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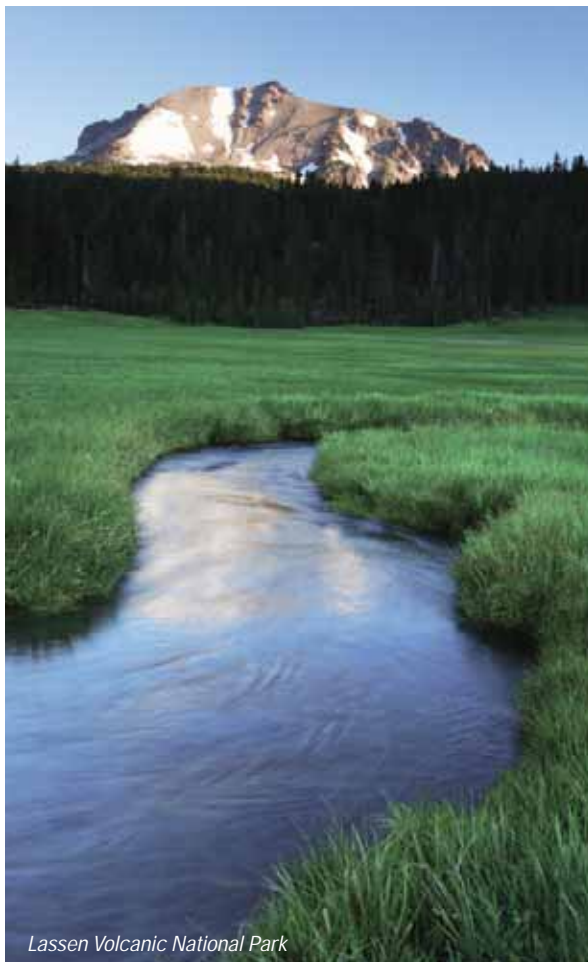
OUR VISION:

EVERYONE WILL HAVE AN
AMERICAN PARK EXPERIENCE



Lake Takahula
Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve

OUR MISSION: TO CHAMPION THE ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION OF AMERICA'S
CRITICAL PARKLANDS THROUGH EDUCATION, PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING



Lassen Volcanic National Park

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear NPT Members and Supporters:

In June 2007, NPT's Board of Trustees held a strategic planning session and Board workshop in Washington, DC. As you might expect, this session was a tremendous opportunity to channel the enthusiasm of the trustees and the staff into concrete strategies for the future. This session also provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the Trust's accomplishments of the past 24 years and to talk frankly about our opportunities and challenges in the coming years.

At the workshop, the trustees agreed that NPT's vision is for everyone to have an American park experience. We will work towards this goal by continuing to champion the acquisition and preservation of critical parklands through education, partnerships and community building. The Trust has worked on more than 200 park projects around the country and created a brand new national park – the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. Over the next decade, NPT will pursue its vision by reinforcing its position as a leader in creating partnerships for parks, and by continuing as a recognized resource in the preservation of critical parklands.

The Trust is already advancing a number of new and exciting projects to implement this vision and mission. For example, the Trust is working to protect a collection of unique historic properties in West Virginia associated with George Washington's family. The Trust has returned to the site of its very first project – at Gates of the Arctic National Park – to assist in the creation of an experiential learning center in the Park's interior. The Trust is exploring land acquisition and rehabilitation projects in California to protect key properties near Point Reyes National Seashore and within Lassen Volcanic National Park. I could describe important projects in other regions of the country, but you get the picture – our project pipeline has never been more full.

Turning from park projects, I'd like to report on several important transitions over the past year that will put the Trust in a position to pursue its vision and mission for the foreseeable future. The Trust's Founder, Paul Pritchard, stepped down as President in fiscal year 2006 and board member at the end of fiscal year 2007. The trustees and staff held a wonderful evening of celebration for Paul in June at an historic property in West Virginia. We look forward to Paul's continuing support and guidance in his new emeritus status.

Grace Lee continues in her role as the Executive Director of the Trust. Grace brings incredible energy and enthusiasm to this position. More recently, the Trust hired a new manager for its land programs, Kit McGinnis. Grace and Kit are working actively with National Park Superintendents, state and county park managers, and with NPT members and supporters around the country to identify and to prioritize key projects. The trustees and I thank the entire NPT staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year in support of America's parks.

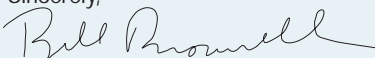
I'd also like to introduce you to two new trustees: Jay Nisberg and Jeff Cooper. Their bios appear in the News Briefs in this publication. Jay and Jeff have brought a wealth of new ideas, creativity and support to the Trust in the short time they have been with us.

This year-end report would not be complete without mentioning two other highlights: the Vento award ceremony in June honoring Congressman George Miller, and the Kansas Park Trust reception in October honoring former NPT Board Chair Paul Duffendack. Congressman Miller has been a long-time supporter of America's parks. During his Natural Resources Committee chairmanship, 146 laws were enacted affecting the National Park System. Congressman Miller was also instrumental in numerous state park initiatives. The trustees and staff were pleased to honor Congressman Miller and were equally pleased to see so many of our good friends and supporters at the event.

As most of you know, our former board chair Paul Duffendack played a key role in creating the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. This role was recognized and honored by the Kansas Park Trust (KPT) in October 2007, in a ceremony led by former Kansas Governor Mike Hayden, the current chair of the KPT. The Kansas Park Trust has been an outstanding steward of the Tallgrass Prairie since taking over this responsibility from NPT in 2005. The event was a great opportunity to honor Paul for his role in creating a new national park, and for the trustees and staff to visit once again this unique park.

As you can see, it has been a year of challenge and accomplishment for the Trust. We expect the coming year to be even better. Please join me in recognizing the commitment of NPT's staff and in demonstrating that appreciation through your continued financial support. Without you, none of this would be possible! I wish you all the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,



F. William Brownell



*F. William Brownell
Chair, Board of Trustees*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Grace K. Lee
Executive Director

"Even more than the rock, grass – green gold – is the distinguishing feature, the life's blood of the Flint Hills." — Jim Hoy in *Flint Hills Cowboys: Tales of the Tallgrass Prairie*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Riding horseback this fall on "Tiny" across the Tallgrass Prairie, I have experienced firsthand and been inspired by the "green gold" – big bluestem, little bluestem, Indian feather, and switch grass – blowing gently across the hills in the vast multicolored Flint Hills of Kansas.

Our Board of Trustees and staff met in October at this fascinating cultural and natural historic American park, the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. For all of us, experiencing the magnitude and beauty of this prairie ecosystem is clear affirmation of the important work we are doing to preserve and protect our precious natural treasures – our nation's parklands.

NPT is fortunate to have a compassionate and hard-working Board of Trustees led by chair, Bill Brownell, a true visionary. Coming together from California, Illinois, Washington DC, Idaho, Washington, West Virginia, Florida, Connecticut, Maryland, Minnesota, and Virginia, NPT's trustees provide worldly perspectives and professional guidance that are paramount to the success of our land projects. In addition, our lean but dedicated staff: Davinder, Kit, and Amy work unwaveringly to advance the mission of NPT.

Our numerous successes over the past 24 years would not have been possible without your help, our friends and supporters. With diminishing federal funds allocated for land acquisition, the role of the private donor to protect our endangered public parklands is more important than ever. We hope that we can continue to count on your loyal, generous support in the upcoming year.

And the real value our donors receive for their gifts to NPT is noteworthy. I am pleased to announce that for the third consecutive year, NPT received the Best in America Seal of Approval awarded by the Independent Charities of America and the Local Independent Charities of America. To qualify for this designation, NPT has met, on an annual basis, the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness. Of the 1 million charities operating in the United States today, fewer than 2000 or 0.2% have been awarded this Seal.

While we continue to work on our projects in Florida and Arkansas, we are excited about our new projects in Alaska, West Virginia, Minnesota, and California, many of which are featured in this *Legacy* report. After reading about our work, we hope that you too will share our enthusiasm. Our vision – to complete the national system of parks so that everyone can have an *American park experience* – cannot be realized without your help!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grace K. Lee".

Grace K. Lee

Congressman George Miller Recognized with 2007 Bruce F. Vento Public Service Award

On a beautiful June 6 summer evening on Capitol Hill, National Park Trust awarded Congressman George Miller (CA) the 2007 Bruce F. Vento Award. Miller was honored for his numerous contributions to preserve and protect our nation's parklands, wildlife refuges and historic monuments. Nearly 200 people attended the celebration, including friends of NPT, members of Congress, National Park Service employees, corporate sponsors, and conservation advocates.

Congressman George Miller is a leading spokesman in Congress on education, labor, the economy, and the environment. He has represented the 7th District of California in San Francisco's East Bay since 1975.

According to NPT board chair, Bill Brownell, "for 33 years, as a member and chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, Congressman Miller has been a passionate advocate for America's parks and forests. During his chairmanship, 146 laws were enacted affecting the National Park System. Congressman Miller was instrumental in creating the Great Basin National Park, and in enacting the California Desert Protection Act and the California Wilderness Act. He has worked diligently for the preservation of Lake Tahoe and in support of the John Muir and Eugene O'Neill National Historic Sites, the Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park and so many other of America's parks and monuments."

The award honors the memory and legacy of Congressman Bruce F. Vento, the 12-term member of the House of Representative from Minnesota. As Chairman of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Land, Congressman Vento guided into law more than 300 bills supporting parks and public lands.

At the event, Sue Vento stated, "no member of Congress accomplishes



his or her goals alone. Bipartisan and collaborative teamwork is required as is the ability to be both a good coach or leader as well as a good team mate. George Miller is exemplary in his ability, vision and teamwork. George was a dear, dear friend and colleague of Bruce's. Bruce treasured his friendship with George as well as the wise counsel and valued support George provided him. This recognition of George Miller is most fitting. As the Irish say, 'When we count our blessings, we count George twice!'"

In accepting the award, Miller remarked, "it is a tremendous honor to receive an award named for my dear friend Bruce Vento. Bruce's tireless work in Congress helped Americans to protect hundreds of thousands of acres of our public lands for future generations. Thank you for this great honor, and thank you to the National Park Trust for all that you do to preserve, protect, and enhance our public lands and national parks."



NPT Welcomes New Board Members

National Park Trust is pleased to announce that **Jeffrey S. Cooper** and **Jay N. Nisberg** were elected to the Board of Trustees in June 2007.



Jeffrey S. Cooper is the managing partner of SimmonsCooper LLC where he focuses on asbestos and other toxic tort litigation as well as financial injury, pharmaceutical, intellectual property and commercial litigation. In addition, SimmonsCooper has a growing international practice. One of the key tenets of the mission of the Illinois-based firm is to be an active contributing member of the community. Recently, Cooper co-chaired the American Lung Association's Asthma Walk, and he has served as a corporate chair supporting the Special Olympics. His firm recently pledged \$10.2 million to the cancer center at Southern Illinois University.

A graduate of DePauw University and the St. Louis University School of Law, Cooper has worked closely with employees of the firm to establish the SimmonsCooper Employee Charitable Foundation, raising more than \$200,000 for local organizations and donating thousands of hours of volunteer service in the past two years. Cooper is a member of the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.



Jay N. Nisberg has more than twenty years of experience in the management and organization development field including eight years with RCA Corporation (two of those years as the Corporate Director for Management and Organization Development) and two years as a Senior Consultant for General Motors Corporation. Currently as President

of Jay Nisberg and Associates, Inc., he consults on a wide range of organization development efforts with a diversified client group specializing in CPA and law firms.

He has managed specific organizational development interventions, designed training and development programs for large and small systems. He provides training in the public and private sector in areas of group and intergroup communications, problem solving, decision making, relationship maintenance and conflict management as well as the implementation of management-by-objective technology.

A frequent lecturer in the U.S. and Europe on organization development and management development, Nisberg focuses on career planning, team building, job design, total quality management, organization design, motivation, and group effectiveness.

NPT Land Projects Manager

Kit McGinnis joined the National Park Trust in June 2007 as the new Land Projects Manager. Prior to working at NPT, Kit was the managing director at the Claymont Society for Continuous Education, a nonprofit organization in West Virginia. While at Claymont, she successfully implemented a turnaround business plan for the organization and managed it to financial sustainability. She also became actively involved in land use planning and historic preservation projects impacting the Claymont Society's property, which eventually led to her working at NPT.

Kit brings a diverse background to the job. She grew up on cattle ranches in the Rocky Mountain west, where her love of the land was nurtured. She has lived and worked extensively in the developing world on sustainable development and women's health issues; she has produced social issues documentaries; she was a business news reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*; and she received joint masters degrees in Business Administration and Urban Planning from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, specializing in economic development and social marketing. According to Executive Director of NPT Grace Lee, "Kit brings many levels of expertise to her role as NPT land projects manager. She has much to offer including her enthusiasm for NPT's mission of completing and preserving our national system of parks."

*Kit McGinnis at Lake Takahula,
Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve*



New NPT Website Feature

Looking at the Home page of the NPT website, you'll notice a new feature: an interactive map of our major completed projects. Green markers show the location of each project. By clicking on a marker you can bring up more information including a summary of NPT's role, the park's official web site, as well as driving directions. You can use all of Google's map features, including zooming in and out, changing the background from a map to satellite photos, and even displaying all of the markers in 3-D in Google Earth. To explore this feature visit NPT's website at www.parktrust.org.



NPT and For Love of Children on Earth Day

On April 22, 2007 NPT founder, Paul Pritchard, was a featured speaker at the Earth Day celebration of For Love of Children's Outdoor Education Center. Paul discussed environmental and conservation issues that face local citizens in West Virginia and across the nation and what we can do as individuals to protect and preserve our planet.

FLOC's Outdoor Education Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, focuses on the character development of youth and adults through adventure challenges, environmental education, and sustainability practices. Experiential learning is used to inspire participants to discover the connections between the natural world and their communities.

The Outdoor Education Center is located on property owned by the Rolling Ridge Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works with NPT to protect threatened property adjacent to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.



"No Time for My Day Job!"

When I joined the Board of Trustees of the National Park Trust a little over a year ago, I felt honored to be a part of such a worthwhile organization. I also felt duty-bound to budget a fair amount of my time to assist in overcoming transitional challenges NPT was confronting. I hadn't intended, however, to become an NPT addict. I'm not yet up to a two- or three-hour a day habit, but the temptation is certainly there!

How did this happen? Obviously NPT's mission is inherently a great "gotcha." Look at the map of NPT's past projects at www.parktrust.org, and click on a few of the markers to see photos and other details. From Alaska to the Virgin Islands and everywhere in between, NPT is noticeably improving the quality of life for everyone – and not only today, but for generations to come.

Another factor is NPT's board and staff, all of whom are exceptionally competent and committed people. For me the sensation is like being on a team of heavy hitters with a clear shot at the Pennant. The experience is all the more fun because of the team's diversity, including former members of Congress, attorneys with national reputations, and leading venture capitalists. I genuinely look forward to our meetings and conference calls.

When I first considered how I could make a meaningful contribution to NPT's endeavors, naturally I defaulted to my 30-year career in computerized mapping applied to land use policies and natural resource management. So far, my expertise has come in handy for evaluating and visualizing projects under consideration by NPT's Lands Committee.

Looking to the future, I've been thinking about the creation of a nationwide, proactive, mapping database for optimizing NPT's allocation of resources. The mapping database could also be made available on the Internet to other conservancy organizations and potential financial contributors, as well as the general public. The database could bring together detailed maps of:

- private inholdings and other acquisition priorities of the National Park Service
- other potential NPT projects including unique landscapes and water bodies, scenic corridors, and historic sites
- locations and interrelationships of parcels currently protected by the 1,800 state and local land trusts in the United States
- areas in the path of urbanization or facing other near-term development pressures
- travel time contours around cities, to determine how many people would have reasonable access to proposed projects, and so on

You can see how my NPT addiction could get the better of me, leaving no time for my day job!

Still, the goal is a worthy one and achievable with the right strategy. I'm reminded of a quote from Bill McCurdy, legendary coach of Harvard's cross country team, on how to win races: "Start out fast, pick it up in the middle, and kick it in!"

Gilbert H. Castle III

Editor's note: Gil Castle is CEO of Castle Consulting in San Francisco, CA and serves on NPT's Lands Committee

FULFILLING OUR MISSION: ONE PARK AT A TIME



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Gates of the Arctic National
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NPT Comes Full Circle

Twenty-five years ago when National Park Trust was founded, our first project was the purchase of a parcel of privately owned land in the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. The purchase protected a critical area near the headwaters of the federally designated wild and scenic Noatek River. Without NPT's help, this parcel could have been developed, as it is the highest accessible point by floatplane where visitors launch boats to float down the river. By purchasing this property and donating it to the Park, National Park Trust was able to preserve the wildlife integrity of this western area of the Park.

Twenty-five years later, NPT has come full circle and is again pleased to be working to preserve other areas in and around this Park.

Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve is an area of superlative natural beauty and exceptional scientific value in Alaska's Brooks Range. The maze of glaciated valleys and gaunt, rugged mountains is cut by wild rivers and covered with boreal forest and arctic tundra. Moose, caribou, Dall sheep, wolves, musk oxen, grizzly and black bears inhabit the diverse variety of arctic and sub arctic ecosystems.

Humans have also inhabited this land for thousands of years. Archeological researchers are discovering 8,000-year-old campsites built year after year at the same location by nomadic Native Alaskans hunting caribou.

As we face a changing climate, we can learn from the people who have coexisted with the Arctic for thousands of years. To further that, NPT hopes to build on what some say is Alaska's greatest export: inspiration.

Arctic explorer Bob Marshall found inspiration in the Brooks Range and spent the remainder of his life fighting, along with others, to protect what Marshall called "the freedom of the wilderness". NPT has also been inspired. We hope to purchase and donate to the Park an inholding ideally situated to host educational programming, which will inspire others to protect and learn from the Arctic wilds and its people. This project will also help NPT build on our vision of creating ways for everyone to have an American park experience.



Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve

Who Named it Gates of the Arctic?

Robert Marshall (January 2, 1901- November 11, 1939) was a conservationist and visionary for wilderness preservation. He was the first person in the United States to suggest a formal, national organization of individuals dedicated to the preservation of primeval land, which resulted in the formation of The Wilderness Society. In 1929 he took the first of several trips to the remote town of Wiseman, Alaska on the eastern flank of the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. These travels spurred a great love for the Central Brooks Range in the Alaskan wilds. Marshall was one of the first Americans to explore much of this range, especially the headwaters of the North Fork of the Koyukuk River, where he bestowed the name “Gates of the Arctic” to a pair of mountains seen in the photo below – hence the name of the National Park and Preserve.

Gates of the Arctic namesakes: Boreal Mountain and Frigid Crags



Bettles Lodge, Bettles Alaska

NPT is also working to preserve one of Alaska’s few National Historic Landmarks located in Bettles, Alaska. If we are successful in raising funds to purchase this unique property, it would make an ideal summer visitors’ center and museum. The Bettles Lodge is located right on the Bettles airstrip, a main entry point to the Park. Dave Mills, former superintendent of Gates says “one of the key ways to protect the Park is to educate people before entering – in that way they can learn about the critical habitat and how to tread lightly on the land, leaving no trace.”

Throughout the Park there are breathtaking panoramas of magnificent mountains encircling crystalline lakes. “Gates is clearly a special and timeless place,” says Grace Lee, NPT Executive Director, “It must be preserved, not only for its unique wildlife and habitat, but also as a place from which future generations can draw inspiration.”

Robert Marshall, founder of The Wilderness Society



Robert Marshall

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Wild and Wonderful...Almost Heaven...and George Washington?

West Virginia is described as “Wild and Wonderful” and “Almost Heaven”, but West Virginia’s Jefferson County is also home to a little known but significant time in George Washington’s life. As a young man, George Washington surveyed Jefferson County. He was so taken with the beauty and fertility of the land that in 1750 he purchased his first property and likely built a home along the South Fork of the Bullskin River, calling it the Bullskin Plantation.

The nation’s first president also convinced his three brothers to purchase land and build homes in Jefferson County. They and many of their descendants settled in the region and the Washington families played a prominent role in its history. Since George Washington had no children of his own, his brothers’ children became his heirs and legacy, and the county is dotted with grand homes built by his brothers and their children. At least twelve Washington family homes were eventually built in Jefferson County. Many of them still stand today.

NPT’s board conducted a site visit to Jefferson County during the June 2007 board meeting. Members were so impressed with the historical significance and beauty of the area that the project became a new high priority project for the organization – much like NPT’s Tallgrass Prairie project. Now NPT is actively exploring creative ways to preserve and celebrate that legacy in perpetuity, whether it be through the National Park Service or some other means of preservation.

Two of the homes visited stand out: Happy Retreat and the Claymont Court Mansion. George Washington’s youngest brother Charles

built Happy Retreat in the 1780s. He also founded the town of his namesake, Charles Town, WV. At Happy Retreat, President George Washington convened with his advisors to plan westward expansion and infrastructure, which may have included the armory at Harpers Ferry and the C&O Canal that connects Washington, DC to Harpers Ferry and beyond.

The historic Claymont Court Mansion was originally built in 1820 by Bushrod Corbin Washington, a grandnephew of our founding father. The 345-acre Claymont property was originally owned by the president’s brother, John Augustine Washington. The Claymont Mansion is based on a design by George Washington and is the crown jewel of the historic Washington Family homes found in Jefferson County. At 16,000 sq.-ft, it is the largest of the Washington homes and is listed as “nationally significant” on the National Register of Historic Places. The Mansion provides visitors unaltered viewsheds and a glimpse into the history of the Washington Family, which spans in Jefferson County alone from colonial history to the Civil War to the present. It is the northern-most plantation style house in the country with a terraced formal garden; as such there are distinct nuances of its slave history as well.

“The Washington homes are nationally significant,” says Don Campbell, superintendent of the nearby Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, “That there are so many of them and that they are so close is a very unique situation. Finding a means to protect them would allow the opportunity to have them strung together like pearls on a string.”



Claymont Court Mansion



Happy Retreat



Claymont Court Mansion

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Update

The creation of the 11,000-acre Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve as a new unit of the National Park System was a seminal event in the history of NPT. During the decade between NPT's purchase of the Z-Bar Ranch in the mid-1990s and its transfer to the Kansas Park Trust in 2005, we invested more of our time and resources in this park project than any other in our history. By all accounts, however, it was worth it!

The creation of the Preserve saved for future generations what is undoubtedly the finest example in the country of a prairie ecosystem. A vast tallgrass prairie, once amounting to over 170 million acres, covered the entire central portion of North America at the time when it was only sparsely inhabited by Native Americans. Today the colorful wildflowers, the graceful grasses, the old buffalo wallows, the historic limestone ranch house, and many other natural and cultural features are protected and enjoyed by tens of thousands of visitors annually.

When NPT transferred the Preserve to the Kansas Park Trust (KPT) in 2005, several understandings assured us that it would be protected for the long term. It was agreed that the KPT Board of Trustees would include, in perpetuity, two members appointed by NPT. Thus, NPT could maintain a governance oversight role. KPT was and is well positioned politically, with two U. S. senators from Kansas and two Kansas governors (including the current one) serving on the board. Excluding the NPT board representatives, all of the trustees are Kansans who live in the area and thus have a deep personal interest in the success of the project. Finally, KPT has been well positioned financially in part because of its partnership with The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

The financial commitments that KPT and TNC have made to the Preserve have been impressive by any standard. First, when the land with its mortgage and grazing lease was transferred by NPT to KPT in 2005, they reimbursed NPT for a portion of the investment we had made in the project over the prior decade. Later, after TNC had taken over as titleholder of the land itself, they began buying back the 35-year prepaid cattle grazing lease which had helped NPT purchase the land in the first place. Today, all the grazing rights have been repurchased so that selected pastures can be left ungrazed and others can be diverted to different uses, such as visitor fishing in the ponds of one pasture while bison are re-introduced in another.

In summary, the role of NPT has now been jointly assumed by KPT, as the cooperating association, and TNC as the landowner. The landowner role is pretty straightforward. However, KPT's role has grown and today involves the following major elements:

- Operating the Bookstore. This is done just as NPT did before. However, KPT recently received a grant from the Kansas



Department of Commerce for \$10,000 to support the expansion of the Bookstore.

- Annual Arts and Education Contest. This initiative begun by NPT is now in its seventh year.
- Annual Partnership on the Prairie event in October. This annual celebration, begun by NPT in 2001, is now profitable and brings together many diverse groups and individual attendees from the region.
- Annual Symphony in the Flint Hills. This was new in 2006. In its first two summers, this event had all 5,000 tickets sold out within hours. The Kansas City Symphony performs in a section of the prairie where the view includes nothing but grass. Fantastic!
- Trail development. Besides the Fox Creek Trail begun by NPT, there are now backcountry trails and a new Community Connection Trail is being built to link the Preserve with the nearby towns of Strong City and Cottonwood Falls.
- Improved publicity. Working with the state Department of Transportation, KPT has improved highway signage, including kiosks on the Kansas Turnpike, and has established a radio station which broadcasts a continuous description of the history and culture of the region for those driving in the area. The number of visitors has increased from about 15,000 the last year that NPT owned the Preserve (2004) to about 27,000 last year (2006).
- Planning for a new Visitors Center. The location will be just south of the headquarters area where the historic farmhouse and barn are located. KPT is actively fundraising while seeking additional funding through the National Park Service's Centennial Initiative.

As noted earlier, part of the agreement that transferred the Preserve to KPT calls for NPT to name two members to serve on the KPT board. Named in 2005 were John Rollins and Paul Duffendack, a Kansan who had worked tirelessly to establish the Preserve. In 2006, when Paul Duffendack stepped down from both the NPT and KPT boards, Bill Brownell, the current chair of the NPT Board, took his place.

John W. Rollins, Jr.

Editor's note: John Rollins is a founding board member of NPT where he serves on the finance committee. He is Professor of Entrepreneurship at George Washington University's School of Business.

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“Go Climb a Volcano, It’s a Natural High!”

Since Lassen Volcanic National Park became a unit of the National Park System in 1916, hundreds of thousands of visitors have hiked the 2.5-mile trail to the top of this volcano. The trail provides a unique opportunity to view the top of the largest plug dome volcano in the world. Beginning at an elevation of 8500 feet, the trail terminates at an elevation of 10,500 feet.

The current trail has many safety limitations. When the trail is opened every spring, there often are snow-covered areas and as a result visitors are frequently injured. Often visitors wander off of the trail causing damage to sensitive native vegetation.

Park officials have plans to construct a new trail about 2 miles long and 6 feet wide on the southwest face of the peak, a safer area for early summer hikers. Restoration and stabilization work also are planned for the old trail where erosion is occurring. The use of two trails would improve the visitor experience and traffic flow pattern of hikers.

A new loop trail is also planned at the top of the peak that would encircle the crater and provide opportunities to interpret the geology and observe the magnificent scenic vistas on top of the peak. It would also provide a safe hiking experience while protecting the delicate native plants.

Education and interpretive panels will be available along all three trails that would enhance the visitors’ experience providing geologic information about the processes that formed this great volcano as well as personal accounts of the 1914 eruption. Wayside panels will further interpret recent eruptions, the surrounding landscapes and viewscapes, and the flora and fauna that have adapted to the alpine habitat.

According to Karen Haner, Chief of Interpretation & Cultural Resources at Lassen, “through these enhancements visitors will have a greater opportunity to understand and appreciate the significance of these resources, learn about resource preservation, and enjoy an invigorating hike to one of the most beautiful vistas in America”.

As part of President Bush’s Centennial Initiative, National Park Trust is working with park officials, the Lassen Park Foundation, and other partners to raise the private funds that will be matched by the federal government in 2009 to make this project a reality. The total cost of this project is 3 million dollars of which 1.5 million will need to be raised through private donations. According to Secretary Kempthorne, “By the Park Service’s 100th birthday, the President’s Centennial Initiative will have provided significant resources to restore and better the parks’ natural, cultural and historic resources...Visitors’ park experiences will be significantly enhanced.”



Lassen Volcanic National Park

Shepherdstown Heritage Group

Those of us working in land preservation are always looking for new ways to preserve and honor our country's history, culture and natural beauty. Back in 1984, the National Park Service (NPS) developed a new way to recognize important areas within the United States without them being managed and maintained by the National Park Service. They are called National Heritage Areas. Heritage Areas are touted as a cost-effective, locally driven alternative to government-managed historic sites. The government does not buy property, impose land restrictions or provide staff.

Instead, grassroots groups are encouraged to preserve geography and history within livable communities. "This is a relatively new model for conservation," says John Cosgrove, Executive Director of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas. "More and more community leaders want to apply it to their own regional stories."

To date there are 37 National Heritage Areas, with many more in the planning stages. NPT founded the Shepherdstown Heritage Group in the spring of 2006. NPT formed the group to establish a National Heritage Area highlighting the rich transportation history along the Potomac River near Shepherdstown, WV.

The history there is worth honoring. As the country expanded westward in the late 1700s, George Washington dreamed of making the Potomac River navigable. His dream sowed the seed for what became the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, which passes through Shepherdstown as does the C&O National Historical Park. Because of its location along the Potomac, George Washington considered Shepherdstown as a site for the nation's

capital. In 1787, James Rumsey, one of the most important American inventors and scientists, invented and successfully launched the nation's first steam-powered boat in Shepherdstown. Steamboats contributed significantly to the economic and industrial expansion of the young American nation.

Steam-powered boat on C&O Canal



While a National Heritage Area will not protect Shepherdstown or other communities from unwanted development, they have shown to be a successful way to bring communities together to identify and protect what is valuable to them. The NPS provides seed money and technical assistance. "By providing federal recognition and financial support, we encourage preservation and interpretation of important periods in our nation's history in a way that traditional units of the National Park System cannot do," Rep. Nick J. Rahall II (WV), chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, said last month on the House floor. "Our initial investment 'primes the pump' and ensures that those areas get a solid start toward financial and operational independence."

Editor's note: Quotes and text taken from Associated Press article from November 25, 2007. Rep. Nick J. Rahall statement is from the Washington Post, November 30, 2007.

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, Maryland



FULFILLING OUR MISSION: ONE PARK AT A TIME

Vento Nature Sanctuary: A Model for Preserving Parkland in Urban Areas

The Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary is an important 27-acre natural area located in the Mississippi River flood plain just east of Saint Paul's downtown district and within the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA), a unit of the National Park System. As Saint Paul works to embrace its riverfront more fully, the Sanctuary is a model of preserving land as open space in the urban core. The Sanctuary includes excellent views of the river and an unusually large area of restored habitat.

Nestled at the foot of towering limestone and sandstone bluffs, the Sanctuary includes spring-fed wetlands, floodplain forest, prairie and oak woodland habitat and an unusual concentration of cultural resources, including the Carver's Cave or Wakan Tipi (House of the Spirits), a sacred site to the Dakota.

A former rail yard, the Sanctuary was acquired and conveyed to the City of Saint Paul in 2002 and opened to the public as a city park in 2005, thanks in large part to the efforts of an organized group of community members known as the Lower Phalen Creek Project and other partners. The community leadership, proximity to the Mississippi River and ecological and cultural resources in the park have generated national recognition, including the 2005 Take Pride in America Award for stewardship of public land.

An increasing number of local families and downtown employees visit the park to enjoy the natural world in the heart of the city. In 2007, the Lower Phalen Creek Trail was completed which provides a safe access route to the Sanctuary. In addition, the Sanctuary's restored prairie, forest and wetland habitats provide an area where the rain and snowmelt can seep naturally into the ground. Because most of the city is heavily paved, the Sanctuary plays an important role in reducing the volume of storm water entering the storm sewer system and Mississippi River.

Although progress has been made, there is still much work to be done to connect the Sanctuary to surrounding neighborhoods and maximize the park as an environmental education and cultural resource for the city. Currently NPT is raising funds to help the Lower Phalen Creek Project complete additional ecological restoration and develop interpretive signs and education materials for adults and children. The Sanctuary's geology, cultural history, ecosystem and habitat would be highlighted.

The Sanctuary provides an important model for communities who seek to reclaim their critical environmental resources. This ecological and cultural resource is being transformed from an old industrial eyesore to a beautiful scenic park.

Editor's note: NPT acknowledges the Lower Phalen Creek Project for the information provided.

Members of the East Side Youth Conservation Corps transporting wetland plants.



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HOW NPT WORKS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP!

NPT is a lean and effective organization whose vision is that “everyone will have an American park experience.” We achieve this vision by implementing our mission to champion the acquisition and preservation of America’s critical parklands through education, partnerships, and community building. NPT is uniquely positioned because we have a national focus and work closely with the National Park Service (NPS) to determine how best to preserve our national treasures.

NPT accomplishes the mission in several ways. First, we work to protect threatened, privately owned land or inholdings located within the existing boundary of parks, forests or refuges. There are 6 million acres of privately held inholdings in the national park system alone, so our work is cut out for us!

Second, we work to protect privately owned land adjacent to parklands. Many of these parcels are key viewsheds, wildlife habitats or historic structures, which could drastically alter a park experience if developed.

Third, NPT works to establish new parklands. The 11,000-acre Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is a prime example. Key to our success is working closely with the National Park Service to determine acquisition priorities for each region of the NPS.

Finally, NPT works to protect wildlife areas and areas with historic significance through purchase, conservation easements or by providing

technical assistance from our experienced staff and dedicated board members. As such, we do not limit our mission to the preservation of national parks alone. We work to protect and expand state, city and county parks as well.

We approach each project systematically. When first contacted about a specific site, NPT assesses the level of threat to the property and whether the danger is of immediate concern to the NPS or other local conservation groups. After investigating the property’s specific threats, NPT discusses conservation options with the NPS, local environmental groups and the property owner to identify the appropriate strategy and the necessary steps to protect the property. After assessing the land’s unique characteristics, a formal appraisal process is completed. At that point, NPT’s national and strategic fundraising program is implemented. These comprehensive steps ensure both short-term and long-term success.

Here’s how you can help protect our precious parklands:

- Notify NPT about important property for sale in and around parklands.
- Send us your email address so that we can include you in our list of subscribers to our monthly electronic newsletter, *Parkland News*.

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Total 2007	% of Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Contributions and Grants	484,144	32.7%
Donated mineral rights	956,523	64.5%
Other Income	1,215	0.1%
Investment Income	40,351	2.7%
Total Revenues	1,482,233	100.0%
EXPENSES		
PROGRAM SERVICES		
Land Conservation	377,871	35.2%
Public Education	329,334	30.6%
Membership	176,810	16.4%
Total Program	884,015	82.3%
SUPPORTING SERVICES		
Membership Development	37,872	3.5%
Management & General	82,682	7.7%
Fundraising	70,367	6.5%
Total Supporting Services	190,921	17.8%
Total Expenses	1,074,936	100.0%
Change in Net Assets before Non-operating items	407,297	
Realized and Unrealized Gain (loss) on Investments	70,047	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	477,344	
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,088,398	
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	3,565,742	

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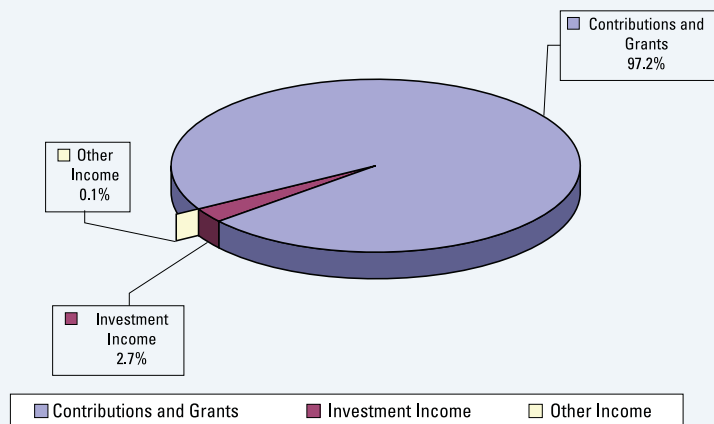
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ASSETS	
Current Assets	176,249
Investments	709,948
Property & Equipment (Net of Depreciation)	3,112
Real estate and related holdings	2,855,701
TOTAL ASSETS	3,745,010
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	179,268
Long-term Liabilities	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	179,268
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	3,549,742
Temporarily Restricted	16,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	3,565,742
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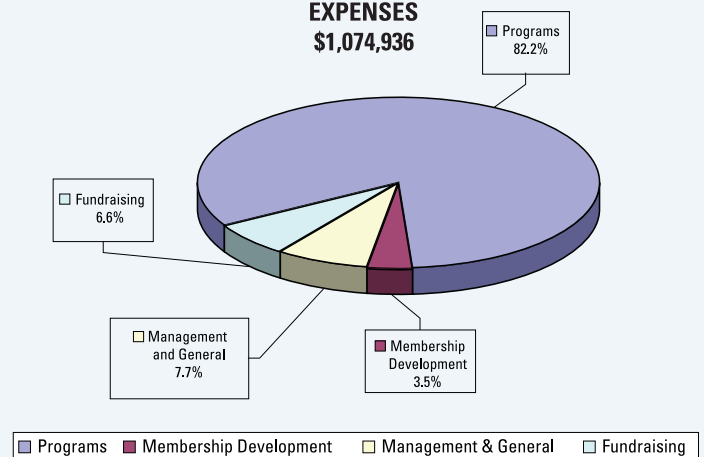
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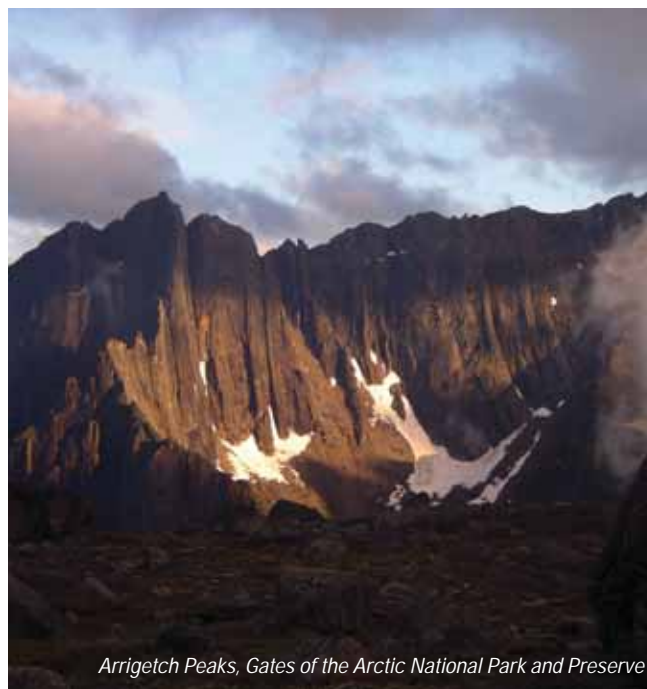
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