



Lowell Parks &

Conservation Trust

## Letter from Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust President, Henri Marchand: Annual Fund 2009



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Dear Friends:

As a member of the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, you've helped us create positive change on the ground this year. Your taking action to support our work in helping to improve the quality of life for the people of Lowell has made a real, visible difference.

You, through your membership and through your year-end donation to the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust's Annual Fund, provide the solid financial footing that we need to carry out our projects and make Lowell a better place to live.

As you consider the size of your year-end gift, please consider how **you value your quality of life** and those of others in and around Lowell. Through your tax-deductible gift of \$25, \$50, or \$250 to the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, you will be helping this local organization that has done so much continue to do more. Just look at what your support has already accomplished:

- Hundreds of city youth have been learning about natural history through, "Exploring the Habitats of Lowell: Backyard Adventures!" You should see the pride in the faces of the youth that participate in our **after-school environmental education** program as they share their new-found knowledge with their younger peers.
- Two sections of the **Concord River Greenway** are now fully contracted and ready for you to enjoy! Thanks to **your support**, it is now possible to walk along the edge of the Concord River in Lowell. This took years of investment, partnership, and commitment to make happen.
- The historic windows and doors in the Trust-owned **Spalding House**, some nearly 250 years old, have been fully restored to their original condition, uncovering the beauty of their 18<sup>th</sup> century craftsmanship. Now with your help we can move forward with interior restoration.
- Fifteen city parks received a facelift thanks to the help of 140 land trust volunteers who gave their time and strong backs to our second annual **city-wide parks clean-up**.
- The historic Hawk Valley Farm, off Varnum Avenue in Pawtucketville has been permanently protected, restoring an important corridor of **historic farmland** between the state forest and the state park. And...



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- **Twenty-one new tree planting projects** have been completed throughout the city, adding more than **150 new trees** to the thousands we have already planted in the city.

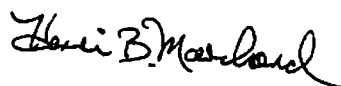
**This year the Trust will celebrate a productive 20 years.** Our vision for the future is a demanding course of action that requires sustainable funding. In fact, our Board of Directors just had a retreat to reaffirm our commitment to our strategic plan. In our 20 short years, we've been able to secure modest endowments to ensure that that places we care for now will be taken care of in the long-run, despite economic downturns. Jollene Dubner Park, Donahue Park, the Spalding House, and Coburn Park all have modest endowments for their perpetual care. We will continue to shore up these resources with your support. You can even choose to designate your year-end support to any one of these funds.

**Next year the Spalding House will be 250 years old.** Nothing reaches that age without time taken to care for it. We will certainly celebrate this milestone. It's fun to cut ribbons, but someone has to cut the grass. Your year-end donations provide important discretionary support for keeping the lights on and cutting the grass, but more importantly your donations demonstrate community support for the important work we do.

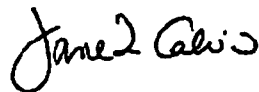
Through your past support you know that the list above is just a portion of the good work we are doing in Lowell thanks to your help. You know that **every dollar you contribute goes to local projects that make a positive change** in Lowell. As you look to prioritize your year-end giving, but please keep us high on your donor list with a **generous charitable contribution** to Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust's Annual Fund.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,



Henri Marchand  
President



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Executive Director

**p.s. As a thank you for your support, donations over \$50 will receive a special brew of organic, fair trade LP&CT-branded coffee. All donors will be entered in our year-end raffle for a free Concord River whitewater rafting trip this spring!**