

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS LAND TRUST CONVOCATION

Bourne, Massachusetts, February 2, 2008



PRESENT
Land Trusts

A land trust is a nonprofit organization, organized as a 501(c)(3), which holds the ownership of a piece of real property for the benefit of the public. Land trusts also hold conservation restrictions through which individuals voluntarily elect to permanently restrict the use of their real estate. The country's earliest regional land trust is The Trustees of Reservation established in 1891.

PRESENT & FUTURE
Reasons for "conservation"

- Water supply protection
- Habitat protection - better understood today
- Response to growing congestion
- Aesthetic - protection initiatives related to development encroaching upon "public landscapes"
- Motivated citizenry - people moved to the Cape & Islands because of their uncommon quality of life

PAST
"Seeds" of the LT movement

Notable contributions - among others - to the growth of the modern land trust movement:

- Walden (Henry David Thoreau, 1854)
- River of Grass (Marjory Stoneman Douglas, 1947)
- A Sand County Almanac (Aldo Leopold, 1949)
- Silent Spring (Rachel Carson, 1962)
- Design with Nature (Ian McHarg, 1969)
- 60's ecology movement (Earth Day 1970)

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Hitting closer to home:

- Cape Cod (Henry David Thoreau, 1865)
- The Outermost House (Henry Beston, 1928)
- These Fragile Outposts (B.B. Chamberlain, 1964)
- The Selected Resources of the Island of Nantucket (1966)

PRESENT & FUTURE
Changing public attitudes

Indicators:

- Adoption of Land Banking (Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod)
- Widespread adoption of Community Preservation Act (open space acquisition, historic preservation, affordable housing)
- Town Meeting votes for open space protection and related environmental issues

PRESENT & FUTURE
Organizational oversight

- National promotion of Standards and Practices (public does not entirely understand but appreciates the effort), some lawmakers contend that operational oversight is lacking, especially with regard to Conservation Restrictions (diligent monitoring and enforcement)
- Monitoring CRs (a serious obligation - possibly more than some small land trusts can honor through time)

PRESENT & FUTURE
Communication

- Organizational publications: Annual Reports, maps, newsletters, brochures, etc.
- Print journalism - competitive, anxious journalists
- Cable stations (wide audience and repetitive broadcasts)
- Regional and national media - the Cape and Islands are attractive destinations which people want to hear about - in/out of season
- Websites - stay current with information and rapidly changing technology

PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE
Open space partners

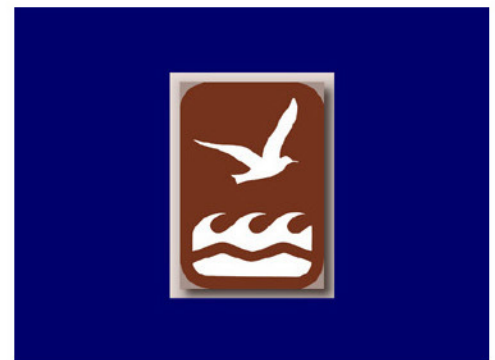
- Private landowners
- Local, State, and Federal agencies
- Watershed districts
- Farmers
- Garden Clubs
- Scientists, planners, sportsmen, outdoors people, civic groups, scouts, students, teachers, corporate leaders, etc.
- Educational and religious landowners

PRESENT & FUTURE
Continuing tasks

- Stay organizationally healthy - plan realistically for the future (succession)
- Preserve institutional memory to stay true to the intent of land donors and financial supporters
- Educate yourselves, supporters, and the public on the value of protecting land, what "your" protected lands contain, and how they should be cared for
- Work with local agencies and elected officials to help them understand your mission

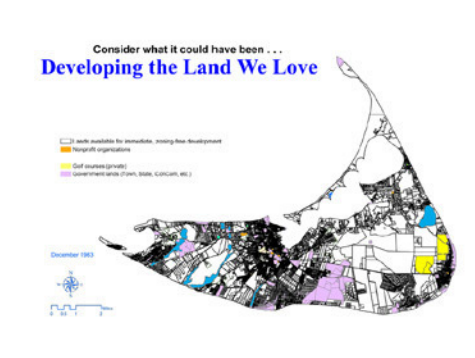
PRESENT & FUTURE
Your legacy

- Stay passionate about your organization's mission - it's often very contagious
- Be on the lookout for people who share your enthusiasm and are willing to help perpetuate the land trust's programs
- At all seasons of the year, take family and friends out to publicly accessible lands and show them the natural wonders of this special corner of the world



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Fortunately, in 1963, a small group of far-sighted year-round and summer residents recognized the need to protect the Island's open spaces.

FOUNDERS
 Roy E. Larsen W. Ripley Nelson
 Walter Beebecke, Jr. Frederic W. Halphenffer
 Robert P. Mooney John L. Lyman
 Tell Borm Leon Gladwin Charles G. Snow



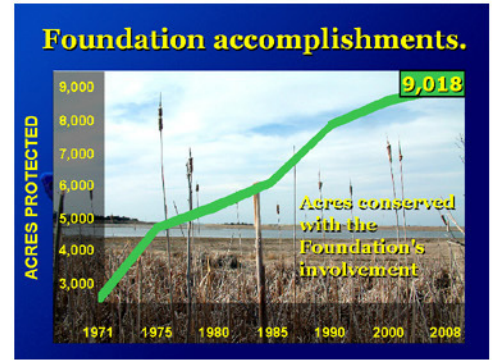
Folpis Road Ponds



Their's was a bold vision to acquire and preserve land.

Island land protection got off to a serious start with the establishment of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation.

Lambert Field
a gift of Mrs. Rachel Nelson

Preserved natural treasures.

South Shore

Nantuxet Swamp and Park

Coatue

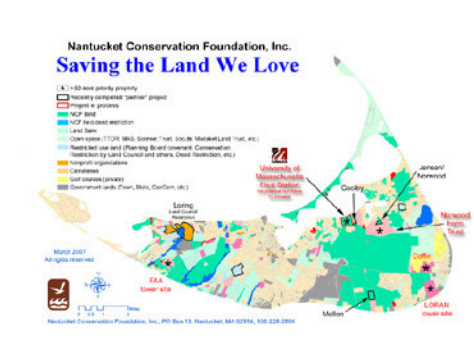
Middle Moors




But there is more to be done.

Working with their colleagues, the Foundation's leaders identified about 1,400 "at risk" acres and concluded that when these properties became available, they should be protected.

Near Tzapuwshas Swamp

The University of Massachusetts

\$22 million

Nantucket Field Station





What about the future?

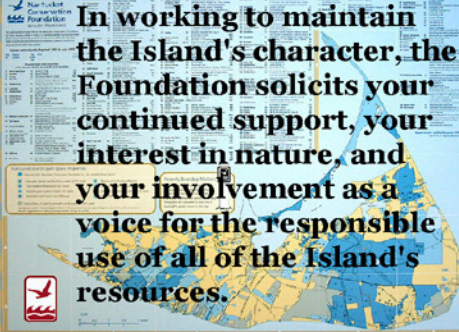

The Foundation continues to advance its organizational goals.

- ✓ Targeted land acquisition
- ✓ Detailed resource inventories
- ✓ Property management plans
- ✓ Heightened public awareness

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In working to maintain the Island's character, the Foundation solicits your continued support, your interest in nature, and your involvement as a voice for the responsible use of all of the Island's resources.

Protecting the land we love.

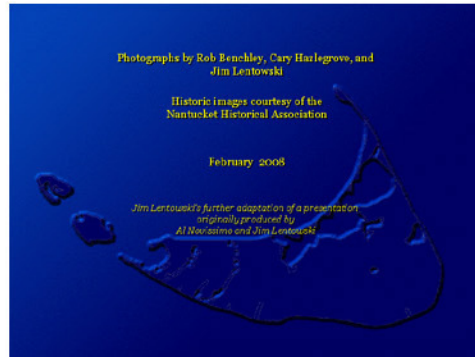
Consider how open space conservation has benefited you by preserving the places you enjoy with your family and friends, places where you've made life-long memories.

The Squam Farm




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