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### From the Leadership Team



Dear Friends,

When we began discussions more than three years ago about acquiring a more than 80-acre property in Bristol Township, we had hope that it would come to fruition, but we understood that everything would have to fall perfectly into place in order to finalize this acquisition. We can spend years on a project only to have it fall through weeks before settlement; it's just the nature of our work.

There were a lot of hurdles to get over during these past few years, but our staff worked tirelessly on the project because they understood its importance. Right up until settlement day on December 30, 2015, we couldn't be sure that everything would align. But we had hope, and hope perseveres.

We are thrilled to share that the Croydon Woods acquisition is complete. This 80-acre wooded wetland forest is protected in perpetuity for the enjoyment of generations to come.

Protecting this large green space, which is located in a mostly urbanized setting, is a proud organizational accomplishment. Sometimes we can get caught up in the numbers, but in reality, just one acre of preserved green space can make all the difference to a community of people who live in an area where land has been overtaken by development.

We all deserve to have access to green space. Open space is not a luxury but a necessity for our well being. Heritage Conservancy strives to connect people with nature because it makes for a happier, stronger community.

As you read through this year's report, you'll see many of your fellow compassionate conservationists who have joined us at an event to connect with open spaces and historic places. We hope that you'll join us at one in 2016 to enjoy the rich natural and historic heritage that our fine region has to offer!

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey L. Marshall President



Linda Cacossa Chief Operating Officer

P.S. – On page 6, you can read the full story about our Croydon Woods acquisition and all of the community and corporate support that went into it.

#### Supporters Corner What you're saying about Heritage Conservancy

"I'm a current member and got interested in joining when I'd see Heritage Conservancy signs on preserved property lining the Delaware Canal Path. I'm always so thankful whenever I see your signs on preserved land. I realize how much it benefits all of us to have land protected from development."

---- Heritage Conservancy member Heather Bernhardt New Britain, PA

"Thank you for helping to maintain the peace and tranquility of our beautiful county."

— Heritage Conservancy member Mark Rubin Washington Crossing, PA

"It's time for me to do my part."

 Heritage Conservancy member and volunteer Ann Bamford Mechanicsville, PA

### Documenting Our Historic Structures

With assistance from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, the Bureau for Historic Preservation (PHMC/BHP), the Township Planning Commissions, and local volunteers, Heritage Conservancy has begun conducting inventories of historic buildings in Abington and Lower Frederick Townships, Montgomery County, for a Historic Resources Survey (HRS) Project.

Both townships were founded in the early 1700s and are rich with history. Abington Township is home to some of the county's oldest buildings and transportation routes, and Lower Frederick Township has strong agricultural ties. The HRS Project will identify and document each community's historic resources in order to increase public awareness of them, which is essential in promoting their protection.



A documented home from Lower Frederick Township

A documented home from Abington Township

The HRS process is performed primarily by volunteers, and it includes gathering data on resources through research using public records, historic maps and written material, and field surveys. In their fieldwork, volunteers travel on public roads to photograph and record information on buildings, including their historic and current functions, their architectural styles (Colonial, Early Republican, Mid-19th Century, Late Victorian, etc.), and their exterior materials.

The purpose of the survey is to gather relevant facts about properties as a way of understanding the age, nature, and location of historic places. Once completed, the information will be compiled and utilized to document our past as a snapshot in time and to prioritize resources for continued preservation and enhancement. It may also be used to direct future studies, inform planning processes, and make decisions about development activities that might affect those resources.

According to Mary Lou McFarland, Senior Preservation Specialist at Heritage Conservancy, "It is important that we recognize the irreplaceable historic resources that make each community unique. Surveys help to educate the public and provide a framework to encourage preservation for future generations."

If you are interested in the history of our community and your neighborhood, we invite you to join up with other community members and be a part of documenting history. Reach out to us at 215-345-7020 for more information.



### Appreciating Our Business Members

Business members who have supported Heritage Conservancy for more than 20 years.

In April, Heritage Conservancy hosted more than 100 business members (one of our largest turnouts to date!) at its annual Business Members Reception. Held here at Aldie Mansion, the event celebrated our much-appreciated business members who continue to promote our mission of preserving and protecting our region's natural and historic heritage through their advocacy and support.

Heritage Conservancy began its business membership program in 1990, and since 2015 marked a milestone year, we had much to celebrate and give thanks for.

The 2015 Community Business Leader of the Year Award was presented to Jeff and Ada Staal Smith, owners of J.A. Heating and Air Conditioning of Warminster, PA, for their commitment to furthering our mission and their significant contributions to our community.

Along with the Smiths, we honored our longest-tenured business members who have steadfastly and continuously contributed to our mission for 20 years or more. Those businesses include:

• First National Bank and Trust Company of Newtown

- Keystone Tree Experts
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We were grateful to have this opportunity to honor all of these businesses and to thank so many of our business members in person.



Jeff and Ada, recipients of the 2015 Community Business Leader of the Year Award, along with our Chairman of the Board, Chris Chandor.

If you're interested in learning more about a Heritage Conservancy business membership, contact us at 215-345-7020.

### Aldie Mansion is getting a facelift!

Thanks to the generosity of Nelson and Bette Pfundt and the Pfundt Family Foundation, we broke ground at the end of 2015 on the renovation of Aldie Mansion's Tea Garden, a treasure many of you have never seen since it is in the backyard of the mansion. Dear Garden Associates, Inc. designed a plan that will enhance this original, integral part of the mansion's landscape while preserving its historic integrity. Through adaptive reuse, a fountain will become a focal point for the Pfundt Family Foundation Tea Garden by incorporating an original lion's head pool spout that William Mercer created using concrete and tile. By adding an area for chairs and tables with accessibility for everyone, the Pfundt Family Foundation Tea Garden will accommodate events and ceremonies.

Along with the renovations to the Tea Garden, we will begin work on installing a new ballroom floor. Thanks to generous supporters at Christmas at Aldie 2015, we have the funding to do so. As you can imagine, Aldie Mansion's ballroom floor gets a lot of wear and tear, and it hasn't been replaced since the ballroom was first added onto the mansion more than seventeen years ago. The ballroom was originally built to allow for special events to generate revenue and make the building selfsustaining.



of these renovations will increase revenue capabilities, which in turn benefits Heritage Conservancy's mission of preserving and protecting our natural and historic heritage.

We hope that you will come visit us for a guided tour of Aldie Mansion during one of our newly scheduled open houses, or contact us at 215-345-7020 to schedule a private tour.

# **Calvin Ruth:** A Lasting Legacy

On an ordinary day in April 1990, an unassuming man in his late-60s walked into our Aldie Mansion headquarters to inquire about the building's past.

At this time, Aldie Mansion had just recently been rehabilitated after falling into a state of disrepair, and it drew a good deal of community interest. An employee named Jeff Marshall (that's right, our current President!) greeted Calvin H. Ruth, a lifelong resident of Quakertown, PA, and gave him a tour of the mansion, thus establishing a friendship with our organization that lasted the rest of his lifetime.

A quiet man, Calvin Ruth's thoughts were heard clearly through his art. An art teacher by profession and an artist and collector for the pure joy of it, Mr. Ruth captured the beauty and spirit of upper Bucks and Montgomery Counties through his impressionist landscape paintings. He had a keen eye for painting old farmhouses, barns, and historic buildings, and he would often paint the same one at different times of the year. It was his way of documenting and appreciating our countryside.

His appreciation went event further than this documentation. Calvin Ruth was a true steward of our area's history and environment. After learning more about Heritage Conservancy, he developed a fondness for our Quakertown Swamp Preserve. Because of his passion for the swamp, he contributed yearly to its protection and other properties like it.

"It's such a natural connection for artists like Calvin Ruth to appreciate Heritage Conservancy's work," reflected Jeff Marshall on Mr. Ruth's dedication to our mission. "Our role is to ensure that the beauty an artist has captured remains intact for everyone to enjoy in person."

When Mr. Ruth passed away in February 2015 at the age of 93, he left a planned gift to our organization. The Calvin Ruth Memorial Fund was established to help Heritage Conservancy meet its mission of historic preservation and land conservation, specifically in five upper Bucks County municipalities.

A strong component of the Calvin Ruth Memorial Fund will focus on educational activities, a role he dedicated his life to; his gift will also go toward protecting the areas that meant so much to him. Combining his passion for education and the Quakertown



Swamp, a portion of his fund will go toward our upcoming Quakertown Swamp BioBlitz in May 2016 to help us better understand this important natural resource.

Combining his lifetime gifts along with his planned gift, Mr. Ruth donated nearly \$1.3 million dollars to Heritage Conservancy. Mr. Ruth was careful and intentional with his savings, and as such, Heritage Conservancy will optimize his gift by extending its reach to make the largest impact. The legacy that he left will be felt for generations to come. Thank you for your lasting gift, Mr. Ruth.

## The Seven Year Itch

For the seventh year in a row, Heritage Conservancy partnered with the Artists of the Gallows Run and other community members to transform the iconic barn of Rising Sun Farm in Kintnersville, PA, into "Art for Conservation," a weekend-long gallery of exceptional works of art that highlight the picturesque views of upper Bucks County. Held in October, this art show was a true celebration of the heritage of our area.

With fifty-percent of profits being donated by the artists to support land conservation efforts

in Nockamixon Township, the show raised more than \$6,500 toward the cause. Extending Art for Conservation's impact in the area even further, the money raised by the art show was matched by funds from the Calvin Ruth Memorial Fund. As an art teacher, Calvin Ruth would have especially enjoyed the art show's engagement of the next generation—Palisades High School AP art students were invited to participate in the Future Artists of the Gallows Run, a juried competition organized to encourage young artists.

Photo credit: Art for Conservation



### Preserving and protecting our n

As 2015 was coming to a close, our organization was finalizing a land acquisition project that was three years in the making.

### Heritage Conservancy Acquires Croydon Woods in Bristol Township

We are thrilled to announce that at the end of December, Heritage Conservancy acquired Croydon Woods, a more than 80-acre parcel of land that is situated in Bristol Township, PA, from Rohm and Haas Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company. Croydon Woods is one of the last remaining wooded wetland forests in the region, and thanks in part to support from Bucks County, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the William Penn Foundation, it will now remain green space in perpetuity.

Combined with an adjacent 32 acres of protected woodlands, the acquisition of Croydon Woods will provide public access for passive recreation on more than 112 acres of natural habitat in an otherwise urban setting.

"Heritage Conservancy is tremendously excited to preserve land in the more developed portion of Bucks County," said Jeffrey L. Marshall, President of Heritage Conservancy. "Croydon Woods is an island of green, and the environmental, economic and emotional benefits of living near open space has been well documented."

As a vibrant, flourishing ecosystem, the Bucks County Natural Areas Inventory (NAI) identified Croydon Woods as a "Priority 1" site of statewide and countywide significance. The NAI describes the tract as an excellent example of coastal floodplain. Preservation of these wooded areas is vital for replenishing groundwater resources and absorbing and filtering storm water runoff. The property also contains endangered and threatened plant species that will now have a permanently protected habitat in which to thrive.

Our goal for Croydon Woods is for it to remain an undisturbed nature preserve that will provide habitat for rare and endangered plant species as well as permanent open space for the public. Our organization will perform a complete inventory and assessment of the property's natural resources and develop a management and stewardship plan to protect the land and its ecosystem. In addition, opportunities to further incorporate passive recreation and environmental education at the property without negatively impacting the sensitive natural areas will be explored.

Heritage Conservancy has successfully worked with local schools to provide hands-on, outdoor learning experiences at the nearby Bristol Marsh. Similarly, our organization will use its expertise and community partnerships to encourage the use of Croydon Woods for the enjoyment of community members near and far. As we further explore the property and begin to understand its natural resources more fully, we will keep the community informed of our progress and findings.

### **Preserved:** A 70-acre farm in Durham Township

Because of its prime agricultural soils and active farming, Dave Caccavo's 70-acre property in Durham Township was a high-priority preservation project. With Heritage Conservancy facilitating the transaction, the Bucks County Agricultural Preservation Program purchased a conservation easement on the Caccavo Farm to protect it in perpetuity.

A lifelong New Yorker, Mr. Caccavo "found" Bucks County almost thirty years ago on trips to visit his sister, who lived outside of Washington Crossing. He holds a strong affinity for open space, and he understands its importance. By preserving this piece of his farm, he is ensuring that the Bucks County he discovered three decades ago is the same Bucks County that will be found by future generations.

Mr. Caccavo is interested in continuing the conservation conversation and is in talks with Heritage Conservancy to preserve additional land.

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### Preserved A Keystone in a 350-Acre Greenway in Upper Bucks County

We had a busy end of December! Around the same time as our Croydon Woods acquisition, we were closing on the preservation of another property, this time at the opposite end of the county in upper Bucks County.

The Wernett property, a 17-acre working farm that is also known as Sunrise Farm and is located in Springfield Township, will now be protected in perpetuity thanks to the combined efforts of Heritage Conservancy and Springfield Township. Funding for the project was provided by Springfield Township and the Bucks County Municipal Open Space Program. Heritage Conservancy will hold the conservation easement on Sunrise Farm and keep the promise to protect it in perpetuity.

After preserving 29 acres of their property with Heritage Conservancy and Richland Township back in 2011, Monty and Bonnie Wernett had preservation fever! With a sense of humor, Monty shared with us that the process does take time and you do need to have patience, but it is worth it in the end. That's why he decided to do it again.

Filled with fond memories of raising pigs on Sunrise Farm and gratitude for how good the land has been to his family, Monty has spent the majority of his life appreciating the beauty of his land and all that it provides to the community.

"As much joy as we get when we drive by and see this vast landscape, we wanted other people to enjoy it and have that same feeling generations from now," said Monty Wernett.

For more than 40 years, the Wernetts have farmed their 17acre property on California Road in Springfield Township, which is adjacent to the first property they preserved in Richland Township. Heritage Conservancy was aware that the Wernetts were interested in preserving the piece in Springfield Township as well, so acting as a facilitator, our organization approached the Township about this property that would connect the two townships and add to a 350-acre greenway of contiguous protected lands. Because of its location that contributes to a beautiful vista and scenic viewscape, and because the land contains prime agricultural soils that are important for agricultural production, the Wernetts' property at Sunrise Farm was considered a high-priority preservation project for Springfield Township.

"Our neighboring township, Richland Township, had already preserved a majority of the property. So when we (Springfield Township) had the opportunity to preserve the portion of this property in our township, we quickly moved the project forward," said Pete Sleeman, Springfield Township Open Space Committee Chairman. "Heritage Conservancy and a willing property owner made the project a seamless and enjoyable experience."

"Heritage Conservancy liaisons to link landowners, partners, and townships together to preserve large, contiguous areas of our important natural resources and landscapes," said Laura Baird, Senior Land Conservationist for Heritage Conservancy who worked directly on this project. "It's these strong partnerships that allow us to accomplish important preservation successes like the Wernett farm."

After going through the preservation process twice and ultimately protecting two farms, Monty is a seasoned preservationist and a champion of protecting our green spaces.

"It's this generation that has to step up to the plate and protect our lands," said Monty. "There's a window for preservation open and it has an urgent timeframe before it closes. We need other farms to act now."

We are thankful for the Wernetts' foresight. Our community will forever benefit as a result of their compassionate act to preserve Sunrise Farm in perpetuity.

# **Connecting The Community to O**

On Arbor Day in April, Heritage Conservancy ► staff members and employee volunteers from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) planted over 100 trees and shrubs on our Baker Preserve, a property located in upper Bucks County that contains a portion of Cooks Creek. Thanks to the TreeVitalize Watershed Grant Program administered by the Bucks County Conservation District, we had the funding to purchase over ten species of native trees and shrubs from ArcheWild for planting. The nonnative ground cover on the preserve is very dense, making it difficult for trees to reseed themselves. The TreeVitalize plantings will help to repopulate the area, which will in turn help to prevent stream bank erosion and improve water



▲ In honor of National Trails Day in June, compassionate volunteers from the community, including employees from Lockheed Martin, helped us with a cleanup of the Jere Knight Trail located on our Fuller Preserve in Springfield Township, Bucks County. We improved the trailhead by installing stone steps to allow for easier access and by clearing the trail of debris and fallen branches. Thank you to the volunteers who helped us to accomplish this task!

In April, students from Delaware Valley University participated in a cleanup to remove trash from our Bellwood Preserve in Northampton Township. This 100-acre property consists of wooded area, open space, and a portion of Mill Creek, and it features a diverse ecosystem with abundant plant and animal life. The students collected more than 10 bags full of trash that had been littering the property. The ecosystem thanks these students for helping it to thrive!



quality. The day highlighted an excellent example of collaborative stewardship. It takes the teamwork of a caring community to steward and protect our important natural resources.



Over the course of the summer, we hosted Concel the Garden here at Aldie Many the heritage of the mansion served musical performances showcased that we have right here in our conthan 500 people of all ages joint chairs in tow to soak up a bit of the as music emanated throughout the organization adaptively reuses Ald headquarters to safeguard the materia and landscape for the benefit of community; we were pleased to event free to the public that donor support.



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On a snowy evening in February, we held a moonlit hike at our Hart's Woods Preserve in Doylestown. Despite low temperatures, the group merrily strolled throughout the forest while learning about different species of plant life (there are 200-year-old tulip poplar trees in Hart's Woods—they can grow to be 150 feet in height!) and animal life that inhabit the forest. The snow on the ground made it easier to spot animal tracks, and everyone enthusiastically worked together to identify them.

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In October, we hosted a field trip at the Bristol Marsh Nature Preserve for students from the Commonwealth Connections Academy. While discovering the plant and animal life of the marsh, the students also learned about the impact of pollution on the environment. It was an exciting day of learning about an important natural resource and our impact on its ecosystem! This program took place thanks in part to a grant from PA DEP Coastal Zone Management.



✓ This summer, we hosted three different fundraising dinners, and each one had its own way of connecting its guests to the natural and historic heritage of the Bucks and Montgomery County region. History at the Haines featured a historic homestead on the National Register of Historic Places that housed a museum of artifacts and antique cars; Farm to Table strengthened the connection between local agriculture and the need to preserve our vital farmland; Celebration for Conservation highlighted the importance of community partnerships in protecting our natural and historic treasures. More than 500 of you connected with us on these properties. We were thrilled to share them with you and show why our work is so important!

### Connecting Our Community to Our Natural and Historic Heritage

In May, we had the privilege of engaging a group from the Empower U program on our Hart's Woods Preserve. Offered free through a partnership between Central Bucks Family YMCA and The United Way's Bucks County Women's Initiative, Empower U is an 8-week program that enhances positive

program that enhances positive self-image in teen girls. The group chose a nature hike with Heritage Conservancy as a way to de-stress. Through silly camera selfies and interesting nature discoveries, the girls had a wonderful time in the great outdoors. Heritage Conservancy was honored to have the opportunity to support the Empower U program by providing this hike. At the end of May, Heritage Conservancy offered the community the exclusive opportunity to explore the privately-owned Krout's Mill House, a mid-18th-century farmhouse in Bedminster Township. Jeff Marshall provided an in-depth tour through this homestead that contains rare architectural elements. We had a full house, and the crowd was entertained by his fascinating knowledge of the home. ▼





▲ For the second year in a row, we held our "Be Kind to Bats & Other Nocturnal Creatures" event here at Aldie Mansion. With a costume contest, face painting, trickor-treating around the mansion, and a presentation of real live creatures of the night from our friends at AARK, the evening was a graveyard smash! It was wonderful to see so many members of the community enjoying our historic headquarters while learning about the wildlife of our region.

# Bristol Marsh Virtual Jour

# For the Birds!



Photo courtesy of Curtis Cowgi

Now available for your hiking and viewing pleasure, we present our "For the Birds!" birding guide of Quakertown Swamp. To further connect our community with the abundant wildlife in our area, Heritage Conservancy designed this informational brochure that allows you to explore the area.

This brochure is a result of our Nesting Bird Survey, which expert birder Diane Allison led in the spring of 2014. Combining this survey with two previous surveys, there have been more than 140 bird species observed flourishing in the swamp.

Visit heritageconservancy.org/for-thebirds, or contact us at 215-345-7020 for a printed copy.

In 2015, we completed a project that will continue to promote an important natural resource. Our virtual tour of the Bristol Marsh Nature Preserve provides an overview of Bristol Marsh to a broader audience that might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience it firsthand.

Located adjacent to historic Bristol Borough's Waterfront Park, the 33-acre preserve contains a unique fresh water tidal marsh that helps to filter water before it enters the connecting Delaware River, and it supports a diverse ecosystem of plant and animal life. Home to more than 350 plant and animal species, including endangered and threatened species, we often highlight the importance of this incredible natural resource through educational field trips and property cleanups.

Through the support of Verizon, the William Penn Foundation, and PA DEP Coastal Zone Management, Heritage Conservancy created this virtual tour that guides adult and children learners through the marsh's habitat while highlighting wildlife, plants, and surrounding historical landmarks of Bristol Borough. Although it is a standalone piece, this video will pair well with "Bristol Marsh: Learning Beyond the Classroom," a manual that our organization created that provides teachers and educators with a guide for explaining features of the marsh to students.

By making this tour available to students and the public, Heritage Conservancy hopes to shed light on the need for stewardship of this special habitat.



On Saturday, September 26th, Heritage Conservancy held a cleanup at the Bristol Marsh Nature Preserve with help from local Boy and Girl Scouts in honor of National Public Lands Day.

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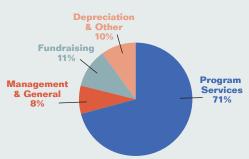
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Heritage Conservancy's fiscal management practices ensure that funds raised in the current year are effectively used to advance our conservation and education mission. We thank the many funding partners listed on these pages for their continuing support.

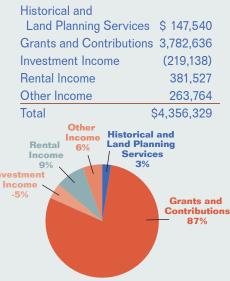
"In the furtherance of our mission, the Conservancy placed a conservation easement on a 82-acre parcel resulting in a fair market value loss of \$1,551.866."

#### 2015 Expenses

Program Services	\$1,494,687
Management & General	174,298
Fundraising	224,101
Depreciation & Other	203,574
Total	\$2,096,660



#### 2015 Income



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### **2015 Land Preservation Accomplishments**

Wernett Property Type: Holder of the Conservation Easement Acreage: 17 acres Location: Springfield Township Funding Partners: Bucks County and Springfield Townships

#### **Caccavo Farm**

Type: Holder of the Conservation Easement Acreage: 70 acres Location: Durham Township Funding Partners: Bucks County Agricultural Land Preservation Program

#### **Croydon Woods**

Type: Owner of Property Acreage: 82 acres Location: Bristol Township Funding Partners: Bucks County, PA DCNR and the William Penn Foundation



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