

LANDMARK HERITAGE TRUST



Landmark Heritage Trust, formerly the Newburgh Area Heritage Trust, is committed to protecting agricultural, scenic, historical and recreational resources in the southern Penobscot and northern Waldo County area.

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NEWS

DONATED EASEMENT PROTECTS NEWBURGH FARM

A Newburgh couple has donated a conservation easement on Landfall Farm to the Landmark Heritage Trust. This easement guarantees that the protected property will never be broken up into house lots and will be available for farming and traditional recreational uses. Landfall Farm consists of hayfields, cornfields, and a large wood lot, and has also been used for hunting, fishing, hiking, cross country skiing and snow shoeing. Tony and Ruth DeFeo have donated this easement to ensure that the scenic and ecological value of this early 19th century farm of 212 acres will remain intact into the future and never be turned into a housing development. The DeFeos want the property to remain as close as possible to its current natural undeveloped state.

TOWN OF MONROE PROTECTS NORTHERN POND

In January the town of Monroe donated a conservation easement on 161 acres of land surrounding Northern Pond to the Landmark Heritage Trust. The property, located off the Dahlia Farm Road in Monroe, consists of a diversity of habitats, including evergreen and hardwood forests, freshwater wetlands, a portion of Thurlow Brook, and the twelve acre Northern Pond. The area will be preserved in its pristine and natural state. The land remains open to all for traditional low impact recreational uses such as hiking, skiing, fishing, hunting, kayaking, and bird watching. A system of hiking trails is in place and trail maps are available at the Monroe town office or from the Landmark Heritage Trust.

In accepting these easements, Landmark Heritage Trust will be responsible to see that their provisions are carried out in perpetuity achieving the preservation of these exceptional properties.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 23rd, Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.:

Newburgh and Monroe Towns, together with the Landmark Heritage Trust, will host a forestry workshop for private landowners, foresters, town officials and land trust staff and members interested in integrating timber management and biodiversity.

The workshop is based on Maine Audubon's new guide, "*Focus Species Forestry*," published in cooperation with the Maine Department of Conservation, the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine, and the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine. The guide shows how to manage forest lands for the full range of Maine's wildlife while simultaneously providing other forest benefits such a wood, clean water, clean air and recreation. Workshop participants will receive a summary of the guide's recommendations; copies of the guide will be available for purchase at the workshop.

The workshop will be led by Robert Bryan, licensed forester and Maine Audubon forest ecologist. Focus species forestry aims to help foresters and landowners develop management plans that support the goals of Beginning with Habitat, an award-winning collaborative program that helps communities plan growth to protect natural areas and, in so doing, prevent sprawl. Newburgh received a Beginning with Habitat presentation in March, 2003.

For more information on Focus Species Forestry, visit www.maineaudubon.org.

Letter from the President of Landmark Heritage Trust:

Landmark Heritage Trust (formerly Newburgh Area Heritage Trust) is a nonprofit corporation available to work in Carmel, Etna, Dixmont, Hampden, Hermon, Monroe, Newburgh, and Winterport to protect open space and the area's agricultural, scenic, historical, and recreational resources. We encourage conservation of natural resources by fostering environmental awareness through education and preservation of open space through conservation easements, donations of land and other resources.

Our major activities during the past year include receiving conservation easements on Landfall Farm in Newburgh and on Northern Pond Natural Area in Monroe.



Northern Pond Natural Area, Monroe, Maine Fall 2004

These easements guarantee that no development will take place on these properties in the future. No buildings or roads can be built on them while allowing all traditional uses, such as hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, etc.) to continue. We have also continued to upgrade the hiking trail on the Kennard Road property owned by the Town of Newburgh.

During the year, we changed our name from Newburgh Area Heritage Trust to Landmark Heritage Trust to more clearly describe our regional activities. This has given us access to a larger pool of potential members and financial resources.

Landmark Heritage Trust is open to everyone. We are always looking for new members, especially people interested in helping by volunteering their time and expertise. All are welcome to attend our meetings to learn more about this local land trust.

Your continued generosity and support is needed now more than ever. Please fill out the enclosed brochure and return it along with your 2005 membership dues. Please also pass the extra brochure along to friends and neighbors.

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