Autumn 2003

To our members...

Thank you for your commitment to the protection of open space in our region.

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Please join us...

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The rain stopped in time for our annual Biodiversity Day walk on the Crocker Conservation Area in June. In preparation for the day, members of the CCA Stewardship Committee joined staff and students of the Applewild School and members of the Prospect and Arlington Street Neighborhood Association for two clean up days on the conservation area. We thank Applewild Head of School, John Aimé and his wife Katie for their help and support. Thanks also go to Ann Calcaterra and members of the neighborhood association for their help and interest in supporting conservation land in their neighborhood.

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Strategic Planning

This fall, the NCLT Board of Directors embarked on their first strategic planning effort. Directors took time from their busy schedules to participate in a strategic planning retreat to chart the future course of North County Land Trust. We are working to develop strategies for the most effective use of our resources to achieve our land protection goals.

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Campaign for the Trust

We have begun a fundraising campaign to increase the Trust’s capacity over the next three years, through pledges and donations. The Campaign kicked off with an event in May at the Fay Club in Fitchburg, hosted by Bigelow and Jeanne Crocker. To date, we have received pledges and donations of over $25,000, toward our goal of raising $35,000 in 2003.

Campaign Pledges and Contributions

Lucy Crocker Abisalih
Banknorth, Massachusetts

Peter Boenzli
Bigelow Crocker, Jr. and Jeanne Crocker

David Crocker
Lucilla Crocker

Martha P. Crocker

Todd and Caroline Crocker
Lorraine DeSouza
Fitchburg Savings Bank

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Bartow Kelly
Rosemary C. Kemp
Brandon Kibbe
William C. Marshall and Donna C. Marshall
Susanne Richey
Brian Roberts
Allen Rome
Henri L. Sans, Jr.
Carolyn C. Winslow

We want to thank all those who contributed to our fundraising campaign this year.

Can you guess the circumference of this sugar maple tree? This question was posed to participants in our Biodiversity Day walk on the Crocker Conservation Area. The correct answer is 14.5 feet!