

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".

2016 Annual Dues \$40 per family

Payable to: Buck & Doe Trust and send to above address or use our website:

www.buckanddoetrust.org

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.



Buck & Doe Trust Board Members

Amy McKenna-President	Jerry Brown	Maria Pfeffer	Barbara Stewart
Richard Buchanan-V.Pres.	Terry Corkran	Janet Sidewater	Gail Thayer
Nina Seder-Burnaford-Sec.	Suzanne Kloud	Susannah Small	Lizzie Vannote
John Goodall-Treasurer	Jamie O'Rourke	Pam Smyth	Tucker Hunter II-Intern



The Buck & Doe Trust is proud to celebrate its 30th anniversary! We thought you would enjoy a historical perspective of the organization over our 3 decades. The following is primarily from *The Catalyst of Conservation* by David Shields:

Early in the planning of the King Ranch project, the Brandywine Conservancy envisioned creating a homeowners association to ensure owner satisfaction and address any community issue that arose. The Conservancy proposed that such an organization might oversee architectural design and other aesthetic issues, manage common lands (including the contemplated sixteen-mile community trail network), organize security measures, and assist the Conservancy in enforcing the easement restrictions. It was envisioned that the organization- initially called Buck and Doe Land, Inc.-would assist in reviewing construction, subdivision, and alternate house site proposals from Buck and Doe landowners, as well as encourage landowners to place easements on their properties.

At a July 23, 1984 meeting, the partners seemed equally divided on the creation of the trust but were unanimous in their opposition to policing architectural design. They did not relish regulating personal tastes, and some noted that while current partners shared similar lifestyles and interests (notably foxhunting), these preferences might change as land changed hands, leading to conflicts.

As discussions about the role of the trust continued into 1985, a general consensus began to form, and the attorneys were instructed to prepare the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, and Declaration of Covenants. The Buck and Doe Trust was legally incorporated in 1986. The founding membership of the Buck & Doe Trust was made up of the original 30+ purchasers of the parcels of the King Ranch project. It is wonderful to note that many of these members still own their properties 30 years later. The Trust continues today, according to its by-laws, though is primarily a beneficial association of landowners with a common interest in conserving the local countryside.

We also wanted to share the BDT contributions to the conservation effort over these 30 years:

In 1987: Hosted first Spring Fling, Chuck wagon breakfast in The Laurels.

In 1994: Continued to support conservation interests of the community issues such as traffic calming and development issues.

In 1995: Combined forces with Citizens for Responsible Development to address development issues such as the issues presented at the Wal-Mart hearings.

In 1996: Assisted in the Laurels Endowment which raised over \$650,000 to ease the 771 acres known as 'The Laurels'. This area had NOT been eased during the King Ranch project and was completed in 1996, 12 years after the original King Ranch project.

In 2006: Initiated PennDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program and adopted the Rt 82 corridor of the original King Ranch territory

In 2011: Received a Senate of Pennsylvania Citation recognizing BDT contributions to the community. This award was presented by then State Senator Andy Dinniman.

In 2012: Formed The Small & Mighty Landowners Committee who explored easement options for landowners with smaller but very important properties.

In 2013: Established The Laurels & The Hardy group to further build the community relationship with the Brandywine Conservancy while also assisting with specific projects in The Laurels.

In 2013: Coordinated an outreach to the younger generation called "Conservation for Kids" to educate them on "forever lands".

In 2013: Established an on going tree planting effort at The Laurels to recognize and honor those landowners who eased their properties.

In 2014: Took a leadership role in raising \$200,000 of the \$400,000 needed to restore the Mary Ann Pyle and the Hayes Clark Bridges in The Laurels.

In 2015: Co-hosted with the Cheshire Hunt an education seminar for over 100 attendees called "Community Conversation on Conservation".





President's Letter

BDT is celebrating its 30th Anniversary! As we reflect on various activities and achievements over the years, we really want to celebrate and thank those who have made a difference in our community through their conservation efforts.

Some would say this appreciation could go back 100+ years to Plunkett Stewart (founder of Cheshire Hunt) and continued through the years with Lamott DuPont, Robert Kleberg, King Ranch and the legendary Mrs. Hannum. In more recent years the immense contributions have been from Frolic Weymouth and the Brandywine Conservancy with the King Ranch project. Additional groups to include in this appreciation are: NLT, TLC of SCC, ALPB, local township supervisors, open space and planning committees, leaders and members of various clubs and organizations. All contributions add up when you are a community. These contributions could be assisting with our Adopt-A-Highway (aka trash pick up) along Rt 82 or flipping a pancake at our Spring Fling. Some of those planning our fall event would say a large contribution comes from those neighbors who willingly open their homes to 200+ "guests" for our end of year party. (Imagine opening your own home to such a large group.)

As we attempt to recognize those who have made a

difference, the group who is on top of the list, is the landowner. It is the landowner who has stepped up and permanently conserved their property. These committed 450+ families together have created 27,000+ contiguous acres under preservation easements. We want to especially thank these families.

As president, I am often asked, "What does BDT do?". Among a variety of things to support the conservation effort, I have come to realize that we have one very important task. This task is to keep telling the story of conservation in our community. It is important to note, the preservation effort is not due to one person, one event, one organization, but rather a culmination of efforts by so many, over decades. Please help us continue this story. In the meantime, we truly thank everyone for their part in the story. We further thank everyone for allowing us to contribute in our small way to the effort over these three decades.

Happy 30th to BDT! And to many more years for all!

Amy McKenna

President

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Spring Fling -Sunday, May 22nd 10am-noon

At Mary Ann Pyle covered bridge off of Fairview Rd.

Fall Members Party- Saturday, October 8th evening (tentative)

Community News

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

Please let us know if we have missed anything.

Births:

- Katherine Stroud Bucklin and Michael Bucklin welcomed daughter, Cynthia Elizabeth

New Landowners:

- Katherine(Stroud) and Michael Bucklin (returning to the area)
- Ann & Gary Fields
- Kerry and John Harper
- Kathy and Jim Healy



Passings

- Aidan Young, wonderful young son of Julie Garner, grandson of Nina and Tim Gardner
- Barbara (Babs) W. Cocks, long time resident and supporter
- Jules Hoover, wife of Gerry Hoover
- John Seltzer, husband of Diny (Donaldson) Seltzer
- Mary Wark, formidable local horsewoman



A special thank you to those landowners who have permanently eased their properties this past year!

- Elizabeth Clark
- The Lofting Family
- Mary Ellen deRuschi
- Prue and Art Osborn
- Lisa and Roger Elvin



"Wear Your Conservation Hat" Party

BDT's fall event was held at ChesLen Preserve. Great spirit was provided especially with the very creative hats, made and displayed by the conservation community. One hat was even made from a copy of their original conservation easement. A special thanks goes to Natural Lands Trust for opening their doors to the beautiful Lenfest Center for a really fun evening. Thanks to all!



Cheshire Hunt joins forces with Buck & Doe for a clean up along the Rt 82/King Ranch corridor.

Cheshire Hunt masters, board members and staff joined the Buck & Doe Trust community for a spring clean up. Over 35 bags were filled with trash which accumulated over the winter months. The event provides a sense of accomplishment yet also a bittersweet realization that some people choose to desecrate our lovely countryside by significant littering.

