



MEDOMAK VALLEY LAND TRUST

Your river • Your land • Your future

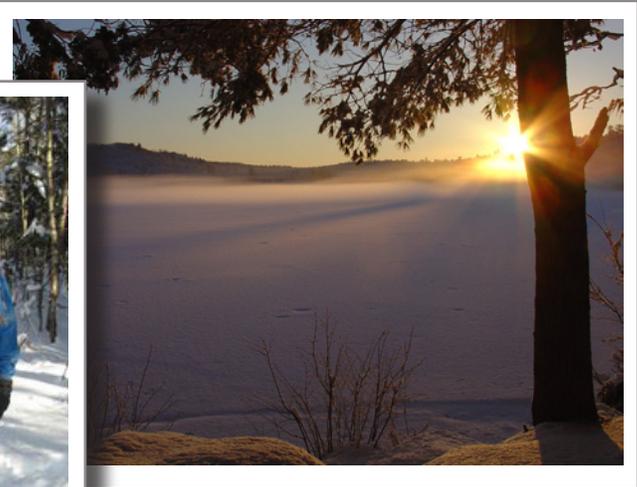
SPRING UPDATE 2013

STORER MOUNTAIN WOODS

John and Susan Morris, of Waldoboro, recently donated a conservation easement on 140 acres of woodlands on Storer Pond to MVLT, protecting it forever and ensuring its use as habitat and sustainably managed forestland and farmland, and limiting future development. The newly protected property, known as the East Woods of Storer Mountain Farm, contains more than 1,200 feet of frontage on Storer Pond, an undeveloped headwater pond of the Medomak River that drains the western flank of Clarry Hill. The pond contains habitat for warm and cold water fish species and provides nesting habitat for loons, ducks, and dozens of other bird species. Like East Woods, the shoreline of the pond is mostly forested and undeveloped, contributing to good water quality and unusually clear waters. MVLT has worked with landowners here to protect close to 650 acres that include a mix of wild areas and managed fields and forestlands.

TENNEY EASEMENT

Thirty acres of wooded land between Friendship Road and Finntown Road in Waldoboro were placed under conservation easement by David Tenney in December. The land will remain



Left: Susan and John Morris with dogs, Lizzie and Emma. Above: a winter view across Storer Pond

protected in perpetuity, ensuring its use as habitat and sustainably managed forestland, and preventing future development. The newly protected property conserves frontage on Slaigo Brook which flows into the Medomak River at Sampson Cove in Waldoboro. Conservation of the property helps protect the health of the river and its fishing industries and protects habitat for large mammals and the diverse bird life of the area. The property is near MVLT's Burkett Mill Preserve and lies within Three Brooks Forest, the largest roadless area on a coastal peninsula between the Camden Hills and York. Over 900 acres in Three Brooks Forest are now protected.



MVLT FIELD CREW

Join MVLT's field crew each Wednesday from 9 til noon, when we head out in the field to clear and mark trails, empty bird boxes, build bridges and more. Volunteers can commit to as many or as few Wednesdays as they'd like and should meet at the MVLT office at 9 am to carpool to the project site. If interested, please email volmvlt@midcoast.com, and we will add you to the weekly email list.



Medomak Valley Land Trust 2013 Board of Directors and Staff

Amy Winkle • Susan Morris • Carolyn Bryant, *Secretary* • Sally Butler • Caren Clark, *Treasurer* • Jackie Stratton, *intern* • Keith Bodine • Joan Ray, *Land & Stewardship Specialist* • Jim Lott • Charlie Witherell, *President* • Liz Petruska, *Executive Director* • George Seaver
not pictured - Ed Kahora • Susan Kellam • Bill Michaud • Brooke Pacy

THE HEALTH OF OUR RIVER

UPCOMING EVENTS

LAND TRUST HAPPY HOURS

Join MVLT the third Thursday of every month for a conservation happy hour at our watershed watering holes, including the Narrows Tavern in Waldoboro and the Badger Cafe and Pub in Union.

TRAIL RUNS

Lace up those sneakers and join MVLT for monthly trail runs. More info on runs and dates on facebook and our website.

HOOKED ON FISHING

Saturday, May 18th, 8 am – 2 pm
Once again we're teaming up with the great folks over at the Lincoln County Fish and Game Association to bring you the 6th annual Hooked on Fishing event at Quarry Hill Pond. This is a family friendly event where kids can learn the basics of fishing.

MEDOMAK POND PADDLE

Saturday, May 11th, 10 am
Start the season off with a paddle on Medomak Pond in north Waldoboro.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY OUTING

Saturday, June 1st, time TBD
Celebrate National Trails Day by visiting the Berger Preserve on Bremen Long Island.

OUTDOOR YOGA

The natural beauty of the river and MVLT's preserves will provide a perfect backdrop for practicing yoga. Coming this summer!

MVLT is working with the Georges River Tidewater Association to expand water quality monitoring across Muscongus Bay into the Medomak River estuary. Through regular monitoring we will work to establish a water quality baseline for the estuary and use these data to monitor long-term trends, climate-based changes and shifts in estuarine water quality due to increased ocean acidification which poses a serious threat to the estuary's clam fisheries. Volunteers will take samples and measure for dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll, temperature, salinity and pH. The success of this program depends on the efforts water of our volunteers. Becoming a volunteer is easy, requires no special background, and anyone



MVLT intern, Jackie Stratton, collects a sample from one of the Medomak's feeder streams.

over the age of 16 can participate. Volunteers will help take samples at five locations over the course of the season, visiting sites once a month in April, May, June and October and twice a month in July, August and September. Contact the office to find out how to help!



MVLT maintains quests for Waldoboro Village, Sweetgrass Farm & Winery, and the Goose River Peace Corps Preserve. Stop by the MVLT office for more information and to pick-up a quest booklet.

Making the Gift of a Lifetime

Have you ever considered naming MVLT as a benefactor in your will? Using a retirement plan to fund a charitable donation? Making a Planned Gift is one of the best ways to create a personal conservation legacy. Planned gifts provide MVLT with the resources and staff to plan for the future and continue protecting our region's natural areas and working lands as described in our strategic conservation goals. Contact the MVLT office for more information.