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Mission Statement

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference is a federation of member clubs and individuals dedicated to providing recreational hiking opportunities in the region, and representing the interests and concerns of the hiking community. The Conference is a volunteer-directed public service organization committed to:

- Developing, building, and maintaining hiking trails.
- Protecting hiking trail lands through support and advocacy.
- Educating the public in the responsible use of trails and the natural environment.

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The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference

Special Report

ANNUAL REPORT

October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010

Sterling Forest State Park



Wonder Lake State Park



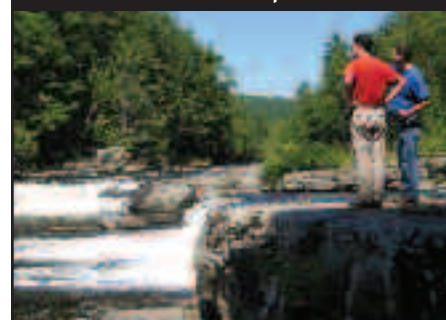
Yorktown Community Trails



Bear Mountain State Park



Neversink River Unique Area



Marking the First 90 Years

What does a mission-focused organization do when it enters its 90th year of operations? If the organization is the Trail Conference it looks ahead, not back; asserts its ambitions, not its retirement plans. Mostly, it keeps doing what it was created to do—make public lands accessible to the public—which translates into recruiting and training nature lovers to build trails, maintain trails, be advocates for trails, and make trail maps and information available for public use.

The fiscal year that preceded the one covered in this report was difficult. The economic recession forced us to cut budgets and programs significantly. We weathered the storm by staying focused on our mission. And we did some organiza-

tional retooling in the face of the new environment, adding a new position of Development Director to help us secure funds to advance our ambitions.

By the end of the anniversary year we had made a tough climb over rocky terrain to discover a wonderful view. Here are a few of the highlights:

- State parks in New York and New Jersey stayed open thanks to advocacy campaigns
- We maintained 1,775 miles of trails
- The rebuilt Appalachian Trail opened on Bear Mountain
- We published four map sets in new or revised editions (Harriman, Catskills, West Hudson, and East Hudson)
- Our Kittatinny Trails map set (2009) won a design award from NJ DEP

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2010

By Jim Gregoire, Treasurer

Results for our fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 have been audited and an unqualified opinion dated March 24, 2011 has been issued by the Trail Conference's auditors, ABD Associates, LLP.

Total revenues for the year were \$1,451,555 consisting principally of membership dues and contributions (\$997,169); map and book sales (\$274,594); and income from various trail building contracts (\$155,272). This revenue is approximately \$280,000 lower than the previous year, primarily due to the recording of contributions received in early 2010 as income and receivable in late 2009.

Our expenses for the year totaled \$1,494,391, approximately the same as in the prior fiscal year. Of this amount \$1,125,621 are program-related expenses, including \$204,540 for trail building

projects. Management and general expenses of \$88,327 were down approximately \$30,000 from the prior year, while fundraising and membership expenses increased by a similar amount, reflecting the hiring of a Development Director in mid-year.

Our net income (a.k.a. "change in net assets") for the year was down \$42,836, bringing total net assets of the organization to \$2,843,605 at year-end. Major components of net assets are trail lands and easements (\$1,814,421), cash and investments (\$552,757), and receivables (\$158,984). We have also capitalized \$634,992 of invested costs of the Darlington School House construction project. Total liabilities of \$350,615 include a mortgage of \$216,000 secured against our land assets. That mortgage will be retired with the proceeds of a recent land sale to New York. Additional land assets are under contract for sale to New York State for a price of \$1,555,100.

Volunteer Contributions by Committee 1/1/10 – 12/31/10

Committee	Work Hrs	Travel Hrs	Value*
Administrative	4,114	880	\$125,849
Communications	121	9	3,276
Conservation & Advocacy	1,180	192	\$34,574
Darlington School House	139	15	\$3,881
Membership/Development	337	119	\$11,491
Publications	2,687	502	\$80,363
Technology Committee	1,418	—	\$35,734
Trail Builders and Maintainers	41,583	11,396.80	\$1,335,091
Volunteer Committee	276	61	\$8,492
TOTAL	51,855	13,174.80	\$1,638,751

*The value of volunteer time presented here is \$25.20 - the average wage plus benefits of non-management, non-agricultural workers in New Jersey. www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time

Where We Work:

Ninety years after a handful of Trail Conference volunteers built their first trail—the 20-mile long Ramapo-Dunderberg Trail in Harriman State Park—1,342 volunteers in 2,110 volunteer positions on and off trail were keeping more than 1,775 miles of trails in the following parks and preserves open for public access and enjoyment with almost 70,000 hours of contributed labor.

PARKS IN NEW YORK

Alley Pond Park
Black Rock Forest
Blauvelt State Park
Buttermilk Falls Park
Catskill Park
Cheesecote Mountain Town Park
Clausland Mountain County Park
Fahnestock Memorial State Park
Forest Park
George's Island County Park
Goose Pond Mountain State Park
Harriman - Bear Mountain State Park
High Tor State Park
Hook Mountain State Park
Hudson Highlands Gateway Park
Hudson Highlands State Park
Idlewild Park
Kitchawan Preserve
Manitou Point Nature Preserve
Minnewaska State Park Preserve
Montrose Point
Mount Washington State Forest
Mountainview County Nature Park
Neversink River Unique Area
Nyack Beach State Park
Palisades Interstate Park
Pelham Bay Park
Roosa Gap State Forest
Sam's Point Preserve
Schunemunk Mountain State Park
South Mountain County Park
Staten Island Greenbelt
Sterling Forest State Park
Storm King State Park
Sylvan Glen
Taconic State Park
Tallman Mountain State Park
Teatown Lake Reservation
Van Cortlandt Park
Ward Pound Ridge Reservation
West Hook Mountain Open Space
Wurtsboro Ridge State Forest

PARKS IN NEW JERSEY

Abram S. Hewitt State Forest
Allamuchy Mountain State Park
Camp Glen Gray
Campgaw Mountain County Reservation
Delaware Water Gap Natl Recreation Area
Fanny State Park
Fanny-Rockaway State Park
Flat Rock Brook Nature Center
Garret Mountain Reservation
High Point SP/Walkkill Natl. Wildlife Refuge
High Point State Park
Jenny Jump State Forest
Long Pond Ironworks State Park
Mahlon Dickerson Reservation
Morristown National Historical Park
Norvin Green State Forest
Palisades Interstate Park
Pequanock Watershed
Pequest Wildlife Management Area
Preakness Range-High Mountain
Pyramid Mountain
Ramapo Mountain State Forest
Ramapo Valley County Reservation
Ringwood State Park
Rockaway River Wildlife Management Area
Rockleigh Woods Sanctuary/Lamont Reserve
Spruce Run State Park
Stephens State Park
Stokes State Forest
Swartswood State Park
Tenafly Nature Center
Voorhees State Park
Wanaque Borough Park
Wawayanda State Park
Worthington State Forest

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