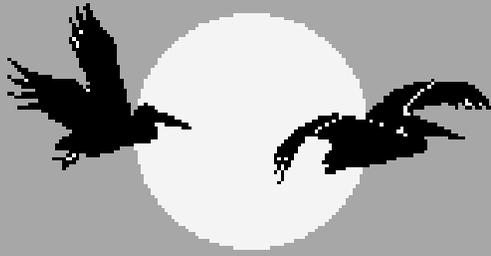


Many Tasks, Many Talents



Each year with the arrival of spring heralds a flurry of activity for the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust. Trustees head out to each of the 20 prop-

erties covering more than 50 acres to conduct annual inspections. Site clean-ups are the norm, and observations on property condition and necessary remediation are added to the file (and to the To Do List) with the annual property reports.

These activities, while vital to the operation for the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust (HNCLT) do not begin to encompass all of the many "stewardship" roles and responsibilities filled by volunteers and trustees. Given the breadth of tasks that present themselves in any given year, we are fortunate to have deep reserves of diverse skills to draw upon. Here are just a few examples of

the many stewardship talents' brought to our efforts this year:

Vice President Gail Kenny has worked diligently this past year both on the Sanders Park Project and many other Land Trust issues. Notably she spearheaded the active pursuit of our newest property acquisitions at Martin Creek. She has shepherded our deliberations and decisions regarding new open space opportunities.

Treasurer Ned Simmons has used his leadership to build bridges in our community, to foster growth and collaboration on the Saunders Park/Trinidad Museum and Library Project. He is instrumental in helping the Land Trust to become more active stewards of our proud history as an organization as well as prudently managing our investments for the future.

Beverly has come on board as a strong Secretary for the Land Trust, she has

given many hours to keep our meeting records in order as well as research, propose and develop new policy and procedures regarding maintenance of current holdings.

A dynamic crew under the leadership of Trustees Gail Ward and John Caulkins used their considerable skills as craftsmen to design and rebuild by hand the trail down to Houda Point, making a path on one of our properties safer and more accessible.

And last but not certainly not least Trustees Don ????, Ben Morehead and Matt Malkus have worked to protect the treasured scenic, natural and agricultural landscapes of Humboldt County, through their decisions making, management, policy planning and implementation, keeping in mind our shared mission.

A big thank you to all for so many hours volunteered for our community!



*Spring Work Party
Johnny and Gail out on the Houda Point Trail with their Crew!*

Special points of interest:

- *Annual Meeting September 27@7:00PM.*
- *Fill out your ballots and return for elections.*
- *Membership Drive! Invite a friend or family member join HNCLT!*
- *New tax laws regarding Land Trust donations!*

Regarding the Holdings This Year:

The Land Trust has acquired an additional conservation easement holding this year! The **Martin Creek Trail!**

- The Martin Creek Trail provides public beach access to the beach commonly named “Secret Beach”, off of Stage Coach Road, here in Trinidad. This donation of a conservation easement protects wildlife, and scenic open space treasures for all of us.
- Sauder’s Park construction and ground-breaking has begun.

- Moonstone Beach parking lot was graded and improved..
- Baker Ranch Timber Easement has new written guidelines for the removal of timber.
- Houda Point and Baker Beach trails maintained.



Moving the Historic Sanger Underwood House

Saunders Park

Humboldt North Coast Land Trust and the Trinidad Museum Society signed a historic agreement on April 5th for a 99 year lease of the museum building located in Saunders' Memorial Park in Trinidad. This is the first project to go forward on the property that the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust holds for the community.

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The Trinidad Museum Society moved the historic Sangster House to the property in October and

has been working to get it refurbished in order to house an expanded museum. Future projects on the property include a park with a bocce ball court, gazebo and walking track, a new building for the Trinidad Branch of the Humboldt County Library, as well as a native plant garden.

Strategic Planning

Humboldt North Coast Land Trust Board of Trustees had a retreat on August 4 for strategic planning. They set the goals for the coming year for the operation of the organization. Humboldt North Coast Land Trust holds property and easements in the Trinidad area. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting for the public benefit the natural beauty and character of Humboldt County from Little River to Big Lagoon. Some key properties and easements it manages are Houda Point, North Luffenholtz

Beach, Baker Beach, and a portion of Moonstone Beach.

Standing: Ben Morehead, Kathleen Lake, Beverly Zeman, Gail Ward, Don Allan, Gail Kenny
Sitting: John Calkins, Ned Simmons, Matt Malkus.



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President's Message: Be An Active Member

HNCLT is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation established in 1978 with the goals of land preservation and public access. Your continued support is critical to our continuance. Be an active member a member and invite your family and friends to become members and volunteers too. Your membership allows the land Trust to continue to work towards a shared vision of preservation of open space, public benefit and access for our community.

This past year we have seen our costs rise significantly through higher insurance rates and other

fees. We continue to be an all volunteer organization and strive to manage and to increase our revenues with professional advise.

The HNCLT currently protects ?? acres of open space ?? conservation easements with eight easements that protect public access, all in the Trinidad and West Haven areas. All of these properties will remain as open space FOREVER!

With your help, together we can preserve our beautiful place here the coast. The Humboldt North Coast Land Trust is forging ahead with new projects and stewardship of existing holdings. This is an exciting time and exciting organization.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

Are you concerned about protecting the natural beauty and character of our Humboldt North Coast for present and future generations? Please consider making a charitable gift in your will or living trust to benefit the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust. A planned gift (land and or financial assets) allows us to respond quickly to protect threatened lands, and to secure and restore public trails and beach access under our care.

Planned gifts help to ensure the long-term financial strength of the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust. No matter how large or small, a planned gift will continue your dedication to conservation beyond your lifetime. If you already have a will or living trust, you can easily amend that document to add a beneficiary. Depending on the method and timing of your gift, you may: reduce your income tax, capital gains, and / or estate taxes while retaining control of your assets.

If you are considering naming the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust in your will the following language may be helpful:

"I give the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust, a 501(c) (3) Nonprofit Corporation, tax ID #xxxxxxx incorporated in the State of California, and having its principal offices at xxxxxxxx, Trinidad, CA 95570 the sum of \$_____ (or alternately, _____ percent of the residuary of my estate), for its general purposes to protect and conserve land and water resources for public benefit."



If you would like to find out more, please contact us and the Humboldt North Coast Land Trust, a financial planner or attorney.



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The Trusts Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 PM, at the Trini- dad Town Hall Civic Club Room.

Our guest presenter will be Mr. Lowell Cottle of Six Rivers Consultants. Lowell is a local Trinidad resident with experience working with the Oceanic Society as well as being a world traveler and adventure guide. Lowell is currently writing a book with photos of the flora and fauna of our local area. His presentation will focus on our local Redwood ecology. Come out for and meet your fellow land trust members for an evening of social gathering, information, and entertainment. Bring a friend and help to support our membership drive! You can download a membership form from our website at www.hnclt.org. See you there!

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Conservation Options for Landowners

You own land that is open space and you want to preserve the beauty and feel of this open space... how do you do it?

There are two basic ways to preserve and protect open space in perpetuity.

- One is a Land Donation (a fee title transfer) to the HNCLT. With this transfer of title, the

HNCLT owns and maintains the land.

- The second option is to grant the Land Trust a Conservation Easement. With a Conservation Easement, the family continues to own and maintain the land but gives up the development rights.

Within both options, there are several different ways to proceed to the goal of preserving open space. Both Land donation and Conservation Easements provide tax strategies that will often serve to benefit your family. It is important to meet with an attorney and or tax specialist to determine the exact tax benefit in each situation. **Often the total value of the gift is tax deductible** whether against income tax, capital gains or in an estate plan.

New Federal and State Laws Give Better Tax Break for Donation of Conservation Easements

(LTA) If you own land with important natural or historic resources, donating a voluntary conservation easement can be one of the smartest ways to conserve the land you love and protect America's natural heritage, while maintaining your private property right and possible realizing significant federal tax benefits.

On August 3, 2006, Congress approved a tremendous expansion of the federal conservation tax incentive for conservation easement donations. On August 17, the President signed it into law. This was a great victory for conservation! Efforts are now under way to make these changes a permanent part of the tax code. Senate

bill S. 469 has been introduced by Senators Max Baucus (D-MT) and Charles Grassley (R-IA) that would make the new tax incentive permanent. Representatives Mike Thompson (D-CA) and Dave Camp (R-MI) introduced H.R. 1576, which parallels the Senate bill. President Bush has also endorsed making the new tax incentive permanent in his fiscal year 2008 budget. If these expanded tax incentives are made permanent family farmers, ranchers, and other moderate-income landowners will be able to conserve the land they love while obtaining a significant tax benefit for making the charitable donation of a conservation easement. For

further information and suggested reading about the new legislation and what you can do to help, please go to the Land Trust Alliance Web site, www.lta.org.

Next Steps:

Call us! The HNCLT meets monthly to review potential properties and to assist families in their desire to preserve and protect open space. President, Kathleen Lake, (707) 677-0716.