



## LYNDE POINT LAND TRUST

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# NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012

At this writing in early spring, Fenwick is slowly beginning to reclaim its summer beauty.

While progress is being made throughout the Borough in repairing effects of tropical storm Irene of last August, it remains to be seen what remediation by the Land Trust is appropriate for damage to the Hepburn Dunes described in our fall 2011 newsletter.

While the dune damage was initially viewed as devastating by those of us who revere this unique spot on Long Island Sound, it really was not that serious. The significant point is that the dunes, with help of the sand filled "Soxx" and dune grass installed by the Land Trust a few years ago, did what they were supposed to do, absorb impact of the waves and protect the interior marsh. Further, as illustrated by damage to the Fenwick seawall, this natural buffer was more effective than some manmade barriers, both in Fenwick and in neighboring communities along the Connecticut Shore. Although repairs and cost of work on the Hepburn Dunes have not been defined, the price is far less than repairing a masonry seawall. The validity of this conservation work has been demonstrated, and we will continue this long term project.

It is important to note the August 2011 storm with surge waves in the three to five foot range was classified as merely a tropical storm rather than hurricane. The Connecticut Shore has been fortunate with no major storm event since the last tropical storm in 1999. In planning repair of the Hepburn Dunes it is incumbent on the Land Trust, as it is for every Connecticut waterfront property owner, to judge what future storms will be, taking into consideration that scientists anticipate higher future ocean levels and similar factors over which we have no control.



Dunes on the Hepburn Preserve owned by the Land Trust following tropical storm Irene.

Home electronic recycling will be a new component of the annual Memorial Day beach cleanup. Fenwick residents will be urged to bring unwanted TV sets, computers, telephones, printers, batteries and the like to a depository located near the tennis courts during the week of May 21.

The Land Trust will dispose of them at the Old Saybrook dump on Tuesday, May 29. As in past years, please join the cleanup on Saturday, May 26 (rain date Sunday the 27th). Many hands make this easy work and a pleasant gathering for all ages to open the summer season. Refreshments will be served.



Recycle your household electronics

In addition to the Long Island Sound debris washed up each year in Fenwick, a good deal of what is harvested in the Land Trust annual Memorial Day cleanup comes down the Connecticut River. Lynde Point Land Trust is not the only entity conducting such a cleanup. The Connecticut River Watershed Council, founded in 1952 and headquartered in Greenfield with a branch in Middletown and of which Ellsworth Grant was one of the early members and former president, has conducted an annual "Source to the Sea Cleanup" for many years. In the fall of 2011, the Watershed Council organized sixty-six groups in four states to haul away more than fifty tons of trash. This is debris which will not make its final resting place at Lynde Point. As quoted by the Connecticut River Watershed president, "Every year the Cleanup demonstrates that thousands of people love this river and are willing to go to extraordinary lengths to make it better."

We are beneficiaries of this, and Lynde Point Land Trust will join the many other organizations and sponsors for the "Source to the Sea Cleanup" September 29. Details will be publicized as that date approaches.

Another event to plan for is the annual photo contest. In an effort to increase participation of families who are away from Fenwick until August the submission date has been moved back to August 20. Please remember eligible photographs are those taken in the previous twelve months. Many good photo opportunities present themselves in spring and early summer, so carry your camera (or cell phone) when you are in Fenwick during this period.

If you have not already mailed your 2011 - 2012 Land Trust membership, please do so. Your support of our ongoing programs and fresh challenges is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Stanford Brainerd  
President



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**2011 - 2012**

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