



Bourne Conservation Trust

Cataumet, Massachusetts ~ 02534

NEWSLETTER

LAWRENCE ISLAND UPDATE

Our campaign to preserve Lawrence Island continues. This is a progress report to update you on purchasing efforts by the Bourne Conservation Trust (BCT) and to provide background on Lawrence Island, our approach to its acquisition, and future plans.

Financing Status:

Purchase price:	\$150,000
Donations to date:	50,000

Over the next year, the BCT must raise \$100,000 to meet the purchase price plus about \$15,000 to cover interest and legal fees. The balance of the purchase price is to be financed over the next year, with payments due quarterly. The BCT took title to Lawrence Island on December 3rd.

Who was the owner?

As many local residents know, the ownership of Lawrence Island has had a complicated history. The most recent owner was Red Acre Farm, a charitable organization that trains dogs for the deaf. The principals of this organization share our desire to keep the Island in its natural state but need cash to meet near-term requirements.

Were there options to purchasing the Island locally?

There were. We could have attempted to interest the town, the State, the Audubon Society or some such organization to buy and preserve the Island; however, we were concerned about losing local control. We neither wish to increase traffic onto the Island nor to close it; either possibility might occur in other hands.

And if we didn't buy it?

We are all aware of the building boom on the Cape. It is quite possible that more than one house could be built on the Island, although that possibility has been untested before town authorities. The upland portion of the island is well above sea level and several sites exist with 100' setbacks. Access would be by foot or water (no threat of a road). Wells could be driven and power brought in. Lawrence Island could become a mini-development.

What will the BCT do with Lawrence Island?

The Island will remain as is: a wildlife sanctuary and restricted as such in the deed. (There were no such restrictions in the previous deed!). An advisory board, composed of major donors and abbutors, will be formed to oversee the proper use of the Island.

Will we reach our goal?

We will -- but only with your help. Since relatively few people are involved, we need generous contributions. These can be by lump sum, a lump sum pledge, or a pledge of so much a month. Encourage your friends and neighbors to donate: we have been soliciting in the greater N. Falmouth, Megansett and Cataumet areas.

Make a year-end tax-deductable gift. It will yield not only immediate tax benefits, but the lasting personal pleasure of having helped preserve the special presence that is Lawrence Island.



LAWRENCE ISLAND DONORS AS OF DECEMBER 9, 1985

The following people (in alphabetical order) have donated to the Bourne Conservation Trust's Lawrence Island Fund. We would like to thank them for their support.

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Aldrovandi
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Aleixo
Anna P. Austill
Mr. George Ballentine
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Ballentine
Drs. Bassuk & Schoonover
Edith Bowker
Jane Brady
Margaret Brady
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Brown
Martha Bryant
Cape Cod Life
Mrs. Robert Casselman
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Chisholm
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Mr. & Mrs. William Macurdy
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Rev. & Mrs. William Spurrier
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Mrs. Alfred Thomas in Memory of her husband Mr. Alfred Thomas
Rev. & Mrs. William Underhill
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Walter
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Watson Jr.
Rosamond Wright
Mr. & Mrs. George Yost

PLEDGES

Mr. & Mrs Ivan Valiela

SPECIAL NOTE

Thank you to Chuck Mehmel, who so often puts pen to paper for the Bourne Conservation Trust.

FLANNAGAN PROPERTY UPDATE

As most of you are aware, the Bourne Conservation Commission put an article before town meeting to see if the Town would vote to allow the Conservation Commission to purchase a 1 1/2 acre area next to the herring run on Shore Road in Cataumet bordering Red Brook Pond. To prevent the property from being sold before the article could come before Town Meeting, the Bourne Conservation Trust negotiated a Purchase and Sales Agreement with the owner. A nonrefundable \$5,000 deposit was made and the owner agreed to take the property off the market. The \$5,000 plus an additional \$2,600 was raised by the private citizens in the area.

The article did pass Town Meeting and the Selectmen applied for partial reimbursement (80%) of the purchase price under the Self-Help Act. At the present time, we are still waiting for a decision from the State on the request.

We would like to thank the following people (in alphabetical order) for their donation toward the purchase of the Flannagan Property:

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Ballentine
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Dunbury
Mr. Alfred Glover
Mr. & Mrs. Minot Guild
Mr. & Mrs. Carleton Handy
Mr. Thomas W. Kingman
Mr. David Morrall
Dr. & Mrs. John Morrall
Mr. Stephen Morrall
Mr. Joseph Verrochi
Mr. Michael Verrochi

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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gorton
Mr. James McCahill
Mr. & Mrs. John McCahill

BCT TRIANGLE

Although the Trust did not hold its annual clean up day on the BCT triangle (formed by Red Brook Harbor, Shore, and County Roads) this year, we did plant 250 daffodil bulbs. These bulbs were donated by John Winsor of Cataumet and Sandston, Virginia. They will be a welcome sight in the spring.

We would also like to thank Nathan and Amy Ballentine for their help planting the bulbs.

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DONATIONS / PLEDGES

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Total Donation \$ _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Balance to be paid by: _____
(date)

Please make checks payable to:

BOURNE CONSERVATION TRUST
Box 203
Cataumet, MA 02534

Donations are tax deductible.