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WEST GRAND CAMPAIGN FACES DEADLINE

2012 is Critical for Community-led 22,000-acre Conservation Project

With six months to go before a December 2012 deadline, and major challenge grants at stake, an additional $2 million is needed. These funds will secure a conservation easement to be held by the Maine Department of Conservation that will guarantee 17 miles of lakeshores and 22,000 acres will never be developed and will always be open to public recreation.

Pledges and contributions now can ensure the future of special places – from West Grand Lake and Grand Lake Stream, to Big Musquash and Big Lake, and many more. Please join the effort!

The 22,000 acres under option to DLLT that surround Grand Lake Stream, coupled with the existing DLLT Farm Cove Community Forest, will define the future character of the village and its quality as a destination for outdoor recreation. Starting with the unanimous vote at town meeting to contribute $40,000, the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project has quietly built momentum. It was the #1 forest conservation priority for the federal Forest Legacy Program in 2011, and has attracted over $13 million in funding.

Success in acquiring the conservation easement will also extend our opportunity to buy the property under the option agreement. Community-focused forest management will ensure ongoing wildlife habitat improvements and a continuing timber economy.

Project would prevent development along the west side of Grand Lake Stream

MAINE AUTHORS AND THE OUTDOORS

Education Programs for Children and Adults

We've already heard from one family that's excited to plan their vacation here while their "family's favorite children's author and illustrator" will be here. Have you checked the DLLT event calendar**?**

The DLLT Education Committee has been busy planning another great season of programs for local people and visitors. This is the second year our Tuesday morning "Explorations and Adventures" will feature leading Maine children's book authors and illustrators - including **Chris Van Dusen**, **Susan Hand Shetterly**, **Mary Morton Cowan**, and **Rebekah Raye**. Kids will also get out to enjoy the Farm Cove Community Forest.

Our evening "History & Heritage" series also features great Maine authors and diverse topics this summer. We'll hear about Maine Butterflies with **Dr. Phil DeMaynadier**. Maine authors **Paul Doiron** (also the editor of *Down East*), **Susan Hand Shetterly**, **Steve Pinkham**, and DLLT's President and Vermont poet laureate **Syd Lea** will all share stories from the Maine outdoors. **Ginny Graceffa** will present on Genealogy in August. We're excited to host author and mushroom expert **Greg Marley** for both an evening presentation and a field class on wild mushrooms. There is even more on tap for the fall (see page 4 and www.downeastlakes.org).

Rebekah Raye and a fan in 2011

Of course, the **4th of July**, the **Folk Art Festival**, and the **West Grand Lake Race** also enliven the summer around Grand Lake Stream!

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View to part of the West Grand Lake Forest Project.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Love of the Land and People

First off, I hope that all reading this are enjoying the warmer season, and of course I – along with other board members and the community at large – remain grateful for your faithful support.

I also hope that the succession to spring and summer will see a refreshment of our collective efforts to finish the West Grand Lake Community Forest project. We have until December of this year to complete our purchase of development rights, which means we have to find another two million dollars within six months.

Those of you who love West Grand Lake, with its many lovely coves and highland views on the eastern shore; those of you who have paddled or motored up Big Musquash Stream, perhaps the most beautiful wetland river I know; those of you have fished Grand Lake Stream, or have hunted, trapped, fished, tramped or canoed through the woods and waters we seek to save – all will instinctively know how crucial it is for us to see this effort through.

The West Grand Lake Community Forest will enlarge DLLT's timberland holdings to over fifty-five thousand acres. As time rolls on, we expect that responsible management of this resource will provide more and more jobs for people in our neighborhood. As I have said before, my dedication to the Trust's campaigns is founded as much on my love and respect for Grand Lake Stream people as on my deep love for the territory around the village.

I sincerely encourage all of you to join us at the annual picnic, where we will present a fuller progress report. And of course I hope you will do all in your power – either through financial contributions or by bringing prospective donors to our attention – to help us succeed in our determination, as the slogan goes, to preserve "Forests and Lakes, For People, Forever."

Sincerely,

Syd Lea

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

Value & Satisfaction

What motivates you to support Downeast Lakes Land Trust? Please tell us why conserving the forests and lakes around Grand Lake Stream is important to you. Your answers will help us succeed - and could help ensure we accomplish more of the things that matter to you.

Value

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is fortunate to be able to offer lasting value to our supporters. Your contributions help us purchase permanent conservation of Grand Lake Stream's forests and lakes, for ourselves and for future generations to enjoy. These are extraordinary resources, long-vanished from many parts of our world.

Satisfaction

One of our supporters - who has a strong record of philanthropy in Maine - recently told me that he gets more satisfaction from contributing to Downeast Lakes Land Trust than any other group. Why? Because he appreciates that this is a community effort, where local people are working together to protect their quality of life in a beautiful place that has brought him and his family tranquility and quiet recreation.

Those of us supporting Downeast Lakes Land Trust can take satisfaction knowing that for the rest of our lives - and beyond - we will have been part of protecting special places for ever. We're creating the opportunity now for local people to continue managing wildlife habitats, offering and enjoying recreational opportunities and educational programs, and sustaining the Downeast economy for generations to come.

You may take satisfaction that your support here really makes a difference. We, quite literally, could not do it without you. I urge you to take nothing for granted. Bring your friends and family here now, and do your part to ensure the future.

Please explore at downeastlakes.org, and give us a call or email anytime.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mark Berry

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 2011, and are featured on downeastlakes.org through 2012.

Brook Trout ($1,000 or more)

- Bangor Savings Bank
- Finite Carbon
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- Pica Design
- Porcupine Signs
- Prock Marine Company
- Robbins Lumber
- Weatherby's

Big Musquash Stream, with the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project at left and in the background.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: STEVE SCHAEFER

Steve Schaefer is a founding Board member who agreed to served as the first President of Downeast Lakes Land Trust.

Steve came to Grand Lake Stream as a young man, and quickly fell in love with the area, its hunting and fishing opportunities, and its people. He is a Registered Maine Guide and a year-round resident of Grand Lake Stream, where he and his wife Laura raised their children.

He is currently retiring from his portrait photography business, MaineLine Studio, after selling the successful business to his employees, and is looking forward to doing more guiding and sharing his love of the area.

Public service has been a big part of Steve's life. In addition to his leadership of the land trust, he has served on a land acquisition advisory committee under former Governor King, spent ten years as a Grand Lake Stream selectman, and recently completed a term on the Maine Land Use Regulatory Commission.

He speaks from the heart about the unique community qualities of Grand Lake Stream.

DOWNEAST LAKES

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

History & Heritage

Thu., Jun. 7, 6:30 pm "The Poacher's Son", with Paul Doiron *in partnership with GLS Historical Society, at Museum.*

Thu., Jun. 14, 6:30 pm Maine Butterflies, with Dr. Phil DeMaynadier, *Town Building*

Mon., July 16, 6:30 pm "Settled in the Wild" with Susan Hand Shetterly, *in partnership with GLS Historical Society, at Museum.*

Thu., Jul. 19, 6:30 pm "Tales from the Maine Woods", with Steve Pinkham, *Town Building*

Thu., Aug. 2, 6:30 pm "It's a North Country Life", with Syd Lea, *in partnership with GLS Historical Society, at Museum.*

Thu., Aug. 16, 6:30 pm Genealogy, with Ginny Graceffa, *Town Building*

Thu., Sep. 6, 6:30 pm Wild Mushrooms, with Greg Marley, *Town Building*

Fri., Sep. 7, 9:00 am - 3 pm Mushroom Field Class, with Greg Marley, *offered at reduced cost of $30, Please RSVP*

Sat., Sep. 22 "Maine Sporting Camp Cookbook", with Alice Arlen. *Book discussion at 4:30, Community potluck at 5:30, Town Building*

Thu., Oct. 13, 6:30 pm "Brook Trout Forest", with Kathy Scott & Dave VanBurgel, *in partnership with GLS Historical Society, at Museum.*

Grand Lake Stream, America

Wednesday, Jul. 4, 7 am - 9 pm

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 Burns Sisters concert

Explorations & Adventures

Tuesdays, Jul. 10 – Aug. 14 9:30-12 noon.

Weekly educational activities for children ages 6-12 (all ages welcome). Rain or shine. Featuring authors and illustrators of Maine children's books.

Jul. 10: A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee - Chris Van Dusen

Jul. 17: Shelterwood - Susan Hand Shetterly

Jul. 24: Safari Adventure - with Greenland Point Center

Jul. 31: Pocumcus Lake Trail Adventure with Sue LaPlante

Aug. 7: Timberr - Mary Morton Cowan

Aug. 14: The Very Best Bed - Rebekah Raye

Tribes of the Dawn Land Cultural Heritage Days

Sat.-Sun., July 21-22, 8:00 am

Grand Lake Stream Guides Association Dinners

Friday & Saturday, Jul. 27 & 28

Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival

Saturday-Sunday, Jul. 28 & 29

10 am – 5 pm. See www.grandlakestreamfolkartfestival.com.

DLLT Annual Picnic

Sunday, Jul. 29, 12-2 pm.

10th Annual Meeting. Lunch served at 12. By reservation; RSVP form in this newsletter or info@downeastlakes.org.

West Grand Lake Race

Sunday, Aug. 5 This will be the eighth annual race on West Grand Lake. Races for everyone, with awards and picnic lunch. Bring a canoe or kayak, and register before 10:30 am. Stay for a barbecue lunch.

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Firewood: Heating Homes & Helping Habitats

Our Community Forest approach to management is focused on wildlife habitat, public recreation, and a sustainable timber economy – and we look for opportunities to provide direct benefits to local people. This past winter, we adapted our community firewood harvest permit program to improve wildlife habitat.

Downeast Lakes Land Trust issues permits for local residents and property owners to harvest a small volume of firewood – one cord per year for seasonal residents and camp owners, and now two cords per year for year-round residents.

Ruffed Grouse hen

This winter's harvest was focused on the former Brown farm at the east edge of the Farm Cove Community Forest. Biologist Andy Weik of the Ruffed Grouse Society helped evaluate the area, and forester John Harmon marked boundaries and trees to be saved. The land trust co-sponsored a chainsaw safety workshop with the Small Woodland Owner's Association of Maine, and residents cut and hauled their own firewood. The habitat area will be expanded slightly this summer by contractor Tide Mill Enterprises that DLLT has also hired to create additional small blocks of early successional habitat on Daugherty Ridge, with help from the Ruffed Grouse Society. This work is expected to benefit woodcock and ruffed grouse, along with songbirds such as chestnut-sided warblers, and provide browse for deer and moose.

Wind Power Proposal Update

In May, 2011 we reported on a proposal to construct a 27 turbine wind power development that would have been visible from many of the Downeast Lakes. On April 20, 2012, Maine's Land Use Regulatory Commission formally voted to deny the project application. The Commission cited the scenic impact of the project as the primary reason for its denial, and also noted the significance of the Downeast Lakes region as a destination for outdoor recreation that sustains a tourism based economy, with sporting camps a cultural and recreational resource worthy of protection.

Connect Now!

Don't wait for the next newsletter - get the latest news from the land trust and Grand Lake Stream online. Tell others that the Downeast Lakes are important to you! Please connect with us now, and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

Landings
Email 6 to 12 times per year

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YES! WE'LL BE THERE!

10th 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 29, 2012

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 consider bringing a friend.

Reservations required by July 20. Seating is limited!

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

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Email:_____

RSVP: Laura Hunt, Office Manager, 3 Water St PMB 75, Grand Lake Stream, ME 04637

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See Reverse Side for More Information!

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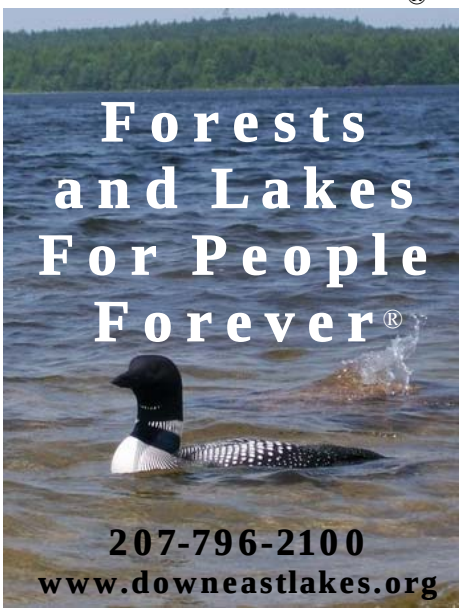

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Please Note Our Change of Address!

This March, the postal service announced they were closing the Grand Lake Stream Post Office. So, it's "back to the future" for Downeast Lakes Land Trust, and many other Grand Lake Stream residents. Local mail boxes have moved back into the Pine Tree Store, where they were 20 years ago. While we'll keep "Box 75", our address is changing as a result of the move:

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Or find us across the street from the store - our office is not moving, and we're always at **www.downeastlakes.org**. We hope to see you in Grand Lake Stream. Invite friends, come enjoy our great outdoors, and stop in to say hi!

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 activities, art and other great items!