

SUMMER



WEST VIRGINIA
LAND TRUST

Greetings

The West Virginia Land Trust's mission to protect land represents one point on a spectrum of conservation activities that includes research, management, education, and public awareness. It's often an end point: When these other activities have been undertaken, the missing piece often is the permanent protection of the species, landscapes, or other activities that have attracted people to them. Whether we're looking at projects that will protect brook trout habitat, or open space at the entry to a community, or recreational trails, or a family farm, the West Virginia Land Trust's work responds to the desires of landowners who want the lands and waters they know to be freed from pressures that would change their beauty, their use, and the sense of place they convey.

Our work takes time, as we carefully craft agreements with landowners that define their vision for the future of the land they love. Our work considers neighbors, future generations, wildlife, livelihoods, traditions, and the emotional ties that bind many of our state's residents to our land and water. If you or someone you know wants to consider permanent protection for a special place, we're here to help.

Hope you enjoy the summer and all that our wild, wonderful great outdoors has to offer!



Until next time,

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*Snap
Shots
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Hike & Learn

Wallace Hartman Nature Preserve
Charleston, WV
August 24th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mountain State Land Use Academy Leadership Conference

Charleston, WV
October 9 – 10, 2013

Partnerships to Preserve Land



Land conservation takes commitment, passion, forward thinking and in some cases a little help from friends. The West Virginia Land Trust is committed to working with communities and organizations throughout the state to expand conserved lands. By providing a mini-grant to the Cacapon and Lost Rivers Land Trust, the West Virginia Land Trust was able to be one partner in preserving a beautiful legacy along the Cacapon River.



Josh Frye Farm Easement

Josh is an energetic and resourceful farmer, currently pioneering a technique that burns chicken waste as fuel to run poultry houses. Josh says this poultry litter burner is the first of its type in the country and will not only cut fuel costs but will decrease pollutants as well. Josh has also worked with Canaan Valley Institute to complete a river bank stabilization project along the Cacapon River.

Because of the forward thinking of Josh Frye, his 252 acre farm will be forever protected by a conservation easement. The land lies along the Cacapon River approximately 27 miles east of Moorefield, WV. The property contains 10-12 acres of wetlands, 5,000 feet of frontage on the Cacapon River and 1,000 feet along Slate Rock Run.

According to Josh, the Frye family history stretches back to the earliest days of Virginia. The first Frye, also Joshua Fry (the “e” was added later), was the surveyor for the King of England. Fry got a land grant and purchased the property spanning from Virginia into West Virginia -- a huge territory. “Over the years, it

just was broken up, broken up, and broken up,” Frye said. Today, the modern Frye farm still sits on land originally surveyed by his Colonial ancestor. The Frye easement is adjacent to other lands protected by the Trust and anchors the protection of a 7 mile stretch of land along the Cacapon River. The Frye easement was purchased through the Hampshire County Farmland Protection Program and is co-held by the Cacapon and Lost Rivers Land Trust, the Hampshire County Farmland Protection Program, and the West Virginia Agricultural Land Protection Authority. The West Virginia Land Trust provided the stewardship funds to complete this worthwhile project.

To learn about The Cacapon & Lost Rivers Land Trust visit cacapon.org.

The Wallace Hartman Nature Preserve

You have helped the West Virginia Land Trust protect and celebrate special places, now we are inviting you to come visit one! On Saturday, August 24th, the Land Trust will host a Hike & Learn at the Wallace Hartman Nature Preserve in Charleston. During this event, you can see the preserve, learn why it is so special and enjoy the new improvements. Bring the family and enjoy the great outdoors with us!

To learn more about the Wallace Hartman Nature Preserve visit wvlandtrust.org

HIKE & LEARN

Saturday | August 24th
10am - 2pm





Protect Your Passion

West Virginia is considered the outdoor recreation capital of the East. From world-famous whitewater rivers to challenging mountain bike terrain and extensive trail systems, to great skiing, hunting and fishing, West Virginia's outdoors fill our state with passionate outdoor enthusiasts. This recreation community knows and understands our land and water first hand. It is the hope of the West Virginia Land Trust that more outdoor enthusiasts will support, embrace and come together with conservation organizations to ensure that future generations can continue their outdoor heritage. Working together, we can focus that passion on helping to protect and preserve these special places forever.

Did You Know?



Whitewater

- ▶ 114,409 people annually participate in paddling activities
- ▶ The Gauley River has more class IV and V rapids than any other eastern river
- ▶ West Virginia is said to have the best whitewater east of the Mississippi



Skiing

- ▶ Annual participants: 82,620
- ▶ West Virginia boasts the largest season for cross country and downhill skiing in the southeast



Outdoor Recreation

- ▶ More than 375 miles of old rail road tracks have been converted to walking and biking trails
- ▶ Annual participants:
Hiking - 379,596 | Camping - 402,077 | Wildlife Viewing - 500,000



Mountain Biking

- ▶ Annual participants: 228,244



Fishing

- ▶ At least 376,000 fishermen each year participate in fishing WV waters
- ▶ There are 19,000 acres of surface water that is fishable and boat-able



Climbing

- ▶ Mean altitude of 1,500 ft allows for myriad climbing opportunities



Hunting

- ▶ 269,000 hunters participate in the hunting season each year
- ▶ Hunting brings in \$270 million to the state's economy



WINNERS

Special places are everywhere in West Virginia and we want to highlight them through the lens of those that cherish them!

The WV Land Trust hosted the first Nature Photo Contest in conjunction with Special Places this year. Over 80 photographs were submitted for this inaugural event with voting in three categories – Governor’s Award, People’s Choice, and the Grand Winner. The winners were honored during Special Places and were given framed copies of their winning photo.



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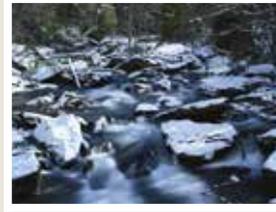
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YOUTH



Grand Winner - Andrew Yianne



Governor’s Award - Andrew Yianne



People’s Choice - Joshua Hale

ADULT



Grand Winner - Chris Tennant



Governor’s Award - Alan Tucker



People’s Choice - Teresa J. Purdue

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