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Forests and Lakes—For People—Forever

ESPY LAND HERITAGE AWARD TO DLLT

Award named for Jay Espy presented by Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT), a statewide land conservation organization, has named the Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) as recipient of the **2011 Espy Land Heritage Award**. Each year MCHT presents the award named for Jay Espy to an individual, organization, or coalition for exemplary conservation efforts in Maine.

"The recent land conservation accomplishments of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust are truly spectacular," said Tom Ireland, Board Chair of MCHT, when presenting the award at the Maine Land Conservation Conference on April 30, 2011 in Topsham.

MCHT President Tim Glidden, DLLT's Mark Berry, and Jay Espy with the Espy Land Heritage Award

"They set the standard in Maine, and indeed the nation, for the impact a land trust can have in sustaining a community's way of life."

More information about the Espy Award, including links to video of Tom Ireland's presentation and Mark Berry's acceptance, are available at www.downeastlakes.org.

The award honors the accomplishments of DLLT, and is intended to inspire further success. With the award came a $5,000 contribution that DLLT will dedicate to the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project.

Everyone who has supported DLLT shares in the honor of receiving this award. Thank you!

WEST GRAND LAKE & FOREST LEGACY

Top-ranked Project to Receive Funds, Campaign near Half-way Point

On May 17th, Downeast Lakes Land Trust received confirmation that Maine will receive the recommended funding level of $6,675,000 for the West Grand Lake Community Forest from the U.S.F.S. Forest Legacy Program.

Forest Legacy projects are evaluated in a competitive, objective process and ranked for their economic, environmental, and recreational values. The West Grand Lake Community Forest ranked #1 as the best opportunity in the country to invest in forest conservation this year.

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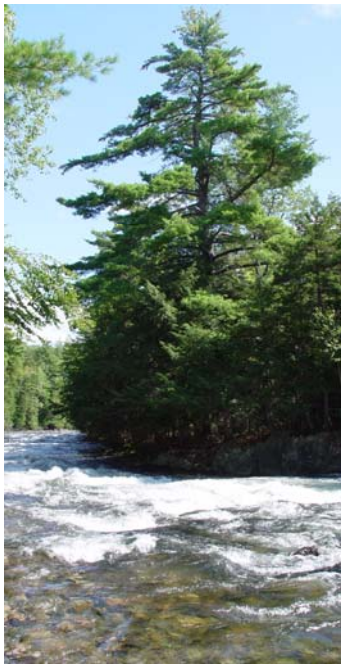
Funding from this program is a huge milestone, bringing us near the halfway point for our project's **$24 million campaign**.

Maine's Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins and Representatives Michael Michaud and Chellie Pingree support the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project and serve as Honorary Co-Chairs. Governor Paul LePage also accepted our invitation to serve as an Honorary Co-chair, along with Passamaquoddy Governor Joseph Socobasin, Roger Milliken, Jr., and John Cashwell.

Private donors now can ensure that this project succeeds through their participation. The project will protect and guarantee access to 21,700 acres and 17 miles of lakeshore. Even more importantly, it will fill a gap in a huge conserved landscape and ensure that the community of Grand Lake Stream will always be a worthy destination in the midst of spectacular lakes, streams, wetlands, and forests.

Visit Grand Lake Stream and you'll know why this special place is so important!



Big Falls, Grand Lake Stream

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: A Group Effort

Just a few weeks ago, Downeast Lakes Land Trust was honored with the Espy Land Heritage Award from Maine Coast Heritage Trust, or MCHT.

This award is named for Jay Espy, the long-time President of MCHT and now President of the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation.

We especially appreciate receiving an award named for Jay because he was a leader in the first land conservation project in Grand Lake Stream, before our organization existed. Many of you may remember when Georgia Pacific proposed a subdivision on the banks of the stream at Little Falls, and how local citizens and friends of the stream joined together to block the proposal.

With Jay's leadership, and support from the Land for Maine's Future Program, L.L. Bean, and others, MCHT was able to secure the permanent conservation of the stream property, creating the Little Falls public access site now managed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

This success in protecting the banks of the stream and our outdoor recreation heritage was an inspiration to the founders of Downeast Lakes Land Trust a few years later. It was the foundation that made us think conserving our resources and way of life may be possible.

From the stream project, to Downeast Lakes Land Trust's first successes, to our current effort to protect the West Grand Lake Community Forest, everything we've done has been done with the help of many partners—from local volunteers, to donors, to other organizations. MCHT saw the uniqueness of the area and the value of protecting it. Through their leadership and mentoring, our community learned how to reach out to others and involve partners on all levels. We will forever be grateful for their vision and mentoring.

We're flattered to receive this award—and we hope that it makes you feel good about the contributions you have made to our group effort. Thank you for being part of something special.

We still have a long way to go to finish the West Grand Lake Project, and we're glad to have your support.

With my sincere thanks,

Lindsay Wheaton

CORPORATE PARTNERS

Corporate Partners support our vision for the economic and environmental well-being of Grand Lake Stream and the Downeast Lakes Region. These businesses made gifts in 2010, and are featured on downeastlakes.org through 2011.

Brook Trout ($1,000 or more)

- Bangor Savings Bank
- Finite Carbon
- Hanscom's Construction
- The Lyme Timber Company
- Macdonald Page & Co.
- Orion Timberlands

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- Furbush Roberts Printing Co., Inc.
- Grand Lake Lodge
- Machias Savings Bank
- Oakhurst Dairy
- Pica Design
- Prock Marine Company
- Robbins Lumber
- Weatherby's

MISSION

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust contributes to the long-term economic and environmental well-being of the Downeast Lakes region through the conservation and exemplary management of its forests and waters.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Why Do We Buy?

One of the most common questions I'm asked about Downeast Lakes Land Trust is why a local nonprofit in a community as small as Grand Lake Stream has worked to purchase and own large forest properties.

Protecting Values

People are quick to understand why a community like Grand Lake Stream that relies on attracting visitors for outdoor recreation wants to see their lakes and their shores protected.

Most understand why guaranteeing public access to the forest is important - for recreation of local people and visitors, and because Guides bring their clients to hunt in the woods.

People familiar with conservation easements know we use them to provide permanent restrictions on development and guarantees of public recreational access. They sometimes ask why we also buy land.

Community Benefits from Management

Our "Community Forest" approach of ownership and management has multiple advantages. We have created a structure where local people become stewards of the land and have flexibility to manage for community benefits. We plan and manage annual timber harvests, directly creating jobs and supporting our region's largest economy. We develop recreational opportunities to support the economy and local quality of life, partnering with the local snowmobile and ATV clubs, and creating new hiking trails and lakeshore campsites. We enhance wildlife habitats. We offer permits to local craftsmen, who harvest wood to build Grand Lake Canoes.

Some of these benefits have traditionally been available through private forest ownership, but are not guaranteed in a changing world. Our community's future demands we do our best; fulfilling our mission through exemplary forest management after we conserve the forest. Our Community Forests ensure people here can and will continue to improve the forest and build the economy over time.

Do you have questions? Please explore our website at www.downeastlakes.org, and give us a call anytime.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mark Berry

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IS YOUR WILL UP TO DATE?

Life changes - job, family, financial - make updating a will important. If you're updating yours, consider including Downeast Lakes Land Trust as a beneficiary. There are also estate advantages to naming us as beneficiary, or partial beneficiary, of your life insurance policy or retirement plan. These changes are often easier than updating a will.

DOUBLE BENEFIT

Many businesses offer matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. If you're considering a gift to Downeast Lakes Land Trust please check with your company to see if they have a matching gift program. In many cases you can double your gift.

West Grand Lake

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: KIM ARNOLD

Kimberly B. Arnold has served on the DLLT Board since 2009. She currently serves as Treasurer, chairs the Financial Management Committee and is a member of the Development Committee**.** A Wesleyan University graduate, she received an MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College. Mrs. Arnold is an independent marketing consultant. She lives in London, England, with her husband Robin. She is the daughter of former Board member Pete Borden and is a fourth-generation seasonal resident of her family camp in Township 27. Kim, Robin, and their two grown daughters, Paulina and Joyce, greatly enjoy their visits to Grand Lake Stream. Kim is committed to helping preserve the traditional way of life in this area and to efforts that promote the local economy. With her marketing and financial backgrounds and her appreciation for the area, Kim is a tremendous asset to the Board.

Thanks, Kim!

DOWNEAST LAKES

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Get more information and keep up to date at **www.downeastlakes.org**

History & Heritage Series

Thursday, Jun. 16, 6:30 pm
"Guides for Hire", *in partnership with GLS Historical Society, at Museum*. Discuss this Grand Lake Stream novel by Ada & Anna Cataldo.

Thursday, Jul. 14, 6:30 pm
Early Wildlife of Maine, with Dr. William Krohn, Town Building
Learn about and discuss the history of Downeast wildlife.

Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30 pm
Writings of Edmund Ware Smith Book Discussion, *in partnership with GLS Historical Society, at Museum*. Discuss these stories of the Downeast lakes and forests.

Thursday, Sept. 29, 6:30 pm
Maine Climate History, with Dr. George Jacobsen, Town Building
Learn about the history of Maine's climate and how it has changed Maine's forests and ecosystems.

GLS Chamber & MDIFW Togue Fishing Tournament

Saturday & Sunday, Jun.18 & 19

Grand Lake Stream, America

Monday, Jul. 4, 7 am - 9 pm

This community event is becoming bigger and better every year. All meals available, food all day. Many activities and games. Also:
9 am Race for Grand Lake Stream. 3 mile foot race - walkers and runners.
11 am Parade
6:30 pm "The Sweetback Sisters" Internationally Known Country Singers!

Explorations & Adventures

"Animals, Books, & Children in GLS" Tuesdays, Jul. 5 – Aug. 16 9:30- 12 noon.

DLLT sponsors weekly educational activities for children ages 6-12 (all ages welcome). Rain or shine. We'll be joined this year by authors and illustrators of Maine children's books.

Jul. 5: Memory Books
Jul. 12: Photography
Jul. 19: Numbers in Nature
Jul. 26: Alphabet Hunting
Aug. 2: Special Places
Aug. 9: Passamaquoddy Traditions
Aug. 16: Illustrations

Grand Lake Stream Guides Association Dinners

Friday & Saturday, Jul. 29 & 30

Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival

Saturday-Sunday, Jul. 30 & 31
10 am – 5 pm. See www.grandlakestreamfolkartfestival.com.

David Mallett Concert
Saturday, Jul 30 7:30 pm

DLLT Annual Picnic

Sunday, Jul. 31, 12-2 pm.

9th Annual Meeting. Lunch served at 12. By reservation; RSVP form in this newsletter or info@downeastlakes.org.

West Grand Lake Race

Sunday, Aug. 7 This will be the seventh annual race on West Grand Lake. Last year new records were set for each distance. Races for everyone, with awards and picnic lunch. Bring a canoe or kayak, and register before 10:30 am. Stay for a barbecue lunch.

Tribes of the Dawn Land Cultural and Heritage Days

Saturday, Aug. 20, 8:00 am

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Dawn Marie Beach

The Poem that Gave a Name

Have you ever been curious about local place names, and how they came to be? We recently learned the story behind the naming of Dawn Marie Beach. It's a beautiful, quiet sandy beach on Wabassus Lake, protected as part of the Farm Cove Community Forest and accessible by boat or by the new Dawn Marie Beach Path created by DLLT volunteers.

Virginia Graceffa sent us a copy of a poem written by Guy Franklin MacArthur, that tells the story of the infant Dawn Marie and her first visit to the beach. It was written in 1963, long before concerns about development pressures and the potential loss of public access led to the land trust's founding in 2001.

Frank Macarthur's wish was that "*When I'm gone and long forgotten - May the good Lord grant this peach - Time and money for a visit - Back to Dawn Marie Beach".* We don't know if Dawn Marie has been back - but thanks to the supporters of DLLT, the beach will always be open for her and others to visit.

Read the whole poem on our website at www.downeastlakes.org.

Proposed Wind Power Project

Champlain Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of First Wind Maine Holdings, LLC has proposed a wind power development on ridges in Carroll Plantation and Kossuth Township. The proposed development includes 27 turbines, each with a height of up to 428 feet, to be installed on Bowers Mountain and Dill Hill. The turbines and their required lights would be visible from West Grand Lake and other lakes in the region. The project has a potential capacity to generate up to 69.1 megawatts, though typical operating output would be lower. The Land Use Regulation Commission has scheduled a public hearing for June 27 and 28.

Interested people can learn more at the Land Use Regulation Commission website. A link is available at www.downeastlakes.org.

Caribou Rock and West Grand Lake

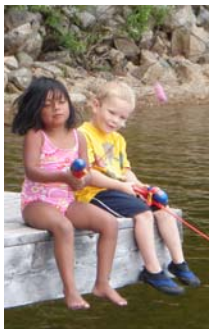
YES! WE'LL BE THERE!

9th ANNUAL DLLT MEETING AND PICNIC

Get together for a cookout by Grand Lake Stream Guides, Benefit Auction, and DLLT news.

12:00 to 2:00 PM, Sunday, July 31, 2011

During the Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival



In Grand Lake Stream, on the east side of the dam at the outlet of West Grand Lake

New supporters are welcome! Please attend and consider bringing a friend.

Reservations required by July 22. Seating is limited!

☐ Yes, I (we) would like to attend. _____ Number of people for lunch (free of charge)

Name(s) _____Phone _____

Email:_____

Please contact: Laura Hunt, Office Manager, P.O. Box 75, Grand Lake Stream, ME 04637

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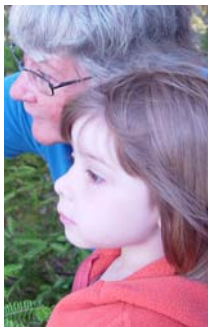

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Spread the News & Make Connections

Protecting lakeshores and forests and securing our community's future well-being depends on people knowing what's at stake. Please consider share this newsletter, and tell your friends and family why you care. Please also connect with us online.

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CELEBRATE WITH US!

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Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival Weekend

New supporters are welcome! Please attend and consider bringing a friend.

See Reverse Side to Reserve Your Spot!

Benefit Auction with handmade crafts and other great items!