



## NEWSLETTER, SUMMER 1997

Dear Members and Friends,

We look forward to the summer of 1997 and hope to keep the momentum generated last year in our successful acquisition of the Heald and Bradley Pond Project. We give thanks to our many generous donors who recognized the threat to Heald Pond and Kezar Lake and responded to the need. We also thank the Town of Lovell for its support and encouragement.

The Transition Committee under Tom Henderson's chairmanship has completed its work and the GLLT has drafted the gift deed for the property with appropriate conservation easements. We await formal acceptance of the property by the Town of Lovell which requires a town meeting. A Property Management Committee has been proposed to make decisions regarding care of the property within the scope of the easements. A Forest Management Plan and extensive nature study surveys have been done. We trust the Town of Lovell to utilize the Heald and Bradley Ponds Tract in the best recreational interests of the town with the preservation of the Kezar Lake watershed always in mind.

When this project has been finalized, the GLLT will have over 1239 acres under conservation easements. We are continuing to look for opportunities to place new conservation easements throughout the community and will follow through on any inquiries. We now have shoreland, view land, farmland, and timberland areas protected. We will accept in transfer the Sucker Brook and Sabra Creeper Hill parcels from The Nature Conservancy and will develop active stewardship programs for these areas.

Kevin Harding has continued to develop our educational programs for wetlands and watershed management. A formal program to train docents for Heald and Bradley Ponds is planned for this summer and a continuing educational series of nature and conservation programs will be instituted this summer and fall. This is partly funded by a \$20,000 grant from The Nature Conservancy.

Our Eighth Annual Educational program will take place on Saturday, August 2nd, at 10 a.m. We will feature David Brown, a naturalist and tracker who has studied the Heald and Bradley area extensively. In addition, Kent Wommack, Vice-President and Executive Director of the Maine Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, will address us on our educational partnership in Western Maine.

We enclose an envelope for your annual renewal of dues and contributions to the GLLT to support our projects. We welcome new members and we hope all who joined last year to help purchase Heald Pond will continue their memberships.

Sincerely,

Howard A. Corwin  
President

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The mission of the Greater Lovell Land Trust is to protect and enhance the quality of Kezar Lake and to provide alternative land development in the Kezar Lake watershed in the towns of Lovell, Stoneham, and Stow.

The Trust, a non-profit alternative to the powers of state and local governments, works exclusively to fulfill the public purposes expressed in Maine conservation laws, such as the Great Ponds Act, the Shoreline Zoning Act, and Town Zoning Regulations.

Through purchase, gift, acquisition of development rights, and the voluntary placing of conservation covenants on property, the Trust works to ensure planned land development in the watershed of Kezar Lake. The Trust cooperates with public, educational, and non-profit groups in educational efforts directed at preserving water quality, land management, and establishing realistic land development options and alternatives.

The Trust does not prevent appropriate land development within the watershed area, but works to ensure that all development efforts comply with existing state and local legislation.

The Trust has begun to acquire and reserve from development specific parcels and easements to protect land of special esthetic, habitat, or other considerations.

Acquisition of land by the Trust is accomplished through negotiation and voluntary cooperation with private landowners. All gifts to the Trust are tax deductible, fully recognized under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

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