



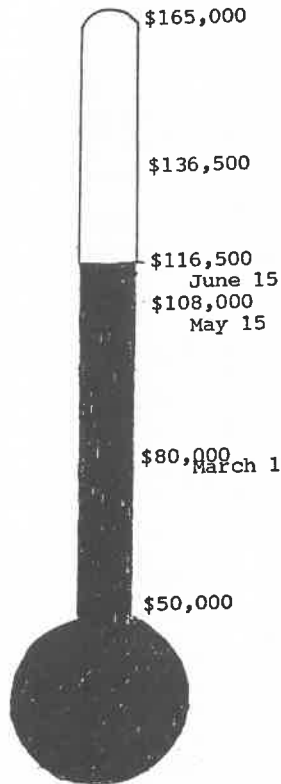
Bourne Conservation Trust

Cataumet, Massachusetts ~ 02534

NEWSLETTER Number 3 June, 1986

LAWRENCE ISLAND UPDATE

Another milestone passed: Our Lawrence Island purchase project is moving into the summer season. The May 15 payment was made by the Bourne Conservation Trust (BCT), leaving only two payments, totaling \$50,000, remaining. Our thermometers are rising; one, in response to the temperature; the other, as seen below, in response to your contributions. (The bulletin board in the Post Office maintains the the current "degree" of completion.)



Lawrence Island Fund

While no one looks forward to 100 degrees on the Cape, we all look forward to 100% of our goal being met. Our immediate and final effort: to reach that century mark by Labor Day. As a fitting finale, we are planning a "mortgage burning party" and would like to have it before the summer people depart. So . . . when we now make this especially urgent plea to mail in your donation today, please understand why.

We appreciate that there are multiple demands on your generosity (Nature Conservancy, Audubon, etc.). On this project, however, virtually every dollar donated goes towards preserving your immediate neighborhood. In this respect, the short view may be the long view.

What we hear: Along with donations, here are some commendable comments from residents, both full-time and summer.

"We appreciate your hard work." (Cataumet)
 "I think you are doing a super job . . ." (Dover, MA)

"Since receiving your newsletter, I have added this donation (to a previous one). . . and will add in the future." (Bethesda, MD)

"All of us greatly appreciate your efforts . . ." (NYC)

Keep those letters and cards coming! Such responses keep us generated.

Potpourri: As you know, by terms of the deed, the BCT will maintain Lawrence Island in its current state, that is, as a wildlife sanctuary. In this spirit, we ask that if you walk out to the Island this summer, please respect the rights of property owners along the way. Also, if you send us the names of birds or other wildlife sighted on the Island, we will include them in our next newsletter.

Beyond Lawrence Island: We are all too well aware of our individual biological clocks ticking away; we can do nothing to retard them. But the Cape's environmental clock, the one that marks the rhythm of our community, that, at least, can be slowed down.

With this in mind, we are looking ahead. Lawrence Island is not an end; it is only the end of the beginning. There is hardly an area of town where the sound of bulldozers is not being heard; where open space is being slammed shut.

We need to keep some of nature's doors open.

Opportunities have been lost. We tried to purchase the Robinson property, approximately 20 acres on Red Brook Harbor Road (not that of Ed and Fern Robinson). Although we secured a verbal agreement with the owner, she decided to sell to a developer. This is a loss to the community, particularly, since that property ties into other conservation areas.

We still have, however diminishing, a gift of time. As with the Flanagan property (see last newsletter), we find that we cannot depend on town or state agencies to do the job for us.

There is hope. With our Lawrence Island constituency, we are developing an expanding network of people with a shared concern for our common future. Together we can help control that future.

STATISTICS

In December, 1985, The Lawrence Island Fund had 72 donors, by February (1986) that number had increased to 184 and now in June the number of donors has jumped to 292! (Can we break 500 by August 15?)

Although there are 292 donors, 365 donations have been made (a lot of people have given more than once--great)!

Since the fund has reached \$116,500 and there are 292 donors, the average donation per contributor is \$398.9726. (It might be noted that no one has given exactly that amount.)

Of the 292 people who have donated to date:

5 gave \$10,000 or more	(1.71%)
1 gave \$5,000	(0.34%)
21 gave \$1,000 to \$4,999	(7.2%)
101 gave \$100 to \$999	(34.6%)
164 gave \$5 to \$99	(56.2%)

This means 44% of all donors gave \$100 or more to the Lawrence Island Fund. \$5 or \$5,000 it is all a big help and very much appreciated.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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---to Chuck Mehmel, Grace Rowe, Maureen Jason, and Sally Ballentine for the newsletter.

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Most of the donors to the Flanagan Property Fund have requested that all or part of their donation be transferred to the Lawrence Island Fund. This has been a big boost to the Lawrence Island Fund and is appreciated by all.

Annual membership dues are once again due. If you have donated to the Lawrence Island Fund or the Flanagan Property Fund anytime during 1986, you are considered to be a member in good standing.

It is our hope that some of you will want to make an "unrestricted" contribution to the BCT. Membership dues cover land maintenance, office and other miscellaneous expenses. A "nest egg" of unrestricted funds would allow the Trust to make deposits on desirable pieces of land that come on the market. As we all know, it is important to be able to act quickly on undeveloped real estate.

If you have questions, comments, or would like to volunteer your services, please write (Box 203, Cataumet, 02534) or call one of the Trustees. Stephen Ballentine 563-5196 or 563-2800
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"Blow up the bridges . . . close the beaches . . . stop all the building . . . make zoning tougher . . . somebody do something!"

With summer crowds on the Cape expected to be bigger than ever this year, we'll be hearing and reading a lot of wild words about how to stop the overcrowding.

True: The environment that attracted so many of us — or our parents or grandparents — to come to the Cape is attracting so many more people that our wonderful way of life might be destroyed by the sheer numbers of people who come here to enjoy it.

Blowing up the bridges or closing all the beaches are not answers, though. Careful planning, participation and vigilance by people who care are the keys to saving our Cape environment.

Vigilance against outside threats is one key. Three examples of outside threats to the Cape environment are in the news now.

First, wetlands protection. The Army Corps of Engineers has announced a new policy that can favor economic considerations of developers over public interest in wetland preservation. This is despite the federal Environmental Protection Agency's recent veto of a corps permit to allow the destruction of Sweden Swamp wetland in Attleboro.

Environmentalists may have won a battle in Attleboro, but the war continues.

Second, the Barnstable County Land Bank Act that would, through a 2 percent tax on real estate transfers, provide money for Cape towns to buy up open space, is being thwarted in the Massachusetts Legislature by off-Cape interests. Sen. Patricia McGovern of Lawrence, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and Rep. John Flood of Canton, chairman of the House Taxation

Preserving Cape Cod

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Committee, are trying to deny to Cape residents the same conservation tool already granted to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. Letters to Sen. McGovern and Rep. Flood can be valuable weapons in the fight our Cape delegation is waging in Boston.

A third outside threat to our Cape environment today is the acid rain that originates in the Industrial Midwest. There is finally some hope that legislation to force the polluters to clean up their act is on the way, now that the Reagan administration has admitted that the threat is real and has agreed to act on it. Your letters to Washington can help speed the process.

But all of our problems don't come from the mainland. Let's look into our own closets for the tools we need to keep our house in order.

Your town has the authority to help protect its environment through by-laws and ordinances. If you don't like what is developing right around you, find out if your town government has been alert to the problems of growth and taken all the steps it can to plan for it. (The Association for the Preservation of Cape Cod has included an excellent Community Checklist for Environmental Action in its publication "Options for Cape Cod's Future," available at your library or through the association's office).

Do your part to see that laws are enforced. The local police, inspectors, conservation officers and the like cannot be everywhere or see everything. If you see things happening that seem irregular — filling in

wetlands, discharge of pollutants, destruction of wildlife habitat, whatever — check with your town office to see if it is authorized, if a permit has been issued. You may stop some rascals in their tracks. That's not squealing; that's protecting your neighbor and yourself.

If you love Cape Cod, if you want to be a part of its future as well as enjoy it more today, if you would like to participate instead of just being a spectator, there are many ways you can do it at your own pace.

There are organizations on every part of the Cape that are working to save what is here for the future — organizations that can help you learn, help you enjoy and give you opportunities to feel the satisfaction that volunteering can give.

Some examples: The Association for the Preservation of Cape Cod in Orleans; The Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown; The Museum of Natural History in Brewster; New Alchemy in Falmouth; The Massachusetts Audubon Society in Wellfleet and Falmouth; The Thornton Burgess Society in Sandwich; The Cape Cod National Seashore in Eastham. All of these organizations offer interesting materials and programs about Cape Cod. Most welcome volunteer participation in a wide variety of activities. They'll help you have fun learning.

Conservation trusts in many Cape towns, civic associations in many Cape villages, the League of Women Voters most everywhere are additional avenues of learning what is really going on here and what needs doing.

Most of us live on Cape Cod because we think it offers some of the best things in life, but that old-song writer was wrong: The best things in life are not free. The price is vigilance, awareness and participation.

To save what's best on Cape Cod, become part of Cape Cod: Get active.



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We must raise another \$20,000 by August 15 and although the next payment is not due until November 15, we would like to raise the full amount before Labor Day, so the summer people can help celebrate and "burn the mortgage". In order to do this, we need \$48,000 by August 30. With your help, we can do it.

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