

# Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust

Winter 2007 Newsletter

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members and Friends,

We're happy to report that on December 15th, the City of Lowell took possession of the former Red Cross property (fka the Lambert House), concluding a successful three-year effort by the Trust to preserve a historic building and a great piece of open space behind the Spalding House down to the Merrimack River.

You'll read more about this project elsewhere in this issue, but I want to recognize our partners and supporters who helped get us to this critical juncture.

The **Theodore Edson Parker Foundation** was instrumental early on in encouraging us to undertake the challenge of purchasing the Red Cross property and in backing us up by providing critical funding at every stage of the process.

Also providing us with the necessary funding was **Enterprise Bank** and the **Lowell Development and Financial Corporation**. Their confidence and commitment provided us with the capital to carry this property while we moved forward to create a bold development plan.


Ultimately this bold plan was made possible through **Congressman Marty Meehan's** commitment and delivery of federal funding for the purchase of the site by the city for its transformation into a dramatic park overlooking the Pawtucket Falls.

The **Lowell National Historical Park** was also a valued partner in providing technical advice and support for what will become a terminus of the city's canalway system.

Finally, the City, through the City Manager's office and the Division of Planning and Development played a key role in agreeing to acquire the property for future development of a park and, in the preserved Red Cross property, the creation of affordable housing. They provided technical expertise and encouragement throughout the planning process.

With the land and building protected we look forward to working with the City and National Park on final design and implementation of a plan that integrates the historic Spalding House and adjacent former Lambert House into a new riverbank park with stunning views of the Merrimack River.

We think it will be an accomplishment that again exemplifies Lowell's partnership efforts and that again protects Lowell's special natural and built environment for the benefit of our community. And we again thank those who came together to make this possible.

Kind regards, 

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust's 16th Annual Meeting featured Chris Rodstrom of the Trustees of Reservations. During his presentation, "New Perspectives in Urban Conservation," Chris stated the need to **"make conservation more relevant and more important to more people"**. For an audience of one of the earliest urban land trusts in the country, it was reaffirming to hear that **"urban conservation has never been more important."** Having just announced a partnership with the Boston Natural Areas Network, the Trustees of Reservations is also gaining ground in the growing field of urban conservation and brought a fresh perspective to the discussion. To compliment the evening, the Trust also offered a segment of PBS's new documentary series, *Edens Lost and Found*, which focuses on community-based beautification efforts in some of the nation's largest cities: Seattle, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

During the Annual Meeting, Treasurer Matthew Donahue also announced the establishment of an **endowment** for the general operations of the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust. The endowment has been launched through a generous planned insurance gift from **Nancy Dubner**, mother of Jollene Dubner, a former director of the Trust. Member donations can now be targeted directly toward this fund (see back of newsletter) to help us reach the minimum required by the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, our partner in holding the endowment. We sincerely thank Nancy for her caring about the Trust's future sustainability.



**Merrimack River Fall Foliage Walk** — On a crisp fall morning in October LP&CT members walked from the Lawrence/Andover line into Lowell along the Merrimack River. The journey took just over 5 hours to cover about 8.5 miles. We're glad the following folks chose to spend a Saturday morning exploring the river's banks with us: (L-R) LP&CT Project Specialist Kristin McCauley, Jack Moynihan, Christa Miller, Deb Sofia, Carolyn Walsh, Mark Vincenzes, LP&CT board member Christine Cole, LP&CT Exec. Director Jane Calvin, Jennifer Nelson, and Phillippe Loher. Not photographed is LP&CT board member Dr. Mark Romanowsky, taking the picture.



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*is honored to be featured in the*  
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## GREENWAY SIGN PROJECT FUNDED

The Trust is pleased to share that the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities (MFH) has awarded LP&CT a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council's John and Abigail Adams Arts and Humanities Fund. MFH is the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant requires matching funds, which have been generously provided to date by the Fields Pond Foundation and the Lowell Cultural Council. The grant will assist in the design/construction of several **wayside exhibits for the Concord River Greenway**. The permanent exhibits, which will incorporate text and images, will utilize the Concord River scholarship of UMass Lowell's Professor of History, Chad Montrie. Dr. Montrie's research included oral history interviews with current and former residents of river-abutting neighborhoods. The exhibits will interpret sites that tell the story of human impact on the Concord River.

**The Trust is seeking community members to serve on a committee that will have input into the exhibits. Please call Kristin at 978-934-0030 to learn more about this committee.**

## BACKYARD ADVENTURES!

### PROGRAM EXPANDS TO TWO SITES AND TWO AFTERNOONS A WEEK

Twenty-six Lowell youth spent the fall exploring the nature around our city through our Backyard Adventures! program. In partnership with Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, LP&CT offered the weekly program for a third semester at the Wang Campus of Citizen Schools. LP&CT's Project Specialist Kristin McCauley leads the program alongside Mass Audubon's naturalist Sally Farrow. Due to its popularity with the youth and additional grant support, the program was expanded to a second site in Lowell, at Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell. The programs are offered on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, respectively at each site. Most classes were spent outside exploring the habitats of pond, meadow, forest, river, park, and backyard surrounding each program site.

Notable classes/sightings included: a boat ride, a great trash race, wild turkeys, bullfrog tadpoles, a trolley ride, a photo scavenger hunt, a Camper Down Elm, Madagascar hissing cockroaches, butterflies in the backyard, and more. The students felt empowered by their experiences as they helped shape each class' focus and direction with their questions and interests.

The youth learned field skills, participated in netting small bugs in the school pond, measured and identified trees, learned to make an acorn cap whistle, and created "tree cookie" necklaces. They also enjoyed becoming the "teachers" as both programs ended in December with a presentation to other youth, family, and community members highlighted by artwork, hands-on activities, and animal visits.

Many thanks to Trust volunteers: Sandy Green, Anne Cavanaugh, and Chuck Griffiths and to Maria Cole, Cathy Neveux, Captain Tom Gallagher, and Amy Glowacki at Lowell National Historical Park, for sharing your time, enthusiasm, and knowledge. At our reflection days, the youth commented that these experiences were all memorable and that they now know more about Lowell, its history, and its environment, and how they can **make a difference in their own backyard**.

We thank the Starbucks Foundation, GreenLeaf Foundation, and the Baldwin Foundation for support of Backyard Adventures!

**If you would like to help with a class this winter or spring—sharing your knowledge or passion for nature in the city—please contact Kristin at 978-934-0030. This is a great way to spend an afternoon with our energetic and inspiring youth!**

## CHARITABLE IRA AND ANNUITY GIFTS

### CHARITABLE IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

***If you're over 70 1/2, please consider taking advantage of a rare opportunity to contribute directly to the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust via your IRA without incurring any taxes. As explained by LP&CT Board Member Dorothy Bickling, of Bickling Financial Services:***

For 2006 and 2007 only, the new tax law gives older IRA participants the opportunity to help out their favorite charity **at no tax cost**. In the past when donors wanted to give a charity funds that were in their retirement accounts, they had to first take a distribution from the IRA account, pay taxes on that amount and then give the remainder to a charity. Now, for taxpayers who are **70 1/2 or older**, the new law creates an exclusion from gross income of up to \$100,000 annually for qualified charitable distributions from an IRA. Qualified distributions are neither included in income nor deducted as a charitable donation. However, the distributions are taken into account for purposes of meeting the minimum distribution requirements for IRAs. The new exclusion is available only for IRA distributions that would otherwise be includible in gross income and only if the IRA trustee makes the distribution **directly to a qualifying charity**, such as LP&CT.

### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

LP&CT has partnered with the Greater Lowell Community Foundation to offer charitable gift annuities as part of our palate of charitable gift options. Through a gift annuity the donor makes an irrevocable gift of cash, stocks, or other qualified asset in exchange for fixed payments for life. These types of gifts can be used to offset taxable income from other sources and/or satisfy a retiree's concern of "can I outlive my money?" Look for a mailing this spring.



**Photos from this fall's Backyard Adventures!**  
**Top:** Jensen, Erica, Erin, & Sarah are all smiles while holding hissing cockroaches. **Bottom:** Wang Adventurers show off their clean-up "loot".

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Backyard Adventures!

Be our guest for an afternoon and share your knowledge of Lowell's history, your passion for a special place, or your outdoor hobby experiences (**Feb. - May**).

### Concord River Greenway Signage Committee

Monthly meetings (**Feb. - Dec**).

### Lock Tending for White Water Rafting (**March - May**).

**Gardening:** Planting, weeding, and your skills at Jollene Dubner, Donahue, and Coburn Parks; and Spalding Hs.

**Alewife Monitoring:** Help keep an eye out for returning adults, monitoring as needed (**April - June**).

**Land Stewardship:** Share your love of nature by walking a Trust property periodically and letting us know what you observed. On-line monitoring reports make stewardship easy! (**monthly, year round**)

**TO SHARE YOUR TIME & SKILLS, CALL (978) 934-0030**

## LP&CT RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT GRANT SUPPORT FROM:

Theodore Edson Parker Foundation

City of Lowell CDBG Program

EPA Healthy Communities Program



Massachusetts Cultural Council

Baldwin Foundation

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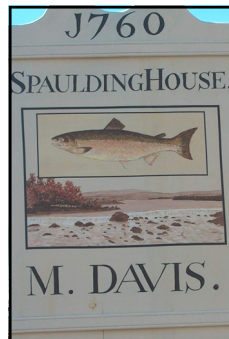
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**Anstiss & Co., P.C.**  
**Eno, Boulay, Martin & Donahue**  
**LDFC/Lowell Plan**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*RSVP* (978) 934-0030



### Spalding House

**Saturday, February 24, 2007**  
9am-12 pm

**Annual Work Day**

*Help us with spring cleaning, research, and archival storage.*

### The Diary of Ebenezer Bridge, 1749-1792

**Sunday, March 4, 1-3pm**

*Spalding House, 383 Pawtucket St., Lowell*

Chelmsford author and historian Marti Spalding has just published the *Diary of Ebenezer Bridge, 1749-1792*. Marti will speak about her experiences and research in working on the book. Rev. Ebenezer Bridge served as pastor in the town of Chelmsford for over 50 years and visited the Spalding House during its early days, when the house was known as the Moses Davis Inn. Books will be available for purchase.



### White Water Rafting

Starts March 31-April 1st!

*Make your reservations early!*

**800-532-7483**

[www.zoaroutdoor.com/concordrafting.htm](http://www.zoaroutdoor.com/concordrafting.htm)

Join us for early spring whitewater rafting on the Concord River, right here in Lowell. This whitewater gem plunges over three major class III-IV rapids - Twisted Sister, Three Beauties, and Middlesex Dam. Each trip includes two runs down the Lowell reach of the Concord. Adventurous rafters 14 and older are welcome. Your trip concludes with passage through an 1850's lock chamber that brings you right into downtown, seeing the city like never before. A portion of the proceeds support our work on the Concord River. As rafter Mitch Guziejka described it, "much more **exciting and exhilarating** than I thought rafting in Lowell could be—a **rush!**"

**3M has generously provided a grant to support LP&CT's work on the Concord River Greenway:** (below, L-R) Judy Gudinas, 3M; LP&CT Board President Henri Marchand; Yvonne Mitchell, 3M; LP&CT's Kristin McCauley; and Steven Testa, 3M.



## GREENWAY PUBLIC ART PLAN

Below are two images from the recently completed Public Art Plan for the Concord River Greenway, created by the artist team of Mags Harries and Lajos Héder. This will be available on our web site and will help inform the final design of the Greenway. Funding for the Public Art Plan has been provided by the New England Foundation for the Arts' Fund for the Arts. This was the first pilot project chosen for funding outside Boston by the Fund for the Arts. Features of the plan include locations for scenic overlooks, trail design features, and aesthetic elements that "enhance people's experience of the river." *We thank those of you that participated in Greenway walks and open houses to provide input to the artist team.*



Overlooking Massic Falls



Greenway along edge of Davidson Street Lot

### We thank the following:

*LP&CT's mission is made possible by those that go out of their way to help make Lowell a better place to live.*

**Richard Hansen of Soluz, Inc.** for trimming the wisteria and replacing the battery for the solar panel which provides lighting at Jollene Dubner Park; and for working tirelessly to complete the "loose ends" on the solar panel which provides electricity to power the new irrigation system at what we call "Donahue Park" on Fairmount Street.

**Jack Moynihan** for trimming the wisteria around the solar panel at Jollene Dubner Park. **Joe Brodeur** for being our Jollene Dubner Park "guardian," keeping an eye on irrigation leaks, dogs, and the unfortunately toppled benches, as well as being a neighborly one-person greeting committee at the park. **Brian Culter**, for not only his frequent property stewardship/monitoring walks, but also for his help at Newcomer's night last fall. **CTI's YouthBuild** for helping with yard maintenance and trash pick-up at the Spalding House.

## A SPECIAL PLACE HAS BEEN SAVED!

*The following is reprinted from our Annual Fund 2006 appeal letter to help explain our recent transfer of the former Red Cross building to the City of Lowell to create a public park overlooking Pawtucket Falls and for the historic preservation of the main Red Cross building to create affordable housing.*

**A special place has been saved!** Where 25 condominiums might have been crowded onto an acre of land, a public walkway with views of the Pawtucket Falls will be built. Next to it the former Red Cross building will be restored for affordable housing. And the c.1760 Spalding House, a structure that you helped us restore, will continue to be **surrounded by a landscape that echoes its historic character.**

Earlier this month the Lowell City Council unanimously voted to buy the Red Cross building and adjoining land from our organization to ensure that the property we set out to save three years ago will be used in a way that benefits the Lowell community. We had help along the way, but it was members like you ... that gave us the backing we needed.

Three years ago the Red Cross building, sitting on one acre of property next to the Spalding House, was put up for sale. To save the Spalding House and protect access to the Pawtucket Falls, we knew we had to purchase the land. But the \$800,000 plus price tag was well beyond our reach.

Thankfully, the Theodore Edson Parker Foundation extended its philanthropic reach and provided the equity needed. A conventional loan from Enterprise Bank enabled us to buy the property. The Lowell Development & Financial Corporation provided funds to support our holding onto the property while investigating ways to protect it in perpetuity. A smaller organization without the staff, membership, and history of accomplishments as the Trust, or even a larger national or state-wide organization, without our local focus and support, would never have been able to act in time to buy the land.

Our minimum goal was to preserve access to the river and provide enough parking to serve the Spalding House. We encountered many challenges along the way including changes to city zoning. We prepared for the possibility of a condominium development on the property including presentations to Lowell's Planning Board.

Another supporter then stepped forward. Congressman Marty Meehan, along with Senators Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry, helped secure federal money in last year's transportation bill to help preserve open space and construct a pedestrian walkway on the property and connect it to the National Park Service's Northern Canal Walkway. Without all of our partners' help the Trust would have needed to build the condominiums on the property to pay back our early lenders.

In the end, however, it is **you as a member** of the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust **who deserves the biggest thank you.** It is your commitment to the goals of our organization, through your membership and contributions to our Annual Fund, that provides the foundation from which all of our successful work springs.

### Our partners in this success story:

City of Lowell

Congressman Martin T. Meehan

Enterprise Bank

Lowell Development and Financial Corporation

Lowell National Historical Park

The Theodore Edson Parker Foundation

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The **Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust** relies on membership dues for continuing our **mission** to protect the parks and open spaces of Lowell. If you haven't already, please consider joining the Trust today or renewing your membership.

## Yes, I want to support the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust!

\$250  \$100  \$50  \$25  \$15  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Is your membership current?**  
Please see your address label.

- I've enclosed a **matching gift** form from my/my spouse's employer.  
 I'd like to become a **tree free member** and donate \$ \_\_\_\_ monthly through my credit card  
 My membership is current, this donation is to the **Annual Fund**.

**Payment method:**  Check enclosed **Charge my credit card:**  Visa  MasterCard  
**Account #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Name & address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### Would you like to make a special donation?

We have established separate funds to support these projects, *above and beyond* membership dues:

- LP&CT Endowment Fund  
 Spalding House Maintenance Fund  
 Jollene Dubner Park Maintenance Fund

Please mail to: LP&CT, PO Box 7162, Lowell, MA 01852

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, February 24, 2007**  
**9am-12 pm**

Spalding House  
**Annual Work Day**

*Help us with spring cleaning, research, and  
archival storage.*

**Sunday, March 4, 2007**  
**1-3 pm**

Chelmsford author and historian Marti  
Spalding discusses her new book, *Diary of  
Ebenezer Bridge 1749-1792*, a character on  
the scene when the Spalding House was  
known as the Moses Davis Inn.

### White Water Rafting

Rafting season starts March 31st!  
Reserve your trip early!

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