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*Fran Brooks  
Conservation Easement*

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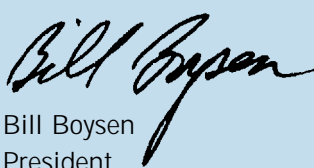
# ANNUAL REPORT: 2009

Dear Member,

With your incredible support in 2009, the Greenwich Land Trust (GLT) successfully extended our property protection and expanded our educational programs. We celebrated 10 fabulous years of our family field day *Go Wild!* during a weekend of festive outdoor events that drew a record-setting audience. We are proud to report that in 2009 the GLT:

- Acquired two parcels (one land donation and one conservation easement) bringing the total area of land now protected by the GLT to 729 acres.
- Increased land stewardship volunteers and enhanced monitoring and documentation.
- Made significant strides toward achievement of nationally recognized Land Trust best practices.
- Expanded our community events and programs while partnering with eight local non-profits.
- Celebrated ten fabulous years of *Go Wild!* with hundreds of families and supporters.
- Maintained a strong financial position by decreasing our operating expenses and implementing successful new fund-raising strategies.
- Significantly enhanced our website making it more user-friendly and educational.
- Identified several promising land transactions, some of which we hope to close early in 2010.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedicated support, time, and efforts of our staff, our many members, Board of Directors, and Advisory and Conservation Councils. Thank you all for your energy, enthusiasm and dedication to preserving open space in our community for generations to come.

  
Bill Boyson  
President

  
Ginny Gwynn  
Executive Director



*Elise and Harrison  
Green celebrate  
10 years of Go Wild!*

**Note: Our Annual Report is made possible by a generous donation from Fiduciary Trust International. We are grateful for their support of the work of the Greenwich Land Trust.**



*Some things are meant to last. Forever.*

## Acquisitions

### New Land Acquisitions

#### *Kaplan Preserve*

The GLT expanded a beautiful wildlife greenway in central Greenwich with a generous 1-acre donation from Alice Kaplan. The Kaplan Preserve shares a border with GLT's 14-acre Truesdale Sanctuary, acquired in 1977. The GLT's Land Acquisition Team actively pursues land that expands existing preserves or creates greenways by linking already



protected areas. These 15 contiguous acres conserve a lovely inland stream, protect second growth woodlands, and serve as an important wildlife corridor for a variety of birds and animals.

***What is a Conservation Easement?*** A conservation easement is a legal agreement between the GLT and a landowner to protect property from future development. Landowners who donate easements retain land ownership but release certain development rights in exchange for protecting their land and receiving substantial tax benefits.

***Why are Greenways Important?*** Greenways are substantial connected natural spaces and are often protected from development. They improve the overall environmental health of an area by providing the link that maintains viable plant and animal habitat. Greenways can also provide refuge for rare or endangered species that may have been driven out of developed areas. They help clean our drinking water supply and air by filtering harmful chemicals and pollutants. Greenways absorb large quantities of rainwater, alleviating flooding in surrounding areas.

#### ***Fran Brooks Conservation Easement***

In early autumn, the GLT added a 2.6-acre conservation easement on the corner of Round Hill and Close Roads in north Greenwich. This beautiful open meadow, once part of the historic Wilshire Farms, was owned for many years by Fran Brooks. Thanks to a generous and anonymous donor, the historic stone walls and scenic vista will serve as a permanent reminder of Greenwich's rich farming history. GLT's Land Acquisition Team continues to work on a number of promising land transactions, some of which may be completed early in 2010.



# Stewardship

## Caring for Our Land

### *Leadership Training Program*

Building on the successful Leadership Training Program launched in 2008, teams of trained stewardship volunteers took to the field in 2009 and enhanced the quality of monitoring visits to GLT properties. Caring for the land requires close observation of plants and animals during monitoring visits. Each stewardship team was assigned several properties, which they walk at least annually and provide a written report of current conditions. Acting as the eyes and ears of GLT's land, several Leaders found major encroachments such as dumping and clearing of native trees and shrubs. This information assisted GLT staff in the careful remediation of these issues.

### *Native Meadow Restoration*

Last spring, Greenwich Country Day School students helped GLT's stewardship crew restore a beautiful wildflower meadow on Mountainwood Road. They planted a variety of Butterfly Weed and Blazing Star to enhance existing butterfly habitat, which was predominantly Milkweed. In mid-August, a small group of GLT members returned to the meadow to check on the new plants (which seemed to be thriving in this open environment) and to remove invasive species along the meadow's border.



*GCDS volunteers help restore the Simmons Meadow*

### *The Historic Shell Island Tower*

With the help of architects, architectural historians, and roofing experts, the GLT is developing guidelines to preserve the historic stone tower on GLT's permanently protected 5.2-acre Shell Island. A final report in 2010 will help GLT's Board of Directors decide how best to proceed with preserving this historic landmark. This important project will require additional funding.



*Kayaking excursion to Shell Island*

### *Bluebird Habitat*

In partnership with Audubon Greenwich, GLT launched a Bluebird Project by installing over 26 Bluebird houses in our meadows. The population of Eastern Bluebirds declined in the 1900s due to habitat loss and the increased use of pesticides. Eastern Bluebirds thrive in fields and other open areas and prefer to nest in the cavities of downed trees and split rail fences. The GLT maintains these open areas that are perfect habitat for Eastern Bluebirds and a variety of other native species!



*Eastern Bluebird*

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Wish to join our stewardship efforts in 2010?  
 Call 203.629.2151 for more information or email Office Administrator Jacinta Mullins at [Jacinta@gltrust.org](mailto:Jacinta@gltrust.org).

# The Greenwich Land Trust Financial Statement

(as of December 31, unaudited)

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	2009	2008
<b>Income</b>		
Membership	\$ 209,406	\$ 222,749
Special Contributions	\$ 7,563	\$ 119,553
Investment Income, Gains and Losses	\$ 91,014	\$ 53,095
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 2,225
<b>Go Wild! (Net)</b>	\$ 210,366	\$ 186,898
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 518,349</b>	<b>\$ 584,520</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Land Management	\$ 142,057	\$ 144,858
Communications/Newsletter	\$ 44,877	\$ 45,147
Membership	\$ 75,985	\$ 107,536
Programs and Events	\$ 43,673	\$ 58,446
Administrative Support	\$ 100,941	\$ 98,854
Acquisition and Open Space	\$ 20,591	\$ 82,947
Capital Improvements	\$ -	\$ 4,997
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 428,124</b>	<b>\$ 542,785</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 90,225</b>	<b>\$ 41,735</b>
<b>Changes to Fund Balances</b>		
Unrealized Investment Gains (Losses)	\$ 266,688	\$ (407,834)
Other Reserve Funds	\$ 11,150	\$ 50,160
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 277,838</b>	<b>\$ (357,674)</b>
<b>Fund Allocation</b>		
General Fund	\$ 464,905	\$ 100,834
Open Space Fund	\$ 943,353	\$ 948,431
Jean Sargent Bushnell Fund	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500
Broadbent Family Fund	\$ 127,162	\$ 126,162
Stewardship Fund	\$ 234,917	\$ 234,917
Water Company Land	\$ 86,000	\$ 76,000
Shell Island Restoration	\$ 59,410	\$ 59,160
<b>Year End Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,931,247</b>	<b>\$ 1,561,004</b>

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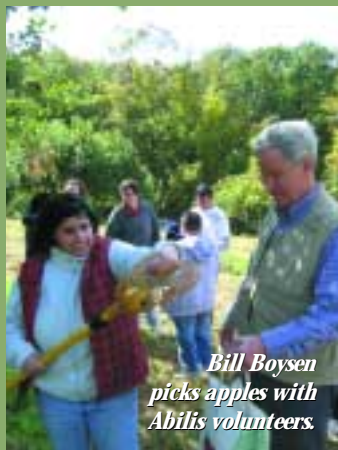
## Outreach

### Connecting with the Community

#### *Community Partnerships and Events*

During the year, the GLT offered our members a variety of new events that showcased our preserves and focused on the importance of protected land. These included:

- A summer **kayak trip** to Shell Island followed by a community picnic at Byram Shore Park with Calf Island Conservancy, Greenwich Community Sailing, SoundWaters, and Indian Harbor Yacht Club.
- An inspiring spring evening of **star gazing** in the Fisher Field meadow at Sabine Farm with the Astronomical Society of Greenwich. Guided by astronomer Rick Bria, families identified planets, constellations, and the international space station.
- A delightful autumn **geology walk**, exploring the effects of glaciers with geology experts from the Bruce Museum.
- An eye-opening summertime romp through Old Greenwich **salt marshes** learning from GLT and SoundWaters educators about these Long Island Sound environments.
- Autumn **apple picking** in our Agnew Apple Orchard with energetic Abilis volunteers.
- An **Earth Day Celebration** with Pizza Post, which donated 50% of their Earth Day profit to GLT.
- An enchanting **spring walk** through the woods and rolling hills of the Sargent, Stone, and Gildersleeve Preserves.



*Bill Boysen picks apples with Abilis volunteers.*

Check GLT's expanded website featuring beautiful photographs of our preserves, a complete calendar of 2010 programs, and photo galleries highlighting our land and events. [WWW.GLTRUST.ORG](http://WWW.GLTRUST.ORG)

#### ***Daniel C. Esty – Keynote Speaker at Annual Meeting***

Well-known author and environmentalist Daniel C. Esty addressed a full house at GLT's Annual Meeting & Reception. Esty, who served as one of President Obama's campaign advisors on energy and environmental issues, believes that natural resource management has become a critical element of marketplace success. He explained how companies have incorporated environmental planning into their core business strategies.

#### ***Outstanding GLT Volunteers Honored at Annual Meeting***

The following four volunteers were recognized for their outstanding contributions to GLT in 2009. **Lauren Hampton**, an accomplished nature photographer, was acknowledged for her work to document GLT's preserves through dramatic pictures for use in publications and on our website. **John Hall** was recognized for being an assiduous and dedicated Leader on the GLT's Land Stewardship Committee, which inspects GLT's 729 acres throughout the year. **Jenn Linardos** and **Lauren Walsh** were honored for putting extra effort into the logistics of pulling off GLT's 10th Anniversary **Go Wild!** Weekend.



***Lauren Hampton, John Hall, Jenn Linardos, Lauren Walsh***

#### ***10 Years of Go Wild!***

More people than ever before joined GLT as we marked the 10th anniversary milestone of our annual fall fund raiser **Go Wild!** with two successful events: **Go Wild@Night!** and the wildly popular **Go Wild!** Family Field Day. The magical weekend included nighttime rides in a hot air balloon, mechanical bull riding, live music, roving farm animals, an obstacle course, excellent food, and cherished time with friends and family at the Greenwich Polo Club, GLT's largest conservation easement. This wonderful weekend of fun, co-chaired by Meredith Feurtado, Tia Mahaffy, and Caralyn Stevens, offered great visibility for GLT and produced strong financial results.



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in its natural state for the benefit of this and future generations.

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