

with silt from the Howe land for almost 20 years. The work funded privately but conducted in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources. This work should make land in Willow Guzzle tillable again. There is more work to do in addressing the various problems associated with Concord's ancient and inconsistently maintained system of agricultural drainage ditches.

Farming Bylaw

The Committee brought a Farming Bylaw, drafted by the late Gordon Bell, to Town Meeting in April where it was well received.

The Farming Bylaw highlights the importance of farming to the Town of Concord and reminds non-farm residents that generally accepted agricultural practices are reasonable activities that they should expect to see here. It reiterates that farming is a valued and accepted activity in Concord. It is intended to help promote understanding between farmers and their neighbors, and will provide a Town-level procedure for resolution of disputes.

New Committee Members

Committee Chair Dan Giurleo, John Bemis and Jim Waymen stepped down after serving their five-year terms. Jim Catterton was voted in as Committee Chair. The Board of Selectmen appointed three new members: Jen Hashley, Bill Kenney, and Chip Poutasse. All are actively farming and bring new perspectives to the Committee. Bill Kenney is a large scale grower who has just started a CSA, Jen Hashley of Pete and Jen's Backyard Birds also runs the new farmer program through Tufts, and Chip Poutasse, Brigham Farm is a practicing CPA.

Newly appointed Associate members are Susan Macone, Dudley Goar and Brian Cramer.

Inventory of Farms, Agricultural Parcels and Farmers

We have continued this work, identifying some 300 parcels of land that are either currently farmed, or once were farmed and have the potential to be put back in production. Not all of this land will be used for agriculture, but there is considerable room for expanded farming.

In the Coming Year

Clearing House: The Committee intends to establish a procedure to match up farmers and underutilized agricultural parcels, Town, State, Federal, non-profit and private.

Young Farmers: The Committee would like to assist and foster young farmers.

Other Issues: The Committee has discussed and will consider further Agriculture in the schools, new farmers, buy local, ag worker housing, and the farm at MCI Concord.

Concord still has an ample base of good farmland. Active agriculture will succeed in Concord if there are people who want to work the land and markets for our products. Concord produces high quality vegetables, fruit, flowers and meat, and there are good opportunities to expand production and sell what we grow.

CONCORD LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

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The Concord Land Conservation Trust (P.O. Box 141, Concord, MA) is a tax exempt, charitable organization established in 1959, with membership open to all who are interested in conservation of our natural resources. It complements other conservation efforts of the town, state and national governments and offers an alternative and a balance to development in our Town.

The Land Trust works closely with its affiliate, the Concord Open Land Foundation. COLF generally acquires property that may be preserved only in part or used as a means for preserving other property. For example, at the end of 2011, COLF acquired through a bargain/sale and generous gift by Paul and Susan Ware 8.6 acres of property between the Ripley School and the Ridge behind Lexington Road. COLF will sell as a house lot the greater portion of 201 Independence Road, on which a house is now situated, and transfer the remainder of the acreage to the Land Trust for permanent conservation.

CONCORD LAND CONSERVATION TRUST
 Statements of Financial Position
 September 30, 2011 and 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,819,276	\$1,729,008
Pledge receivable-restricted to future land purchases	25,000	45,000
Pledge receivable-unrestricted	-	-
Due from affiliate	-	-
Property, net	24,320	27,133
Land - held as open space	<u>20,404,655</u>	<u>20,324,655</u>
Total assets	<u>\$22,273,251</u>	<u>\$22,125,796</u>
Liabilities	\$-	\$-
Net assets		
Unrestricted	1,479,807	1,422,352
Temporarily restricted	388,789	378,789
Permanently restricted	<u>20,404,655</u>	<u>20,324,655</u>
Total net assets	<u>22,273,251</u>	<u>22,125,796</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$22,273,251</u>	<u>\$22,125,796</u>

Statement of Activities
 For the Years Ended September 30, 2011 and 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Contributions and other revenues		
Direct public support	\$139,719	\$130,224
Other contributions, bequests and receipts	354,906	231,882
Rental income	22,061	22,061
Investment return	497	1,310
Other income	5,039	-
Contributions for land campaigns		
Assabet Woods	<u>2,050</u>	<u>4,750</u>
Total revenues and other support	<u>524,272</u>	<u>390,227</u>
Expenses		
Program services		
Land Protection	240,000	-
Property maintenance	47,255	53,080
Insurance	5,708	1,228
Annual Meeting and Events	962	1,066
Real estate taxes	6,184	6,506
Education studies	6,000	4,000
Depreciation	2,813	2,813
Donations and Organizational Dues	875	1,100
Legal expenses	-	2,212
Support services		
Salary	25,579	25,991
Accounting	8,103	7,013
Printing and postage	9,702	3,505
Office rent and utilities	8,050	7,750
Payroll taxes and fees	3,552	3,539
Office supplies and services	8,515	2,533
Telephone	846	814
Legal fees	2,620	600
Bank and credit card fees	<u>53</u>	-
Total expenses	<u>376,817</u>	<u>123,750</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	147,455	266,477
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>22,125,796</u>	<u>21,859,319</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$22,273,251</u>	<u>\$22,125,796</u>

In recent years, the Land Trust has become more active in taking the initiative in land preservation. The combination of development pressure resulting from Concord's desirability as a place to live and the limited space available for development means we have a small window for preserving the existing balance of land uses in the Town. As a result, the Land Trust now makes an effort to preserve from development, by purchase if necessary, virtually every large property that comes on the market, parcels that abut or link other open areas and properties in areas of the Town where open space is scarce.

The recent acquisition by COLF of property behind the Ridge will result in the protection in its entirety of Gowing's Swamp, which is Concord's principal bog. Neighbors and other members of the public will now be able to use, as of right, portions of trails leading to and around this unique habitat that previously had been available for use only with permission of private landholders. Also in 2011, the Land Trust assisted the Town in its acquisition of the Rogers Land between Harrington Avenue and the Assabet River in West Concord. It is our hope that a portion of this recently-farmed property, which offers fine riverine views, will be restored to an agricultural use.

Despite increasing landholdings and consequent burdens of stewardship, the Land Trust remains an organization that relies in principal part on the volunteered services of our trustees, COLF's directors and our members. The only individuals whom CLCT pays for services on an ongoing basis are Nat Marden, who for many years has provided excellent service as the Land Trust's property manager under a contractual arrangement, and Nancy Cowan, who on weekday mornings staffs the Land Trust's small office on Sudbury Road near the railroad crossing.

The Land Trust held its annual meeting on October 30, 2011 at Gordon and Joy Shaw's house next to the Nashawtuc Sledding Hill. The meeting followed a walk along Squaw Sachem Trail, neighboring fields and the Simon Willard Woods. The walk included a remembrance of Marian Cameron Korbet, whose generosity was instrumental in the preservation of this extensive tract of woodland along the Assabet River.

From time to time throughout the year, the Land Trust organizes walks on several of our properties to encourage their use by our membership. Once again during 2011, the Land Trust and Harvard University collaborated in sponsoring a public lecture program and related seminar series for students at Concord-Carlisle Regional High School, the Middlesex School and Concord Academy. The program was organized, and the Harvard lecturers selected, by Andy Biewener, a Concord resident who is a Professor of Biology at Harvard and the director of the University's Concord Field Station, which administers the Harvard property that forms the core of the Estabrook Woods.

The Land Trust is grateful to the many residents of Concord who have been so generous in donating both land or conservation restrictions on land and the funds necessary to acquire and maintain conservation land. We are privileged to live in a Town that places such a high value on maintaining a balance of land uses characteristic of the traditions of a New England Town. The Land Trust acquires and holds property not as museum pieces but for use by the public. Our properties are available for hiking, skiing, picnicking and, in most cases, horseback riding. We hope that all of you will join us in using and enjoying the properties you have helped us to preserve.

CONCORD HOUSING AUTHORITY



From left: KC. Winslow, Richard Eifler, Mary Johnson, Chair; Christopher Corkery, Nancy Crowley

Judith Lincicum, Director

The Concord Housing Authority owns and manages 141 units in the Town of Concord and administers 85 Housing Choice Vouchers, providing subsidy for individuals and families to rent in the private market. Despite severe cutbacks in funding for seven out of the last nine years, the Housing Authority continues