The South Jersey Land and Water Trust (SJLWT) is delighted to report that it has purchased a 39-acre wooded property with house and barn that sits on Oldmans Creek. The owners, Charles and Doris MacKannan, sold the property in the Auburn section of Oldmans Township, Salem County, to SJLWT but will remain in the residence as Caretakers of the house and grounds. This outstanding acquisition is the site of the former Boy Scout Camp Kimble, that many older residents recall attending.

There is 3,000 feet of stream frontage along the Oldmans Creek, and a boat landing and dock on the Main Street property in Auburn. It also includes nature and hiking trails, a circa 1790 homestead, an historic log cabin, and a large post-and-beam barn dating from the 1800s.

The land is covered by an old-growth deciduous forest with specimen trees of beech, oak, white pine, and a variety of other endemic upland and wetland flora. This provides valuable habitat for significant migratory songbird populations. The forest supports a healthy level of native fauna along with a recent cougar sighting!

From 1913 to 1938, the property was used as a summer residence for the Andrew Selack family. In 1938, it was purchased by the Boy Scouts of America, which constructed the log cabin and established Camp Kimble there.

In 1967, the MacKannans bought the property from the Boy Scouts and ran the renamed Auburn

Join us for a Celebration Tour of the Mackannan Property Saturday, October 24 at 2pm
**SJLWT Welcomes Three New Board Members**

SJLWT is pleased to welcome three new members to our Board of Trustees: Bob Escheman, Bill Fleming, and Kathleen Wright. All three bring new expertise and dedication to SJLWT. Bob Escheman recently retired from USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service where he served as a landscape architect and technology specialist. Bob currently teaches at Stockton College, volunteers with the horticultural program at Atlantic City High School, and is a member of the Deptford Township Environmental Commission. Bill Fleming is currently an Engineer at Churchill, P.C. specializing in stormwater management. In addition, Bill is a Councilman for the City of Woodbury. Kathleen Wright is an accountant for Wilmar Maintenance and Repair Products and will be assuming the role of SJLWT’s new treasurer. The new trustees will serve a three year term.

**and Says Goodbye**

After many years of service we must say good bye to two trustees: Richard Thomas and Joe Orlins. Rich served as SJLWT treasurer for over five years. His devotion and diligence will be greatly missed. Both Rich and Joe have moved out of state and onto new adventures.

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**SJLWT Welcomes Three New Board Members**

**Mackannan Property Preservation Celebration**

Join us for a tour of the property & light refreshments

Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 2:00 pm

21 Main Street, Auburn 08085

Call or e-mail Christine for directions (856) 881-2269
or sjwatersheds@verizon.net

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**Support SJLWT ~ Become a Member**

| Basic | $20 | Contributor | $35 | Supporter | $50 | Org/Gov’t/Business | $100 | Conservationist | $200 | Steward | $500 |

| Name/Org. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Address | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City | State | Zip | Phone ( | ) | Email | | | | | |

Make checks payable to: SJLWT
P.O. Box 233
Glassboro, NJ 08028

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**The mission of the South Jersey Land Trust (SJLWT) is to preserve and protect the land and water resources of southern New Jersey – maintaining and enhancing the natural, cultural and historic heritage of the region. It is carried out through five main programs: preserving land, providing education to the public and to teachers and schools, increasing scientific knowledge through data gathering, serving an advocacy role on land and water protection issues, and conducting habitat protection and remediation.**
South Jersey Land & Water Trust

Wine & Cheese Tasting

Our 5th annual fundraiser to support our on-going education, volunteer, and preservation programs

Event Sponsors
Wheelabrator
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Friday, October 2, 2009
Between 7:00 & 9:00pm

Heritage Winery
480 Mullica Hill Road (Rte. 322, west of Rte 55)

Tickets Still Available
$20 - Members ~ $25 - Non-members
Contact Christine (856) 881-2269 or sjwatersheds@verizon.net
Make checks payable to: SJLWT P.O. Box 233 Glassboro, NJ 08028

Win raffle baskets filled with gardening, nature, kitchen, pet, and beauty goodies, books and gift certificates to local restaurants, theaters, salons, museums, and specialty stores. Basket chance tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

Grand Prize Raffle

A weekend for two at the historic Inn of Cape May

Sit on the porch and rock with a cool cocktail in hand as the gentle ocean breeze relaxes you. The Inn of Cape May is right on the ocean in the heart of historic Cape May. The winning package includes a two night stay during a spring or fall weekend, full breakfast each morning and inn money you can use on property toward lunch, dinner, at the bar, or gift shop. Plans are subject to availability.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Wine & Cheese Tasting event on October 2. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets must be received before October 2, 2009 drawing.

For tickets contact Christine at (856) 881-2269

SJLWT Launches New Website

Check out SJLWT’s new website at www.sjlandwater.org. We’ve made it easier to get details of upcoming events, walks, volunteer opportunities, and information about land and water issues. Also, you can continue to support SJLWT by renewing your membership and purchasing tickets to SJLWT events. Click on today and let us know what you think.

Sign up for SJLWT’s monthly E-news at www.sjlandwater.org
Get Involved

Donate Extra Produce from your Garden to Help Feed the Hungry
Share the Harvest 2009 - Philadelphia area

Share the Harvest is a program based on the “victory gardens” concept, from World War II. Home gardeners grow extra vegetables and donate them to Philabundance. Philabundance asks local and community gardeners to grow extra fruits and vegetables or collect any surplus produce from their gardens to donate towards the fight against hunger. Schools, churches and other organizations dedicate gardens to Share the Harvest, so they can donate all the produce.

Donations from local gardens increase the supply of fresh vegetables to those in need of these essential sources of good nutrition. Unfortunately, fruits and vegetables are the first things cut from the grocery list when money is tight. Share the Harvest is a great way for neighbors to help the increasing number of families experiencing financial challenges.

Fruits and vegetables collected at Share the Harvest drop-off locations are distributed through Philabundance’s network of member agencies in the Delaware Valley who put produce into the hands of people who need it most. A portion of the produce is utilized in Philabundance’s Community Kitchen (PCK) program, which trains low-income adults for jobs in the food-service industry. The students prepare meals, which are provided to children and families in emergency shelters in Philadelphia.

Enjoy the feeling of helping others. Bring your excess every Saturday morning from July 18 - September 26, from 10 a.m. to noon to: Springdale Farms 1638 S. Springdale Rd.
Cherry Hill (856) 424-8674 www.springdalefarms.com

For almost 25 years the Food Bank of South Jersey has been fighting hunger and malnutrition in south west Jersey. Working with a robust list of community partners such as emergency feeding programs, government agencies, food industry members, the greater business and nonprofit community and the general public, we’ve been a stable supply of food to the 87,000 people that are struggling each day to provide food for themselves and their families.

Contributions of large quantities of canned, dry, fresh or frozen products are most welcomed. Pick-up or delivery can be arranged with advanced notice.
Contact Ed Demetreshon (856) 662-4884 x 127

SJLWT Volunteer Programs
Update

Vernal Pools Results
So far, staff and volunteers have documented, recorded data and certified 57 vernal pool locations in Gloucester and Atlantic Counties. All volunteers are encouraged to go out and check on the pools just after it rains. If you have a tape recorder, take it with you and record what you hear.

Stream Assessments Results
SJLWT Staff and volunteers have completed 325 stream assessments to date, out of over 700 in total throughout the state. SJLWT assessments have occurred in every watershed in Gloucester County (Big Timber Creek, Woodbury Creek, Mantua Creek, Repaupo Creek, Raccoon Creek, Oldmans Creek, Great Egg Harbor River, and Maurice River). Sections of the Big Timber Creek, and Newton Creek in Camden County, the Great Egg Harbor River in Atlantic County, and the Maurice River in Salem County were also assessed. Approximately 90% of the reaches of the Oldmans Creek watershed have been assessed.

All past stream assessment data has been entered into Rutgers Visual Stream Assessment Protocol website. Watershed maps have been created and reaches designated for the Newton Creek Watershed. Many populations of the invasive plant Japanese knotweed have also been documented and added to the SJLWT data base of invasive species locations.
What is a rain garden?

A rain garden is a landscaped, shallow depression that is planted with deep-rooted native plants & grasses. It is located to receive rain (or snowfall) runoff from hard surfaces such as a roof via a downspout, a sidewalk or driveway. Rain gardens slow down the rush of water from these hard surfaces, hold the water for a short period of time and allow it to naturally filter into the ground. This helps recharge our groundwater supply. For more info www.water.rutgers.edu/Rain_Gardens/

Rainwater gardens can work virtually everywhere

A rain garden’s location, size, and effectiveness depend on such things as the amount of rain that moves from a house/building, the number and location of downspouts, soil types and the plants used. The gardens are practical in landscaped areas along drives or walks, the corners of the yard, and receiving areas for roof downspouts or sump pump hoses. Do you have a wet spot in your yard? Let native plants dry it up for you.

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Restoration Projects

SJLWT is working with:

The Bunker Hill Middle School and Gloucester Master Gardeners to build a rain garden in the school courtyard. Volunteers are needed to prep the site on Saturday, October 17 and plant with the children on Tuesday, October 20.

The City of Woodbury to plan a bank restoration project at Woodbury Lake and to install rain gardens in appropriate locations along the lake.

The Westville Environmental Commission on a plan to plant native plants along the banks of Westville Lake and to identify and control invasive plant species along the lake and the stream.

Residents of Washington Twp. to plant native species and control invasive species at a large detention basin along the Big Timber Creek.

SJLWT staff and volunteers participated at Eco Basin restoration events at Williamstown and South Harrison Middle Schools last fall. If your school is interested please contact SJLWT at 856-881-2269.

Protects local streams

Stormwater Management in Your Own Backyard

Rain carries pollutants like excess lawn and garden fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides, yard wastes, oil, car chemicals, sediment, and animal wastes into storm drains and ultimately into streams and rivers. A rain garden with native plants, grasses, and soil removes these pollutants from storm water. Rain gardens are built in low lying areas using layers of soil, sand, and organic mulch that filter the rain. This soil absorbs and stores the rainwater and nourishes the trees, grasses, and other native plants. Thus, the rain garden filters and reuses the water, reducing storm water pollution and providing attractive landscaping.
issue, which would ensure that vital preservation efforts continue. It will cost households just $10 per year. The Governor signed the legislation on August 18th. SJLWT extends a special thanks to Assemblywoman Celeste Riley (D-Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester) as well as Senator Stephen M. Sweeney (D-Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester) for their continued leadership on this issue.

The timing couldn’t be more urgent. The state fund that helps our local efforts to preserve natural areas and water quality, create parks, and preserve farmland and historic buildings is essentially empty. If voters don’t approve the 2009 ballot measure and new funds, the state’s preservation efforts will grind to a halt.

We have just a few months to remind our friends and neighbors of how much we depend on continued open space investments! Land prices are low and our preservation dollars go further now, as development pressure and land values are sure to rise again.

These dollars are a very wise investment. A recent study found that every $1 invested through the bond measure would return $10 in value, in the form of ecosystem services (such as water purification, waste treatment and flood mitigation), natural goods (such as fish and farm products), and outdoor recreation activities across the entire state. The bond measure would also create jobs restoring historic sites and natural areas, and building parks.

The Public Question also requires full public disclosure of all spending on clean water and land projects to keep New Jersey green, and there is citizen oversight through the Garden State Preservation Trust, which approves all projects.

To continue living in a state where we can enjoy clean water, connect with nature and wildlife, preserve farms and local treasures, and enable our children and grandchildren to do the same, it’s important that we spread the word about voting Yes on Public Question #1 in November! For more information check out www.njkeepitgreen.org or the Facebook page named NJ Keep It Green. Join the campaign today!

SJLWT Helps Preserve 39 Acres

Hills Campground as a family enterprise until 1982. For the past 27 years, the campground has not been used, although the MacKannans continued to live in the main house. As Doris MacKannan said, “This has long been a dream of ours – to see this property preserved forever.”

The property was purchased by SJLWT with a $250,000 grant through the state Green Acres program and a $200,000 natural resource damage settlement facilitated by Conservation Resources Inc. of Chester. The New Jersey Conservation Foundation contributed substantial staff time and preservation expertise to the project. Located within the large farming region of the Delaware Bay Watershed, the property is in close proximity to preserved farmland as well as prime agricultural lands ripe for preservation, but threatened by the wave of development that was crossing the region and which will continue in the near future. SJLWT hopes its acquisition will encourage the preservation of contiguous properties along the creek and in the surrounding area.

“SJLWT is very grateful to the MacKannans for their dedication to preserving their land, and to all of our partners who have worked with us to make this effort a success,” said Christine Nolan, SJLWT Director.
Belinda's Corner

**Five Energy Tips**
on how to use less energy and save up to 30% on your winter heating bill!

**Lower your thermostat.** 68° is recommended when you are at home, and 60° when out and while asleep. This can result in a cost savings of up to 12%. Using a programmable thermostat can help reduce your heating costs as well.

**Reduce your hot water usage.** Lower your hot water heater from 150° to 120° and wash your clothes in cold water to see savings of up to 16%. Take a short shower instead of a bath.

**Keep warm air inside.** First, close off vents or registers in rooms you are not using and close the door, unless that room has a major common return duct. If you have storm windows, make sure they are closed and in place.

**Weatherize.** You can save up to 10% or more on your energy bill by reducing air leaks with caulking and weatherstripping. Seal holes and cracks around windows, doors, light fixtures, and walls. Purchase an inexpensive weatherization kit today!

**Take a free Home Energy Analysis.** This customized energy audit is designed to help you stop losing energy in your home and start saving money. Take it online at www.njcleanenergy.com or call 1-866-657-6278 for a printed version.

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**SJLWT Thank You**

Thank You

**Plant in the fall for beautiful spring flowers.**

The following nurseries donate to our annual plant auctions held at Washington Twp. Earth Day and Gloucester County WaterFest. Be sure to tell the nursery that you learned about them from SJLWT.

- Arrowwood Native Plant Nursery
  961 Clark Ave.
  Franklin Twp.  697-6044

- Bellone’s Nursery
  491 Harding Hwy (Rte. 40)
  Franklin Twp  697-4351

- Bloomers
  Hurffville Cross Keys & Fish Pond Rd.
  Washington Twp 589-0200

- Bunker Hill Middle School
  372 Pitman-Downer Rd.
  Washington Twp 881-7007

- Cousins Garden Center
  355 Center St.
  Mantua   468-8241

- D’Angelo’s
  405 Richwood Rd.
  Ewan     881-6039

- Danny Jr’s. Garden Center
  664 Berlin-Cross Keys Rd
  Sicklerville  629-0016

- Dougherty’s Home & Garden Center
  3086 Delsea Dr.
  Franklinville  694-1216

- Exley’s Landscape Service
  1535 Tanyard Rd.
  Mantua 468-5949

- Fazzio’s Garden Center
  541 Bridgeton Pike
  Mullica Hill  478-6298

- Four Seasons Garden
  (Rte. 45) Mullica Hill  478-6956

- Garden Road Greenhouse
  402 Garden Rd.
  Pittsgrove Twp.  358-3032

- Groff’s Mill Pond Nurseries
  1350 Delsea Dr.
  Glassboro  589-9600

- Hillcrest Farm & Nursery
  123 Thies Rd.
  Sewell  589-5696

- ICCS Nursery
  419 East High Street
  Williamstown  307-9652

- Michael’s Greenhouses
  305 Pitman-Downer Rd.
  Washington Twp 881-0009

- Pinney Hollow Nursery
  3653 Dutch Mill Rd.
  Franklin Twp  697-4950

- Platt’s Farm Market
  70 Cohawkin Rd.
  Clarksboro 423-7995

- Prickett Nursery
  Mantua Blvd.
  Sewell  468-0654

- Pump House Gardens
  1730 Glassboro Rd.
  Mantua  468-6603

- Puglia’s Farm Market
  381 Fries Mill Rd
  Sewell  881-0619

- Rosie’s Farm Market
  317 Swedesboro Rd.
  Elk Twp  223-2952

- Stecher’s Garden Mrkt
  1024 Township Line
  Woolwich  467-2208

- Triple Oaks Nursery
  2359 Delsea Dr
  Franklinville 694-4272

- Visconti Nursery
  1459 Centerton Rd.
  Elmer    358-6644

- Walker’s Farm Market
  105 Porchtown Rd.
  Pittsgrove 358-1318

- Windy Top Nursery
  240 Harrisonville Rd.
  Richwood  478-2127

- Zimmerman Country Market
  425 Salina Rd.
  Mantua  468-1611
Save the Date

SJLWT 5th Annual Wine & Cheese Tasting
Celebrating South Jersey Wineries
Friday, October 2, 2009  Between 7:00 & 9:00 pm
Heritage Winery (Rte 322, west of Rte 55)
Tickets must be reserved in advance. Contact Christine at 856-881-2269

Scotland Run Nature Center, Clayton
Afternoon Nature Strolls & Bird Walk on weekdays and weekends
For details and to register, call the center at (856) 881-0845. All events are free.

Bunker Hill Middle School Rain Garden Planting
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Oldmans Creek’s Mackannan Property Preservation Celebration
Saturday, October 24 at 2:00 pm
Join us for a tour of the property and light refreshments.

Pedricktown Marsh with speaker, Michael Hogan
SJLWT Joint Meeting with the Gloucester County Nature Club
Thursday, November 12 7-9pm

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