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JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

"Only the Land Remains."

This year we are celebrating our 50th anniversary. At our annual meeting we will be giving a presentation on the history of the Darien Land Trust, our major accomplishments and current and future direction; entitled "Only the Land Remains."

Come help us celebrate at our **Annual Meeting at 5pm on November 14th at the Wee Burn Country Club**. Paintings of our properties by local artists will add to the festive air and will be on sale before and after the presentation.

We will be saying farewell to valued Trustees Katie Kidder, Woody Oldrin, Bruce Orr,

Denise Sellhausen and Jim Tweedy and thanking them for their collective years of service. The DLT membership will then vote to elect five new trustees, Bob Arrix, Ron D'Andrea, Bill Jones Eileen Smith and Greg Willis.

The annual meeting is open to all, and we hope everyone will join us in celebrating the first 50 years of your Darien Land Trust. Happy Anniversary!

DARIEN LAND TRUST UPCOMING EVENTS

Small Change at
Whole Foods Market
Look out for the "Small Change"
holder at each register
All spare change collected in
Oct., Nov., and Dec.
will benefit the
Darien Land Trust.

November 1st
"PLAY AGAIN" film screening
7pm at the Darien Library
co-sponsored with the
Darien Nature Center.

Important film on the
impact of modern technology
on our children and the
importance of reestablishing
their connection to the
natural world.
www.playagainfilm.com

This Land is Your Land

Friends & Neighbors,

We all recognize certain things as signals that change is in the air. Over the year, we've seen many new faces in the community--retirees, high school students, parents and youngsters--working with us, enjoying and caring for our meadows and woods and streams. They are taking it to heart when we say, "This is your land."

Change is good. Whether it's the first cool day heralding the arrival of autumn or the sight of geese beginning their southward migration for the winter, we all recognize certain things as signals that change is in the air.

So it is with our upcoming Annual Meeting November 13th at Wee Burn Country Club when we will welcome new trustees Erika Morris, NAME, NAME and Chris Bosak. These changes bring fresh ideas and welcome talent to our organization as well as providing our existing trustees with new partners for the many projects we have in the works this year.

We will be sharing an overview of the past year at the Darien Land Trust (DLT) at the meeting, as well as a talk by Chris Bosak, bird columnist and co-managing editor of The Hour

Newspapers, and founder of BirdCallsRadio.com. We hope all of you will join us.

My own retirement as President of the DLT this year coincides with the retirement from the board of three longstanding trustees who we'll be honoring at the Annual Meeting - Ed Cosden, Kevin Walsh and Jay Shutts. Both Ed and Jay are former Presidents and responsible for some extraordinary accomplishments during their tenures. I am thankful for the perspective and experience their continued involvement on the board as former leaders brought to every meeting.

As we hand the reins to Chris Filmer, I know the Darien Land Trust is poised for exciting changes ahead. We hope that all of you will be part of the next chapter - as members, as donors, as volunteers. This land is your land. The Darien Land Trust is your Land Trust.

Kaye Rabin

President

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE AND SUPPORT:

	2011	2010
	TOTAL	TOTAL
Contributions—cash and real property	—	\$532,000
Membership	155,340	140,566
Investment income, including unrealized gains (losses)	54,694	46,070
Other income	4,392	381
Total Revenue and Support	\$222,758	\$719,017
EXPENSES:		
Program services	\$111,368	\$103,247
Management and general	15,656	25,805
Fundraising (includes Waterbury Field capital campaign)	12,734	11,163
Total Expenses	\$139,759	\$140,215
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$82,999	\$578,802
Net Assets—beginning of year	\$22,435,944	\$21,857,142
Net Assets—end of year	\$22,518,943	\$22,435,944

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and equivalents	\$617,959	\$1,301,727
Investments	969,622	216,368
Pledges receivable	13,650	—
Other current assets	1,472	1,857

Total Current Assets **\$1,602,703** **\$1,519,952**

Land and conservation easements	20,929,634	20,929,634
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Total Assets **\$22,532,849** **\$22,449,586**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$13,906	\$13,642
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Total Liabilities **\$13,906** **\$13,642**

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted	\$1,589,309	\$1,506,310
Temporarily restricted	—	—
Permanently restricted	20,929,634	20,929,634

Total Net Assets **\$22,518,943** **\$22,435,944**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$22,532,849** **\$22,449,586**



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Darien Land Trust 2010-11 Key Accomplishments

1. Hosted 300 second grade students in Dunlap Woods/ Selleck's Woods on their "Ferns, Fungus and Feathers" science curriculum based field trips.
2. Hosted 60 girls scouts and nursery school children on nature walks in Dunlap Woods.
3. Received a grant from the Land Trust Alliance for a Guided Self-Assessment in order to apply for LTA accreditation.
4. Received a Connected Youth grant from The Darien Community Fund and worked with the DHS Eco-Citizens group to plant trees in Olson Woods.
5. Continued the habitat restoration of Mather Meadows through the creation of an eco-zone. We planted 60 native shrubs along the edges of the meadows to attract and sustain bird life.
6. At Nearwater Lane we removed invasive plants and planted native seeds and plants to support birds, butterflies and other wildlife.
7. At Olson Woods we planted trees and shrubs with the DHS Eco-Citizens, cleaned up the Noroton River with Save the Sound and released a third batch of pregnant Blue herring as part of the restoration of an ancient migration route.
8. Interacted with the new developer of the I-95 Rest Area above Dunlap Woods to ensure that the renovated site will have state of the art systems to remove approx. 80% of all polluted run-off. This will benefit Dunlap Lake, the Tokeneke Brook and Long Island Sound.



Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Barbara Ann Baird
Sharon & Bill Baird

In Memory of Lawrence B. Morris, Jr
Betty Ann Morris

In Memory of Brendan Shay
Sheree & Ted Sanborn
Terry, Geri, Dylan & Caitlin Shay
The Stack Family