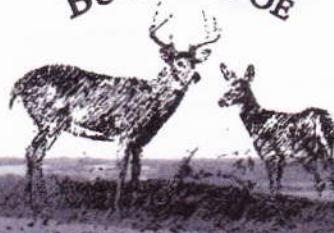


Spring 2015

BUCK & DOE



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Supporting Land and Water Resource Conservation...



Buck & Doe Trust
along with
The Cheshire Hunt Conservancy



cordially invites you to

“Community Conversation on Conservation”

**Thursday, April 23rd
6-7:30 pm**

It will be a fun and informative evening covering:

- Incredible impact of conservation to our region
- History of the conservation movement starting over 100 years ago
- Further insight and knowledge of easements
- Panel of guest speakers including our nationally accredited land trusts

Brandywine Conservancy

Cheshire Land Preservation Fund

Chester County Dept of Open Space Preservation

Natural Lands Trust

The Land Conservancy of SCC

Township representatives

Location: Meeting Room at Stroud Water Research Center
970 Spencer Rd., Avondale

Light refreshments will be served

All welcome! Those who are conserved and
also those interested in supporting the
conservation effort but perhaps don't have conserved lands.

Contact for any questions: buckanddoetrust@gmail.com



President's Letter

We wrapped up last year with the exciting celebration of the re-opening of the covered bridges in the Laurels. The Brandywine Conservancy generously hosted a lovely fall event to honor the occasion. We continue to thank everyone who was involved and are grateful for the overall momentum built from the experience.

The Buck & Doe Trust (BDT) looks forward to this year. BDT along with the Cheshire Hunt Conservancy will be hosting a "Community Conversation on Conservation" on April 23rd. It will be an enlightening evening which highlights the incredible impact of conservation to our region, the history of the conservation movement over the past 100 years, clarification of easements, including a star panel of guest speakers from our nationally accredited land trusts. It will be a fun and informative evening! We welcome everyone who are conserved and also welcome those interested in supporting the conservation effort but perhaps don't have conserved lands. Please join us!

In the meantime, please take a moment to read Janet Sidewater's experience shared here in this newsletter. Janet, along with Elizabeth and Jack Bailey, have eased their properties this past year. I am so proud of these board members along with the entire board for their passion and true commitment to the preservation effort. Thank you to all!

Finally, we would like to make a special welcome to BDT's first intern, Tucker Hunter. The Hunter family have an eased farm in London Grove Township. Tucker joins us as part of a school project. We are thrilled to have him! Welcome Tucker! We look forward to you sharing your conservation enthusiasm with your friends and classmates!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on April 23rd and at our other events throughout the year! We truly have a "conservation community" to be proud of!

Amy McKenna
President

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A special thank you to the landowners who have permanently eased their properties this past year:

Elizabeth and Jack Bailey

Tanya Emslie

Ricky Hendriks

Vicki and Wilson King

Cyndy & Barry Olliff

Janet Sidewater

Kay Stewart & Derrick Strine

Community News

Welcome New Landowners

- Cindy and Doug Howe
- Colleen McLaughlin & Gwilym Attwell
- Suzanne Kloud
- Lizzie and Burl Vannote



We strive to include everyone in the community in this section.

Please let us know if we have missed anything.

Passings

- Lisa Dang
- Kim Dillon
- Elinor Jenny





The Small & Mighty Landowners

By Janet Sidewater

I discovered the Unionville area in 1998 when I moved my horse from Radnor Hunt to Little Brook Farm. In 2007 I bought an old stone farmhouse nestled on a little over 7 acres along the West Branch of the Brandywine. In 2011 I became an 'uneased' Director on the Buck & Doe Trust. I wasn't quite sure what uneased meant at the time. That first year I was immersed in learning about conservation easements. Hearing the story of how Unionville became the extraordinary community it is today thanks to the efforts in 1984 of the Brandywine Conservancy and the landowners who stepped up to the plate to preserve forever the original 5400 acres of the King Ranch. Thirty years later there are now over 26,000 contiguous acres in conservancy. But our work is not done.

A year after joining the Buck & Doe Trust, I attended the annual Holiday Party and was greeting people as they came in while providing them with name tags. We had special ribbons made up to honor the eased landowners. As people entered, I asked them if they were an eased landowner. A significant number responded "Oh no, I don't have enough property for that." Well, that got me thinking. Most of us have seen the Brandywine Conservancy conservation maps which display the properties which have been preserved. To me they are like a giant jigsaw puzzle and I wanted to add my green piece, however relatively small, to that puzzle. In 2012 Buck & Doe Trust formed the Small & Mighty Landowners Committee to explore the feasibility of placing smaller parcels under easements. Elizabeth Bailey and I met with The Brandywine Conservancy (BC), The Natural Lands Trust (NLT), The North American Land Trust (NALT) and The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC). Of these 4, TLC not only handles large parcels but has also carved out a niche specializing in the attainment of easements for smaller parcels of land. In 2013, Elizabeth & Jack Bailey placed their 9+ acre farm under easement with TLC. In the Fall of 2014, I followed suit.

My decision to pursue an easement was more philosophical than practical. The tangible tax benefits which can be realized are well known. I however was focused on the intangible values involving quality of life. As a Director on the Buck & Doe Trust, I felt strongly that I needed to put my money where my mouth was. I wanted to do my part in preserving the riparian buffer along my stretch of Brandywine Creek. I wanted to do my part to prevent fragmentation of habitat. I wanted to have a positive impact on the fabric of our community. In short, I wanted to do the right thing. Whether you are a small or large landowner, we are all an essential component to preserving our community. Whether you are eased, uneased or just plain uneasy about conservation easements, I would encourage all of you to attend the "Community Conversation on Conservation" forum to be held on April 23rd. It is an opportunity to learn how you can become an essential piece to that conservation jigsaw puzzle.

Janet Sidewater

Hope to see you at our spring events:

Community Conversation on Conservation: April 23rd 6-7:30pm

Spring Fling: May 17th 10am - Noon

Adopt-A-Highway and The Laurels & The Hardy

Please check www.buckanddoetrust.com for specific details and complete calendar

Buck & Doe Trust

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History of Buck & Doe Trust

The Buck & Doe Trust was established at the time of the King Ranch project to encourage community cooperation and support of the conservation easement program. The Trust seeks to welcome newcomers and offer opportunities for residents , new and old, to get to know one another better. The Board Members host the Spring Fling in The Laurels (a chuckwagon breakfast), a fall event and other activities which focus on "community conservation".

2015 Annual Dues \$40 per family

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Buck & Doe Trust Mission

The Buck and Doe Trust is a non-profit organization of community members whose stated mission is support of land and water resource conservation within the Buck and Doe Run watersheds. These watersheds include, but are not limited to, the Townships of East Fallowfield, West Marlborough, East Marlborough, Highland, Londonderry, and Newlin.

The Trust initiatives to accomplish this mission are:

- Promote, through member involvement and education, the creation of additional high quality conservation easements within the Buck and Doe watersheds.
- Monitor and support active enforcement by easement grantees of all existing conservation easement requirements.
- Participate, influence, and monitor the stewardship of the Laurels Reserve by the Environmental Management Center of the Brandywine Conservancy.
- Initiate and encourage active and timely communication on land and water resource conservation issues within the Buck and Doe watersheds.

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