

Bikes and Horses: Mutual Respect for Mutual Safety

We are fortunate in our area to have many beautiful trails and roadways that provide a beautiful setting for horseback riding, biking, running, or walking. Often, equestrians, horse trailers, and bicyclists share the same roads, making it important to adhere to a few “rules of the road” for everyone’s safety.

Here are some considerations for street bicyclists who may encounter equestrians and/or their trailers:

Bicyclists should always ride single file and keep a safe distance.

Everyone should follow the legal rules of the road.

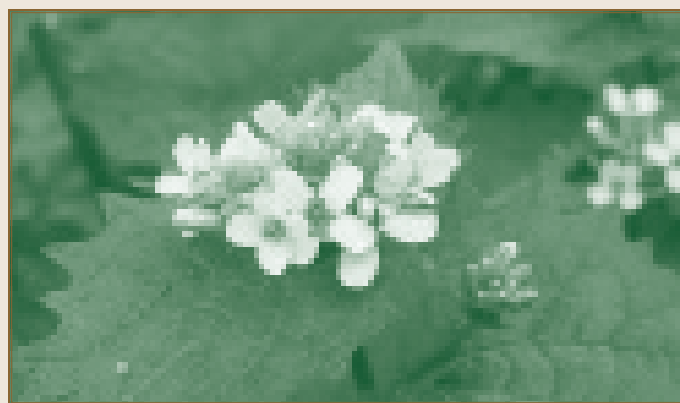
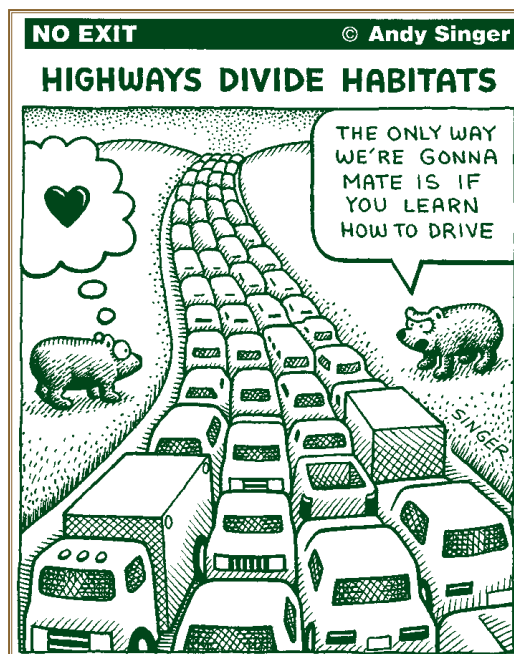
When bicyclists encounter equestrians on horseback, always announce yourself verbally long before you encounter a horse — at least ten bike lengths before you reach them. When approaching from behind, a pleasant “on your left” is appropriate, as is “biker behind you.” By announcing yourself verbally, the horse will know that you are a human and not a dangerous animal or threat.

Bicyclists should not pass by equestrians in close proximity. Horses can move sideways extremely quickly, and if startled they could easily move into you, causing serious injury.

Don’t crowd the dividing line. Stay to the edge of your lane so that the horse does not interpret your movement as threatening, and so that a horse truck/trailer has adequate space. Don’t ride between a horse trailer and the edge of the road.

Be aware of traffic back-ups and try not to whiz by a horse trailer at a stop sign. A bicyclist may get hit when the trailer starts moving again because you are not supposed to be there.

THANK YOU to the Barrington Area Community Foundation for providing the funding to produce our new brochure!



Garlic Mustard is a dangerously invasive plant that takes over any area where it gains a foothold. Winter is the best time to eradicate it.

Featured Invasive Species: The Pesky Garlic Mustard

Winter is a good time to control one of the worst invasive species in our area — garlic mustard. Garlic mustard, or *alliaria petiolata*, is identified by its tiny white flowers that resemble the yellow flowers of wild mustard. The lower leaves form a rosette of heart-shaped leaves. The top upper triangular leaves form from an erect, unbranched plant and have hairy undersides. When the leaves are rolled or crushed, they give off a pungent odor of garlic, hence the name garlic mustard. Often referred

to as “poor man’s mustard,” this plant has a long history of uses, from flavoring salt fish in the 17th century to a sauce for roast lamb or salad.

Originally, the plant was found along Britain’s hedgerows, woodland edges, and open areas. It was introduced as an herb and brought to pioneer gardens in centuries past. In the last 20 years it has pervaded the Midwestern and northeastern woods and open spaces, releasing its seeds and spreading like crazy. Garlic mustard is dangerously invasive because it does not share its space — when it gains control of a region, it monopolizes light, moisture, and space, blocking all other plants that wildlife depend upon as essential food sources. The plant also appears to be toxic to species of butterflies that depend upon woodland plants for their lifecycle.

The plant grows as a biennial, meaning that its lifecycle from seed to flower lasts two seasons. For this reason, there are often years where garlic mustard seems to be more active than the past year. When attempting to control it, there is the sensation of progress and then the next year it is blooming significantly again.

Control of garlic mustard is easy in winter because the rosettes remain green throughout the winter, making them easy to identify. The plant can be controlled by complete removal or herbicide of the rosette with eco-safe herbicides. Controlled burns are also useful for controlling garlic mustard. Now is the time to get this pesky invasive species under control on your property!

Jackson Hole, Chesapeake Bay, and Nantucket Have Protected Private Land in Perpetuity — and So Can We

CASE STUDIES OF SIMILAR AREAS THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PROTECTED PRIVATE LAND



Space to Breathe | Space to Ride | Space to Play

BY THE NUMBERS

Region of the Country	Acres of Private Land Permanently Protected
Jackson Hole	20,500 acres protected
Chesapeake Bay	16,000 acres protected
Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket	11,200 acres protected
Albemarle County, Virginia	3,500 acres protected
Barrington, Illinois	Fewer than 1,000 acres protected

Barrington is to Chicago what Jackson Hole is to Wyoming and Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket is to the East Coast. And yet, our community has been slow to embrace the private land protection tools that other similar areas have put into place to permanently protect their land.

To date, land conservancies in Jackson Hole have protected over 20,500 acres with permanent conservation easements. More than 3,200 acres of Martha's Vineyard and 8,000 acres of Nantucket Island have been protected. Over 16,000 acres of the Chesapeake Bay region are under easement.

By contrast, the vitally important Barrington area has only permanently protected less than 1,000 acres of private land.

How have these other areas been so successful at accomplishing their goals? Below are two examples that illustrate the importance of the work we are doing here.

Jackson Hole Land Trust

The Jackson Hole Land Trust was established in 1980 to preserve open space and the scenic, ranching, and wildlife values of Jackson Hole by assisting landowners who wish to protect their land in perpetuity.

Since its foundation in 1980, the trust has protected more than 20,500 acres of land on almost 140 private properties. The protected land accounts for some of the most important spawning habitat for trout, winter range for elk, deer and moose, character-defining scenic views and remaining agricultural vestiges in the valley.

Just like BACTrust, the Jackson Hole Land Trust uses the conservation easement as its primary tool and also has a Conservation Buyer Program that works to match conservation-minded buyers with properties for sale in the area that are worthy of protection.

Like BACTrust, the Jackson Hole Land Trust uses the following strategies to protect private land:

- Creates a well-documented baseline assessment of the property's initial condition
- Contributes to clearly written easements that are enforceable by stewardship staff
- Maintains a constructive relationship with protected property owners and the community
- Monitors the property on an annual basis
- Serves as a resource for protected-property landowners

Nantucket Islands Land Bank and Nantucket Conservation Foundation

The Nantucket Islands Land Bank, a land conservation program created to protect Nantucket Island, was the first of its kind in the nation. The program was conceived by Nantucket's Planning Commission, adopted by the voters of Nantucket, and established by a special act of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1983. Approximately 40 percent of Nantucket, a 50-square mile island located 22 miles south of Cape Cod, is protected by private conservation groups, the Town of Nantucket, and the Nantucket Islands Land Bank.

The Land Bank actively competes in the open market to acquire land. Land Bank holdings currently include beaches, wetlands, aquifer recharge areas, moorlands, heathlands, rare species habitat, ocean, pond and harbor frontage, and properties for passive and active recreation. To date the Land Bank has committed more than \$154 million to land protection, acquiring over 2,455 acres, with an additional 105 acres permanently protected by conservation restrictions. Land Bank revenue is derived from a 2 percent real estate transfer fee, which is levied against most real estate transfers on the island.

In addition, since 1963 the Nantucket Conservation Foundation has strived to permanently protect many important and beautiful areas of the island through conservation easements. The foundation has protected beaches, hardwood forests, dunes, shrublands, bogs, heathlands, marshes, grasslands, meadows, and ponds that represent over 29 percent of the Island's total land area — more than 8,700 acres.

These programs are similar to BACTrust's easement programs as well as our Saving Our Countryside program, which allows BACTrust to temporarily or permanently acquire property that might otherwise fall into the hands of developers.

BACTrust has worked diligently to bring the private land protection tools and programs to our community that other similar areas have used to protect their areas. As these case studies show, we can be successful in our efforts with your help!

*Information for this article provided by the following web sites:
www.jblandtrust.org, www.nantucketconservation.org,
www.nantucketlandbank.org.*

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS & OUTREACH

Six Minimum Requirements for Stormwater Management

On Thursday, October 8, BACTrust hosted “The Six Minimum Requirements for Stormwater Management” at the Garlands of Barrington. The course was sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and was designed for area field crews, village engineers, and inspectors who are responsible for ensuring proper management of stormwater issues. To download presentation material from our speakers, go to our web site at www.bactrust.org.

WORK DAYS

In October, members and friends of Barrington Area Conservation Trust participated in a road cleanup on Bateman Road with the Barrington Hills Beautification Committee.

OTHER PARTNERSHIP NEWS

- BACTrust has applied for a grant to explore riding trails protection in cooperation with the Riding Club of Barrington Hills and the Friends of Spring Creek through the Equestrian Land & Conservation Resource and the Breyer Horse company.
- BACTrust recently assisted the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) to write a successful grant proposal resulting in \$74,000 to hire staff to conduct groundwater studies in the area.
- BACTrust continues to work with the Village of North Barrington and the Flint Creek Watershed Partnership to address issues related to Flint Creek.

BACTrust Speaker Series

In accordance with its recent IEPA 319 grant, BACTrust will be hosting two very dynamic and exciting speakers in the new year, who will discuss broader conservation topics and why they are important to our area.



CHAD PREGRACKE, *River Cleanup Crusader*
“One Man’s Quest for Clean Water”

Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m., The Garlands

Performing Arts Center



As the founder of America’s only “industrial strength” river clean-up organization, Living Lands & Waters, Chad Pregracke tells a compelling and funny story about growing up on the Mississippi River and his efforts to clean up that river, one pile of garbage at a time. Chad’s best-selling book, *From the Bottom Up: One Man’s*

Crusade to Clean America’s Rivers (National Geographic Books), chronicles his incredible journey to clean up America’s rivers. The book shares Chad’s personal story and the beginning of his grassroots organization, which has captured America’s imagination and motivated thousands of people across the country to clean up our country’s rivers and waterways. *Pre-registration is required (847-581-4291); suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.*

SIR PETER CRANE, *Carl W. Knobloch Jr. Dean of the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University*
“The Impact of Global Climate Issues on Water Resources”
Monday, March 8, Makray Memorial Golf Club, 7:00 p.m.



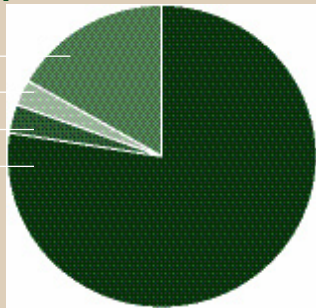
Sir Peter Crane’s work focuses on the diversity of plant life — its origin, fossil history, current status, conservation and use. He served at the Field Museum in Chicago from 1982 to 1999, when he was appointed director of The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. He returned to Chicago in 2006 as the John and Marion Sullivan University Professor

at the University of Chicago, before being appointed at Yale in 2009. Peter Crane was elected to the Royal Society/the UK Academy of Sciences in 1998 and was knighted in the UK for services to horticulture and conservation in 2004. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Sciences, a Foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, and a Member of the German Academy Leopoldina. He currently serves on the Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Chicago Botanic Garden, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at the University of Texas, WWF-US, and the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation. *Pre-registration is required (847-581-4291); suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated.*

BACTRUST REVENUES/EXPENSES 2008

2008 Revenues: \$243,457

Grants 18%
Fundraising 5%
Interest 5%
Contributions 84%



2008 Expenses: \$173,326

Fundraising 15%
Management 4%
Program Services 82%

Program services includes administrative costs spent on BACTrust programs and furthering the mission



Meet New BACTrust Board Members



Larry Ekstrom



Louise Flannery



Jan Nestrud

Larry Ekstrom

Larry Ekstrom, a long-time resident of Barrington, is an Institutional Consulting Director with Graystone Consulting, the investment consulting division of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Larry is a charter member and two-time past President of The Association of Professional Investment Consultants and was awarded the prestigious H. John Ellis Award in 2007, recognizing his achievements in the field of investment management consulting. Larry is a trustee of the Swedish American Museum and served on the board of the English Speaking Union. Larry and his wife Laura, who also grew up in Barrington, reside in Barrington Hills with their two children and are interested in preserving this community for the future.

Louise Flannery

Louise Flannery has lived in the Barrington community for the past 42 years. She has served on the boards of many local and regional organizations, including the Garden Club of Barrington,

Columbus Hospital Women's Board, and the Mother's Club of Countryside School. "I would like to help preserve the open land and rural atmosphere here for my children and grandchildren," she says.

Jan Nestrud

Jan Nestrud is a 33-year resident of Barrington, where she raised three children. Active in the horse community and a steward of our area's natural resources, Jan was District Commissioner of Fox River Valley Pony Club and on the National Board of Governors for United States Pony Club. She organized the pony club's Combined Training Horse Trial and Rallies for 25 years. She also served on the Management Board of the Riding Center of the Barrington Countryside Park District, is a member of the Riding Club of Barrington Hills, Fox River Valley Hunt, Spring Creek Basset Hunt, Citizens for Conservation, and is a Master Steward of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for Prairie Restoration. Additionally, Jan serves as an Advisory Board Member and volunteer for Walk On Farm.

Mary Bradford-White to assume role of Immediate Past President



After eight years of serving the Barrington Area Conservation Trust, current Board President and founder Mary Bradford-White will be

stepping into the role of Immediate Past President as of January 1, 2010. Current Trustee David F. Nelson will serve for one year as interim president as a new long-term president is determined by the Board. Bradford-White will remain on the Board of Trustees.

"We are building this organization and this Board for long-term sustainability," said Bradford-White. "Over the past two years, we have expanded our Board to include a wonderful complement of very talented individuals who bring a passion and a commitment to protecting the land here in the Barrington area. I am pleased to be able to offer my continued support to the organization as I step into the role of Immediate Past President."

LEGENDS AND LEGACIES



BARRINGTON CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

We are very pleased to report that the Barrington Concours d'Elegance, BACTrust's major annual fundraiser, was very successful in 2009 despite the downturn in the economy. We raised more than \$111,000 in gross revenue (sponsorships and ticket sales). Hospice of Northeastern Illinois and BACTrust each received a check for \$37,500 at the end of the Concours.

Many members and friends of BACTrust enjoyed the wonderful day last July 10, which began with a fun Poker Run Road Rally through the Barrington countryside. The Trust's own Jo Seagren and her daughter were the winners of the rally. Later that day, everyone gathered on the lawn at Makray Memorial Golf Club for a very elegant dinner and viewing of 26 of the world's finest and most rare collector automobiles, as well as a stunning collection of antique carriages and bicycles.

Because the 2009 event was such a success, we will be reprising it in July 2010. Save the date for July 11, 2010, at Makray Memorial Golf Club, when we'll hold the Road

Save the Date!

July 11, 2009, Makray Memorial Golf Club

Rally and the Barrington Concours. This year's theme will be "Windy City Wonders" — we hope to assemble a fabulous collection of vehicles representing Chicago's historic past, as well as a wonderful selection of road racing motorcycles and historic carriages.

