



Dunder Brook. Photo by Nat Rea.

Signature Projects for 2009 Fall and 2010 Winter that Need Support

Protect Quicksand Pond Watershed

- Build displays/exhibits for new Goosewing Ecological Education Center that will be constructed in 2010 - \$20,000 needed. Donor recognition opportunities available at site for gifts of \$1,000 or more
- Complete protection of 17-acre "Living Classroom" site, including trails open to the public and adjacent to South Shore Beach and Goosewing Beach Preserve. \$350,000 needed to complete \$1.7 million purchase cost

Preserve Tiverton's Forest Wilderness

- Protect additional 100-acres, in partnership with the Tiverton Land Trust
- Complete protection of 100-acres in Tiverton Forest. \$130,000 needed to complete land obligation of \$1.2 million

Safeguard Tiverton's Great Swamp – source of the West Branch of the Westport River

- Complete protection of 240-acre Middle Acres Farm. \$200,000 needed to complete land obligation of \$1.5 million

Projects in the Works

Build Dunder Brook Greenways Trail – planning and design work underway to construct a two mile greenway trail connecting Wilbur and McMahon School with Bumblebee Preserve - a haunt for waterfowl among freshwater wetlands and oak holly forest

Protect Quicksand Pond properties at the north end of the pond

Sakonnet Campaign Progress Update – July 2007 – September 2009

Goal: To protect the lands and waters between the Sakonnet and Westport Rivers for people and nature. Raise \$4 million in 3-years of which \$3 million will protect 1,100+ acres of land, and, raise \$1 million to provide for “hands-on-conservation” programs.

1. Campaign Leadership Remains Passionate and Committed

Sakonnet Campaign Committee: John Whitehead, *Honorary Chair*: Pamela Beck; David Borden; Cynthia Baker Burns; J. Scott Burns; Judith Danforth; Arthur Goldstone; David Haffenreffer; Sharon Linder; John Marshall; Donald McNaughton; David Merriman; Katharine Merriman; Andrew Mims; Daune Peckham; Marte Small; Mimi Whitmarsh; Deborah Wiley

2. Fundraising on Target Thanks to Amazing Supporters

- a. \$3.1 million raised towards 3-year goal of \$4 million
- b. Private funds raised leveraged 3.5 times in public and foundation funding
- c. 900 acres protected, or under agreement, towards 1,100 acre Campaign goal
- d. 70 Next Generation supporters contributed \$70,000 in past year
- e. Campaign giving levels include (donors increased from 33 to 268):

\$ Giving Level	# Donors to date
25 – 900	130
1000 – 4000	61
5000 – 20000	45
25000 – 90000	19
100000 – 236000	13
Total # Donors	268

3. Land Protected in Permanence

- a. Treaty Rock Farm, 125-acres protected in November 2007
- b. Ferolbink Farm and Fogland Marsh expansion - 145-acres soon to be protected
- c. Borden 20- acre site, conservation easement obtained in December 2007
- d. Mercer 37-acre site, conservation easement bordering Quicksand Pond
- e. Bossom (assist to Tiverton Land Trust) 150-acre site, conservation / affordable housing project at the head of Adamsville Brook that closed in July 2009

4. Hands-on-Conservation Results

- a. Secured funding to build the new Goosewing Beach Ecological Education Center
- b. Provided outstanding summer education programs at Goosewing Beach Preserve as well as shorebird protection programs that included Briggs Marsh and Richmond Pond
- c. Conducted research and prepared reports on “Rare and Invasive Plant Survey” and Bird Surveys for both Quicksand Pond and Briggs Marsh
- d. Implemented stewardship, management and restoration work at the Conservancy’s preserves and in partnerships with conservation partners and private landowners
- e. Commenced pilot shoreline restoration project in September 2009 at Goosewing Beach Preserve to remove phragmites in tidal flats needed for Piping Plover nesting