and Jackie Kennedy, each of whom enjoyed walking and painting along the fields by Narragansett Bay.*

- Hugh D. Auchincloss, III

## **CREATE A LAND PRESERVATION LEGACY WITH THE AQUIDNECK LAND TRUST**

### **SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Hugh D. Auchincloss, III  
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Dr. Christopher Pargellis  
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## Aquidneck Land Trust Milestones Fiscal Year 2005-2006

### October

- ALT staff attend the national Land Trust Alliance Rally in Madison, Wisconsin

### November

- ALT's Board of Trustees complete a retreat at Castle Hill Inn & Resort focused on the organization's strategic plan
- ALT receives \$300,000 from the Prince Charitable Trusts after successfully meeting a visionary challenge from the foundation
- ALT receives \$300,000 from the van Beuren Charitable Foundation after successfully meeting a visionary challenge from the foundation

### December

- ALT receives \$300,000 from the Aletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust after successfully meeting a visionary challenge from the foundation
- ALT completes its fall monitoring of select conserved properties

### January

- BankNewport awards ALT \$100,000 for the Sakonnet Greenway Trail

### February

- ALT hosts the 16th Annual Meeting at the Atlantic Beach Club in Middletown. Steve Small, Esq., the first speaker of ALT's new annual Conservation Speaker Series, is the keynote speaker with "We've Come A Long Way Baby"
- ALT preserves the 5.45-acre Elshant Preserve in Portsmouth with the Elshant family and the Town of Portsmouth
- van Beuren family donates the seventh of eight necessary Trail Easements to ALT for the Sakonnet Greenway Trail

### March

- ALT's Executive Director and Stewardship Director present workshops at the annual Rhode Island Land and Water Conservation Summit
- ALT's Executive Director selected to join the Board of the Rhode Island Land Trust Council

### April

- van Beuren family donates a Conservation Easement to ALT on 128.79 acres of the Vaucluse Estate in Portsmouth

### May

- James Howard Kunstler, as part of ALT's Conservation Speaker Series, presents "The Long Emergency and It's Implications on Land Use" at the Portsmouth Town Hall
- The Land Matters Walk & Talk Series presents a walk through the Oakland Forest and Meadow Preserve
- ALT preserves a 404.21-acre water reservoir area in Portsmouth and Middletown with the City of Newport and the Town of Portsmouth. This represents the largest Conservation Easement deal ever completed on Aquidneck Island.
- ALT receives award for its Sakonnet Greenway Trail project from the Garden Club of America as a result of a thoughtful nomination by the Newport Garden Club

### June

- ALT's 4th Annual Golf Tournament was held at Newport National Golf Club
- ALT, Carolann Brown, and the Town of Portsmouth (Town awards \$150,000 to the project after ALT's request), with the generous support of many residents, conserve the 28.76-acre Brown Preserve in Portsmouth
- ALT's Executive Director presents a workshop at the annual Northeast Land Trust Conference in Saratoga Springs, New York

### July

- ALT's *Fiesta Verde: Treasured Island* was held at Fort Adams
- The Land Matters Walk & Talk Series hosted a presentation and walk around the water reservoir area conserved by ALT earlier in the year

### August

- ALT's Executive Director completes a fellowship with Peter Forbes' Center for Whole Communities in Vermont
- ALT signs a two-year Option Agreement with Farmscapes Holdings, LLC to purchase a perpetual conservation restriction on a strategic 125 +/- acre parcel in Portsmouth for \$3,000,000

### September

- The Land Matters Walk & Talk Series hosted a walk through portions of the future Sakonnet Greenway Trail
- ALT completes its annual summer monitoring of all of its conserved properties
- The Loeb's Family Foundation gives ALT a \$100,000 grant award for its time sensitive effort to conserve the 125 +/- acre Farmscapes Holdings property in Portsmouth
- The Prince Charitable Trusts award ALT a new and visionary \$300,000 challenge to be met by September 30, 2007
- ALT and the Town of Middletown execute a major \$140,000 Grant Agreement regarding the protection of three important properties in Middletown

# Aquidneck Land Trust Financial Summary

For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2006



*Executive Director Ted Clement speaking to a group of Conservation Circle Members at Lawton Valley Reservoir*



*Board Member and Advancement Committee Chair Kathleen Glassie takes a break from the greens at the ALT Golf Tournament*



If you would like a copy of the Aquidneck Land Trust's Audited Financial Statements for the twelve months ended September 30, 2006, prepared by Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd. or information about the ways you can support the Aquidneck Land Trust, please contact David A. Thalmann, Director of Finance and Administration at (401) 849-2799 x 17 or email [dthalmann@ailt.org](mailto:dthalmann@ailt.org).

## PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE

Public Support:	
Contributions of Easements	\$ 13,620,000
Grants	150,000
Donations and Appeals	160,166
Membership Dues	90,780
Special Events	246,474
Less: Direct benefit cost to participants	<u>(106,832)</u>
Net special event revenue	\$ 139,642
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>\$ 14,160,588</b>

Revenue:	
Investment Income	\$ 98,835
Gain on Sale of Property	273,641
Rental and Other Income	<u>257,035</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 629,511</b>

Net Assets released from restrictions:	
Satisfaction of program restrictions	\$ 531,609
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 15,321,708</b>

## EXPENSES

Program Services:	
Land Acquisition and Stewardship	\$ 269,109
Conservation Easements, donated	13,882,500
Membership and Education	<u>110,629</u>
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$ 14,262,238</b>

Support Services:	
Management and General Operations	\$ 259,457
Fundraising	<u>143,674</u>
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>\$ 403,131</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 14,665,369</b>
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<b>TOTAL CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 656,339</b>
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## CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Investment Income	\$ 144,047
Donations and Appeals	1,172,786
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(531,609)</u>
<b>Total Changes in temporarily restricted net assets</b>	<b>\$ 785,224</b>

<b>TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,441,563</b>
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<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$ 5,869,668</b>
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<b>NET ASSETS, end of Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$ 7,311,231</b>
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Land Preservation Fund	\$ 4,150,669
Merritt Neighborhood Endowment Fund	76,582
Legal Defense Fund	135,286
Stewardship Endowment Fund	1,787,315
General Operating Fund	<u>1,161,379</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,311,231</b>

# Aquidneck Land Trust

These annotated lists reflect the composition of the Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors and their place of local residence as of December 31, 2006. The Board of Trustees thanks retiring Board Members for their outstanding dedication and support.



*Trustee Kathy Irving and her husband Pierre at the ALT booth for the Newport Flower Show*

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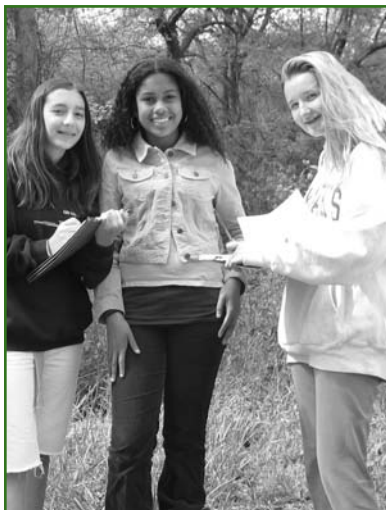
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*St. Michael's Country Day School students help clean up Brown Preserve.*

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*The Aquidneck Land Trust would not be what it is today without the diligence and generosity of our volunteers. The commitment of our Trustees, members of our committees, stewardship, fundraising and office volunteers makes our endeavors successful and brings goals to fruition. The Land Trust is grateful for all that these individuals give. We thank you all for your time and effort and for committing yourselves to protecting the future of Aquidneck Island.*

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**PHOTOS:**

Above: A group of partygoers enjoy *Fiesta Verde*: Treasured Island.  
Bottom: Brown Preserve  
Cover: Water Reservoir Area (Dick Hood Photo)



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*The Aquidneck Land Trust preserves the Island's open spaces and natural character for the lasting benefit of our community.*

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