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From the Executive Director

Update on Strategic Plan

In November the ALT Board of Directors formally adopted the new Strategic Plan that looks forward to 2010. The Plan calls for increasing capacity to implement the core component of the Plan that we call the ALT Greenprint™—A Regional Conservation Agenda prioritizing land conservation for the public good. (See website for Summer 2006 issue of Vistas for article on Greenprint™.) Over the next several months we will be analyzing water quality, ecological, flood and other data to identify the land that helps to safeguard the drinking water supply, harbor biodiversity, absorb flood waters, and provides our region with scenic beauty. The result will be a map of conservation priorities that we believe are the most critical lands to protect to achieve the goals stated above.

This strategy ensures that the limited amount of funding available for land conservation is spent on protecting land that is providing the greatest public benefit. The strategy also ensures that operating revenue is leveraging the most public benefit as well. While developing the Greenprint™ we will be exploring new metrics to quantify the public benefit of protecting a specific acre or tract of land.

Over the past several months Board Chairman John (Jack) W. Ubinger, Jr. and I have been meeting with foundations to present and seek

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Branding Pittsburgh—Green for Good

Like the green foliage that slowly emerges from winter's grey embrace until it saturates the landscape, a similar greening is emerging from Pittsburgh's grey industrial past.

Former industrial sites have morphed into attractive residential, employment and entertainment centers.

Abandoned railroad corridors have evolved into corridors of trails and greenways meandering through the county and beyond linking western PA with Washington D.C.

Pittsburgh has become a national leader in the number of LEEDS certified "green" buildings.

Pittsburgh City Council in 2005 passed new zoning regulations to better protect the wooded hillsides that embrace and define the image of Pittsburgh.

County Council recently committed to creating a countywide riverfront park—the largest of its kind in the world. This commitment follows a similar one made by Allegheny County Commissioners in the early 1990s to establish Allegheny Land Trust that has since protected 1,340 acres.

Let's not forget the legacy of Rachel Carson, and perhaps the most ambitious greening effort undertaken a generation ago to clean up the air and rivers.

These are just a few examples and indicators of our region's continued social, political and ethical evolution towards a cleaner and greener community and economy. They represent investments in our environment that pay dividends for generations and help to brand Pittsburgh...Green for Good.



Annual Donor Listing Issue

see pages 6 and 7 for the complete list of those who've helped us conserve land in 2006 and a tribute to Bram Johnson.



\$1.3 Million Gift Expands Audubon Greenway

In the last week of 2006, Allegheny Land Trust expanded the Audubon Greenway in the Little Sewickley Creek Watershed with acquisition of a 51-acre parcel of land, thanks to the McCargo family and generous donors.

Read about it on pages 4 and 5.

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funding for the Strategic Plan. "I'm encouraged by the response and feedback we are receiving", comments Jack. "We put a lot of time, thought and research into the Strategic Plan and I'm optimistic that we'll be able to make significant strides towards initially implementing the Plan in 2007." Visit www.alleghenylandtrust.org to learn more about the Strategic Plan.

Expanding Leadership—Call for Board Candidates

Would you like to get more involved with ALT at this exciting juncture in the land trust's history? Do you have the time and expertise to help ALT increase performance? The Governance Committee is interviewing candidates to fill several Board positions with individuals who are committed to ALT's mission of land conservation and who can complement the expertise currently resident on the Board. Contact Committee Chair, Kevin Garber at 412-394-5404 or Roy Kraynyk at 412-604-0422.

Job Opportunity

The challenge of running a land trust is that each year we face an operating budget as well as a capital budget for land protection. For years the tasks of both operating and advancing the mission of ALT have fallen upon the desks of only two staff. "Sometimes prioritizing is difficult especially when you've got grant deadlines, payroll and property closings on your calendar and only time to submit one proposal," states Executive Director, Roy Kraynyk. As part of our strategy to increase organizational sustainability ALT is seeking an experienced Development Officer to increase sources of non-foundation revenue. For more information interested candidates should contact Mr. William Lafe at (412) 421-1989.

Your Support Continues to Grow

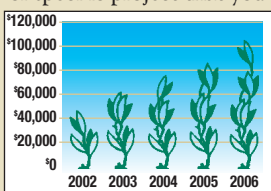
Thanks to the families, individuals, businesses and sponsors who supported ALT in 2006, non-foundation revenue continues to grow. This is extremely important because we need to demonstrate to the foundations that provide initial operating support that we are moving towards becoming a self-sufficient organization. The other foundations and agencies that support our land protection program need to know that the community supports our work. Were it not for the generous support of the community we probably would have not been successful in raising the \$1.3 million to purchase Audubon Greenway II.

How your financial support helps.

You may wonder if your contribution to a charity really makes a difference. In the case of ALT, your contribution helps in three ways. First, it directly supports the operations or specific project that you contribute to. Second, it demonstrates to foundations that we are becoming self-sufficient by attracting non-foundation revenue. Third, your membership demonstrates that the community wants land conserved.

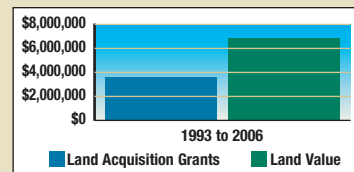
Support from member base and other non-foundation sources.

Not including capital grants. Based on calendar year. 2006 revenue as of 12/20/2006



Your dollars are multiplied.

In addition to the three ways described above, your dollar leverages additional dollars that ultimately result in protecting land worth millions. Since 1993 we have raised about \$3.5 million that was restricted for land protection. Over that time we protected 1,340 acres with a market value of just under \$7 million. This is about a 2:1 grant leveraging ratio as shown in the graph.



Environmental Study at Wingfield Pines

This project, under the leadership of Mr. Ed Schroth and Dr. Brady Porter of The Center for Environmental Research, Duquesne University, was conducted to determine the health of the channel between the AMD discharge and Chartiers Creek and the drainage swale at the base of the headwall. They found a Mosquitofish—a guppy size fish probably imported by the former owner to help control the mosquito problem, Creek Chub, White Sucker, Bullfrog Tadpole and a salamander. The data will be included in our permit application to the DEP and ACOE for the AMD system.

Participating students include: Beth Dakin, Thomas Buck, Logan Hyland, Mark Mosses, Mike Komarnicki, Casey DeGiovanni.



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Audubon “Forever”

Audubon Greenway Phase I & II

Allegheny Land Trust has recently purchased this 98-acre tract in Sewickley Heights, adjacent to the 80-acre Sewickley Hills Park. The property consists of open meadows, wooded slopes, spring seeps and headwaters of Little Sewickley Creek—a “Medium –

Gradient Clearwater Creek Community” as defined by the Allegheny County Natural Heritage Inventory (ACNHI). It is located within the Little and Big Sewickley Creek Area Landscape Conservation Area (LCA) which is the buffer surrounding the Camp Meeting Woods Biological Diversity Area BDA. The Camp Meeting Woods BDA has been ranked “Exceptional Significance” and contains two occurrences of State Significance—NC001, State Significance S3; and NC002, State Significance S2. Following is an excerpt from the ACNHI.

“This [Campmeeting BDA] BDA is recognized as both a High Diversity Area and a Community/Ecosystem Conservation Area which encompasses a significant forest and stream community... The many topographic features, aspects and elevational ranges

provided within this large BDA add to the overall biological diversity and potential natural qualities of this site.”

Miles of trails exist on the property that help to link Sewickley Hills Park to the extensive trail system of

Sewickley Heights Park. The total acreage of the two public parks and adjacent conservation lands held by ALT is more than 1100 acres.

The property has almost one mile of frontage on Audubon and Magee Roads and is less than a minute from the Mount Nebo interchange of I-79 which is experiencing accelerated growth, including a 384 unit apartment and a 392 unit townhouse complex under construction.

The land was zoned for single and multi-family housing sites, that, if constructed, would have had a significant negative environmental and aesthetic impact. A large area would have been cleared and graded to create level building pads for homes and driveways. Construction would have destabilized the moist wooded slopes, disturbed spring seeps and degraded the water quality of Little Sewickley Creek with erosion. Landscaping for new homes would have introduced exotic and invasive species into the ecosystem, and lawn care would have introduced harmful chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides into the soil and watercourses of the BDA. Fortunately, Allegheny Land Trust has been able to successfully raise the funding to acquire and protect this land as permanent green space.

Audubon Greenway for the ALT Greenway

Three criteria are considered the highest priority and will be our Primary Conservation Priorities, and the A

1. Biodiversity—based on Natural Heritage Inventory. Biodiversity has historically been the only attribute we have

2. Water quality and stormwater management—Can impede runoff, store floodwaters and filter water before it reaches drinking water. Protecting certain lands can reduce the impact of fl

3. Scenic landscapes that define our region’s unique geographic character—the Physical and Ecological Investigation of Pittsburgh’s Hillsides report enlightened us about the unique geographical region we live in and the public benefit of protecting the highly visible wooded slopes and ridgelines that provide the verdant backdrop to our city, communities and neighborhoods.

Local Character

The property consists of scenic open meadows, wooded glades, distant views and sun-dappled trails. The land also helps connect both Sewickley Hills and Sewickley Heights parks, and the surrounding communities can now enjoy over 1,100 acres of conserved lands.



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Landowner donates \$1.3 million to Greenway Project

When Tom McCargo was growing up on his family's farm in Sewickley Heights he likely never thought that one day he would make a decision that would protect the land forever as a natural area. That's what he did on December 28, 2006 when Allegheny Land Trust became the new owner of the 51 acres of rolling meadows and woodlands along Audubon and Magee Roads.

fulfills the criteria of Greenprint™

for land conservation decisions. Where they overlap
Audubon Greenway encompasses all three:

stories which map the natural areas in the counties.
considered.

certain lands such as floodplains, wetlands and wooded slopes
reaches streams or the underground aquifers that supply public
flooding downstream and protect water quality.

Biodiversity

This female cardinal represents at least 39 species of birds noted to be regular visitors to this property. The list, compiled by Bob VanNewkirk in the Spring of 2006, also includes raptors like the red-tailed hawk and great-horned owl and songbirds. The many topographic features, aspects and elevational ranges provided within this large BDA add to the overall biological diversity and potential natural qualities of this site.



Water Issues

The property has spring seeps that feed Little Sewickley Creek—a "Medium-Gradient Clearwater Creek Community" as defined by the Allegheny County Natural Heritage Inventory. Little Sewickley Creek harbors a population of brown trout. The meadows and woodlands absorb and filter rainwater, safeguarding the water supply for some residents who still rely on wells for drinking water.



Tom McCargo and ALT Executive Director Roy Kraynyk shake hands on the deal.

"There's no question that my boyhood experiences on the land influenced my concern for the environment. I believe that protecting land is the best thing you can do for the environment because of all the benefits we derive from undeveloped land."

This is the second property that Allegheny Land Trust acquired from Mr. McCargo and the third that Allegheny Land Trust has conserved in the Little Sewickley Creek Watershed. Since 1993, Allegheny Land Trust has conserved 1,340 acres in 17 municipalities in Allegheny and Washington Counties.

"Tom's generous gift is a substantial contribution to regional land conservation that the community will benefit from for generations," adds trust Director, Roy Kraynyk.

"People often take for granted that open space will be there forever until the bulldozers show up and then it is too late. Fortunately for the surrounding community, Mr. McCargo had a different vision for the property and Allegheny Land Trust was ready and willing to work with him to make it happen. Were it not for Tom's willingness and generosity to discount the sale price by 50% for Allegheny Land Trust, we probably would have not been able to take on the project."

The community also rose to the occasion making contributions totaling almost \$60,000 to help match state grants that Allegheny Land Trust earned for the project. Mr. McCargo's donation of one-half of the land's fair market value was equal to \$1.3 million.

Land trusts across the country protected 37 million acres in 2005, a 54% percent jump from 2000. Kraynyk predicts a busy 2007 because new federal tax laws have increased

the incentives for landowners to donate conservation easements to groups like Allegheny Land Trust. For more information go to www.alleghenylandtrust.org or call 412-604-0422 and request a brochure.

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Land donation by the Thomas McCargo Family
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Tribute to Bram B. Johnson

February 24, 1947 to
October 20, 2006

A wonderful person whose energy and passion for life was contagious. He will be remembered for his kindness, intelligence, wisdom, energy, sense of humor and his ability to identify and nurture the potential in those around him. Bram's time on the ALT Board was short but his contribution will be lasting.

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Other Gifts In Honor and Memory

<i>in honor of John Oliver</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Tucci — <i>in honor of Olga J. Tucci</i>
Anonymous	Ms. Margaret L. Hunter — <i>in honor of William Lawrence</i>
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Judge and Mrs. William Standish	Mrs. Helen Franz — <i>in memory of William A. Franz</i>
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Ms. Patricia A. Yeager	

Individual Honors

Mr. John C. Oliver, III & Ms. Sylvia Dallas—*In honor of Jay Brooks' Birthday*
Anonymous—in honor of Phil Brooks
Mrs. Betty Kerkhan — *in honor of Nancy Page*

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Accolades and Awards for ALT Executive Director and Board Members

ALT ED invited to serve on local task forces

With House Resolution #897 the General Assembly of PA instructed the Joint State Government Commission to create a task force, on which Roy Kraynyk will serve, to review state and local land use and development practices. This initiative is a result of the Kilbuck landslide that buried Route 65 and three Norfolk and Southern Railroad tracks with 500,000 – 600,000 tons of soil and rock after the slide prone and geologically unstable hillside above was drastically graded for a retail complex.



Roy leads a group of community members at Wingfield Pines.

Also, Roy will join the University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics Water Resources Management Task Force that is charged with finding solutions to water quality and flooding threats that the region faces.

Hillsides Study Wins National Award

The national AIA has announced that Perkins Eastman's portion of *An Ecological and Physical Investigation of Pittsburgh Hillsides* received an AIA Honor Award in Regional & Urban Design. ALT's Roy Kraynyk was a major contributor to this study. Read the study itself at www.alleghenylandtrust.org.

Three ALT Board members recognized as "top environmental lawyers"

In its January 2007 issue, *Pittsburgh Magazine* recognized John (Jack) W. Ubinger, Jr., a partner with Jones Day, Alan S.

Miller, with Picadio Sneath Miller & Norton, P.C., and Kevin Garber of Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, P.C., as three of the "Best Lawyers in America."



Tax Cut for Conservation on Private Land

Congress just passed a new tax law that helps to protect clean water, natural areas and family farms by enhancing the federal tax benefits for landowners who donate voluntary conservation agreements, protecting land while keeping it in productive private ownership.

Now a conservation donor can deduct up to 50 percent of their adjusted gross income in any year (up from 30%), and, if most of their income is from farming, ranching or forestry, they can deduct all of their income. Even more important—if the value of their donation is larger than their income, they can continue to use the deduction for up to 16 years (up from six).

These agreements, often referred to as conservation easements, are donations of a landowner's development rights to

land to protect specific natural, scenic or historic resources. The landowner continues to own and manage their land, and continues to pay local taxes. The public gets protection of resources that are an important heritage for our community.

The Allegheny Land Trust has been accepting donations like this for years, and has protected by way of easements and other means over 1,340 acres in Allegheny and Washington Counties. The window for taking advantage of these changes is short—the law only applies to easements completed in the years 2006 and 2007. To learn more about these new incentives to protect your land with a conservation easement contact the office at 412-604-0422.