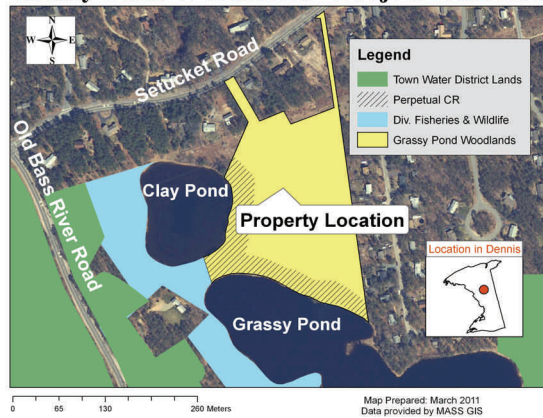


Years from now, when you and your future generations walk the natural paths and places of Dennis, take pride in knowing that your continued efforts helped preserve them.

The 10th Anniversary of DCT's Annual Auction - A Huge Success!

Summer Evening 2011, July 31 at the Sea View in Dennisport promised to be the best yet and it did not disappoint! The evening of fabulous food, spirited refreshments, and live and silent bidding began at 5 p.m., and ended when auctioneer John Terrio brought down the gavel on the final item. In between, guests enjoyed the sumptuous raw bar, with specialties from area restaurants, including the legendary local oyster and clam bars.

Grassy Pond Woodlands - Project Location



Let's Do It Again Next Year!

Save the Date:
July 29, 2012



(Left to Right) Trustees Carole Bell and Paul McCormick, Ed Jarosz, Chris McCormick, Paul McCormick Jr.

DCT's 2011 Auction served to rally around the Grassy Pond Project: 11-acres abutting 2 ponds and nearly 250-acres of open space.



DCT Vice-President, Carole Bell, and DCT Administrator, James McCarthy.

A special thanks to:
Auction Manager Connie Mooers and her incredible crew of dedicated volunteers; the countless corporate, small business, and individual donors; and everyone who attended.
Thank You All!



Auctioneer, John Terrio, kept the bidding spirited and exciting, as always.

DCT is Expanding - We Need Your Help!

DCT Administrator/Land Manager, James McCarthy (pictured above), the first full-time employee of the Trust, is working to expand all facets of DCT's conservation efforts. James is working to increase membership support through community outreach and educational programs. **Help DCT by becoming a volunteer, or by making a donation today! If your organization would like to host a DCT presentation, contact James, james@thecomact.net**

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Warmest Wishes for the holidays and for the new year from the Dennis Conservation Trust!
 Our thanks for your contributions and support during the past year.

Public Outreach / Recreational Opportunities

DCT Supports "Walking Weekend":

Each Spring and Fall, the Cape Cod Commission sponsors a "Walking Weekend." This fall, DCT hosted a walk at Crowes Pasture in East Dennis. On Friday, October 7th, DCT Administrator/Land Manager James McCarthy led more than 25 walkers on a 2-mile hike through the upland forest, up to the Coles Pond overlook, back along Quivett Creek, and down to the beach overlooking Cape Cod Bay! The weather was spectacular, and everyone had a wonderful time. (See photo, right)



But Wait, There's More!

Read below about upcoming
DCT Weekend "Walk-Abouts!"

- January 7, 2011:** Indian Lands Conservation Area - South Dennis - 10 a.m.
- February 4, 2012:** Crowes Pasture Conservation Area - East Dennis - 10 a.m.
- March 10, 2012:** Flax Pond Conservation Area - Dennis Village - 10 a.m.
- April 7, 2012:** Crowes Pasture Conservation Area - East Dennis - 10 a.m.

For info on Directions and Parking go to www.DennisConservationTrust.org

Old Fort Field:

DCT encourages community members to enjoy the recently completed Trails, offering a beautiful overlook of Chase Garden Creek Marsh. Located on New Boston Road, this 8.2 acre site is easily accessible to the public. Road-shoulder parking is available.

Old Fort Field at Chase Garden Creek



Upcoming Educational Programs & Presentations

"What's Hopping?" - The New England Cottontail: Its Ecology and Habitat Requirements:

Join us on January 21, at 1:00 p.m., at the Dennis Memorial Library to meet Susan Ingalls, Wildlife Biologist for MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (MDFW). She will speak about Cottontail ecology and habitat requirements on Cape Cod. For more information, contact James McCarthy at james@thecomcompact.net or call 508-362-3422

"Living with Wildlife": Enjoying Wildlife from a Distance and Discouraging Nuisance Behavior:

Join us in mid-March (* time and location TBD), Susan Ingalls, MDFW Biologist, will discuss backyard wildlife-human interactions and give suggestions on how to safely discourage nuisance wildlife behavior.

White-tailed Deer: Biology, Management, and Public Concerns:

Join us in early-June (*time and location TBD), as MDFW's Susan Ingalls will describe deer behavior and biology, the ecological, societal and financial values of deer, as well as modern methods of population management, and public safety concerns. To volunteer at a DCT Presentation, contact James, 508-362-3422

*Stay Tuned for Times & Locations on the DCT website, Register Newspaper, and the Cape Cod Times

Annual Report

President's Message

In addition to its ongoing land preservation efforts, the DCT has achieved two significant milestones since my 2010 message: we held our tenth annual fundraising auction (see Page 1) and we expanded the position of the Administrator/Land Manager to full time in the person of James McCarthy. Both of these milestones demonstrate the success and maturity of the DCT.



James, who joined us in early 2011 after graduating from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, will use his full-time position to expand membership, community outreach and land stewardship in addition to continuing to work on land acquisition projects. (See page 2 for more on James' efforts.)

As for land acquisition, in the past year we completed the purchase of two significant properties, one in East Dennis and the other in Dennis Village. DCT worked in cooperation with the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, the Town of Dennis, and various grant programs to complete the land deals.

Following three years of negotiations and sparked by a generous bequest from Marjorie Milano, a long-time resident of East Dennis, DCT took its final step to acquire the 7-acre "Coles Pond Bog" property in East Dennis, closing on the land in December 2010. As a requirement of the state Conservation Partnership grant, which DCT successfully applied for, the Town's Conservation Commission holds a Conservation Restriction (CR) on the land. This property is open to the public for passive recreation and education purposes. DCT has installed a commemorative plaque at the site in memory of Ms. Milano.

"Old Fort Field," which is located off New Boston Road in Dennis Village, is an 8.2-acre parcel of land that both the Town of Dennis and DCT have wished to acquire for almost a decade. After DCT negotiated a purchase price with the owners, DCT assisted the Town in applying for a state Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) grant. The Town was awarded the state grant and, as a result, it holds a CR on the property. DCT officially purchased the property on March 8, 2011. A "looping" trail-system has been developed here, with a beautiful overlook of the Chase Garden Creek Marsh (see map on page 2).

DCT also made significant progress in 2011 towards the protection of another 11 acres, abutting two ponds, in East Dennis: the "Grassy Pond Woodlands." The project started in late 2010 when DCT learned of an exciting opportunity to help preserve this parcel bordering Grassy Pond and Clay Pond off Setucket Road, linking to almost 250 acres of open space protected by the Dennis Water District, Town of Dennis, and the MA Department of Fish & Game. DCT has the property under contract, and we currently are working with a number of Town and State agencies and grant programs to coordinate a funding plan that would result in the perpetual protection of this beautiful wooded pond shore in 2012.

I anticipate that 2012 will involve diverse conservation and outreach efforts in Dennis. While still directing our efforts on land acquisitions, DCT also will be working to develop land management plans, encourage recreational and educational opportunities, and further expand our outreach program to community members. We look forward to seeing you at outreach functions and at the 11th annual auction on July 29, 2012.

Thanks to all of our supporters and the Town for a great year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Johnston, President

Annual Report (cont'd)

Committee Reports

Land Acquisition & Management:

2010 was one of the most successful land protection years in DCT history, but 2011 was even better. The Trust benefited from three separate land donations in 2010, totaling nearly 12 acres. The Trust also started two major land purchases in 2010: the Coles Pond Bog property, and the Old Fort Field property. In 2011, DCT completed these projects and placed the lands in perpetual conservation.

Coles Pond Bog is a 7-acre property in East Dennis. DCT installed a commemorative plaque at the site in memory of Marj Milano. Old Fort Field is a 8.2-acre parcel in Dennis Village, in close proximity to Chase Garden Creek. A looping-trail system has been developed here and the site is easily accessible to the public.

A 2011 land donation was made by the Lohr Family of West Dennis. This land gift added 7 acres to DCT's list of protected properties. DCT now owns 373 acres outright, and holds another 150 acres in conservation restriction, protecting a total of 523 acres.

While acquiring land is very important, our Land Management Committee (LMC) also understands that this land needs to be managed and monitored as well. Thus, the LMC has been expanding its Land Stewardship program, watching for dumping, abutter encroachment, invasive species, etc. The LMC has also been working with The Town Department of Natural Resources to compile several property restoration plans.

Membership:

As noted in the Annual Report, DCT currently has 298 Members. We are working on new ideas to help recruit more members.

Finance:

Projected Operating Income for 2011: \$65,000. This is largely from membership contributions and profit from the annual auctions. **Projected Operating Expense** for 2011: \$68,000. The major amounts have been expenses related to the salary and land management activities of the Land Specialist/Administrator, Cape Cod Compact services, financial accounting, database work, insurance, surveys and appraisals.

Further, DCT received individual contributions of \$11,500 in our land acquisition and endowment accounts. Our land holdings have a total assessed value of: \$7,783,580.

Publicity:

The DCT continues to benefit from the support of our local media and organizations in publicizing activities and fundraising events. Our appreciation to the Register and the Cape Cod Times newspapers, Cape Cod Media Center Channel 17, Town of Dennis Channel 18, the Dennis Chamber of Commerce, and the libraries and other organizations that help us share information about the DCT. Special thanks to Chris Simmons, Zygote Digital Productions, for creating DCT's television auction announcement.

Recognition:

In 2011, DCT's Recognition Committee installed a memorial stone, with a bronze plaque, recognizing Marj Milano, at the recently purchased Coles Pond Bog property in East Dennis. At the 2011 DCT Annual Meeting, the Committee will recognize the Lohr Family and the S. Dennis Congregational Church for their generous donations of land.

In this upcoming year DCT's Recognition Committee plans to replace all the memorial plaques that have been damaged due to weather or other related issues, with new plaques. The Committee feels it important to remember those who have given so much to DCT over the years.



View of Old Fort Field across Chase Garden Creek Marsh

2011 Special Gifts

IN HONOR OF

Carole Bell from: Mark Robinson
Mrs. Carol Hunt & Mrs. Mary Doerr from:
 Patricia Clark

The Mann Family from: Andrea Stack
Cynthia Weinman & Marj Weiner from:
 Tenee Feldman

IN MEMORY OF

Dorothy Bell from:
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 Ricard Zaffino



In 2011, DCT installed a plaque in memory of Marjorie Milano. Marj's legacy to the historic village of East Dennis is a parcel of land at Coles Pond Bog, acquired by DCT in 2010.

A gift to the Dennis Conservation Trust is a special way to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one. Please consider a donation to the Trust, knowing that your gift will have lasting value in helping to preserve our natural environment. Contact our Administrator, James McCarthy, for more information (508-362-3422), or james@thecompact.net.

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What to Watch For

Keep an eye out for updates and information about guided “Walk-Abouts” and educational presentations in The Register newspaper, The Cape Cod Times, and on DCT’s website:



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WINTER 2011 WISH LIST:

- Brush Cutter - for Land Management Activities - \$500.00
- Landscaping Trailer - \$750.00
- DCT Property Signs - 10 Signs @ \$25.00 each - \$250.00
- Business Cards/Stationery - \$100.00

Help “Cold-Stunned” Sea Turtles on Cape Cod!

Every Fall, starting in November, when the water in the Bay nears 50°(F), Sea Turtles can become “cold-stunned.” When this happens the turtles can’t function normally and are at the mercy of the winds and ocean currents. This reaction often causes these turtles to wash up on the beaches along the Bay, and they become stranded. Massachusetts Audubon Society (MAS) offers advice for those who want to help:

What to do if you find a stranded Sea Turtle:

- 1) Do not put it back in the water. Do not remove it from beach.
- 2) If comfortable, *carefully* move the turtle above high tide line.
- 3) Cover it with seaweed, and mark location with a stick/debris.
- 4) Call MAS: 508-349-2615 (ext. 104) and leave a detailed message with location and proximity to nearest beach access, so that MAS can recover the turtle as quickly as possible. Thank You.



Leatherback Sea Turtle, stranded in early Nov. at Crowes Pasture. (Photo Courtesy of Mike Lach.)

THE POWER OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT

Please join the DCT. Your \$30 membership dues and other contributions help the Trust in its land preservation efforts and operations. The Trust has six categories of membership ranging from \$30 to \$1,000. These memberships cover about half of our annual operating costs. Become a member online at www.DennisConservationTrust.org or mail your check to DCT, P.O. Box 67, East Dennis, MA 02641. For donations of land, contact James McCarthy, 508 362 3422, or email james@thecomact.net.