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# ESTES VALLEY LAND TRUST COMMUNIQUE

NOVEMBER 2015



The mission of the Estes Valley Land Trust is to preserve and protect open space, valleys, wetlands, streams, ranch lands, and wildlife habitat in the Estes Valley and surrounding area. Lands adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park and the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest are of special concern.

## A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

The work of Estes Valley Land Trust benefits every resident, every visitor, and every animal in the Estes Valley by helping to preserve the spectacular scenery and amazing wildlife habitat that made this valley famous. That is why we are proud to say that EVLT is a community organization. Every project we undertake, every hour we work, every decision we make is for our community. And the sole reason every one of you, our members and supporters, is involved with EVLT is for the good of our community and its future residents and visitors. Together, we accomplished a great deal in 2015!

We are proud to support the Estes Valley Community Garden, scheduled to be open for planting in 2016, which will include garden plots for school classes and Crossroad Ministry's food pantry as well as rented plots.

Knowing that the future of conservation lies in the hands of our youth, EVLT awarded scholarships to two Estes Park High School seniors who plan careers that involve the understanding and preservation of our natural world. Also, we contributed to the Annual Dinner of Future Farmers of America (FFA), an impressive group of youth who understand how critical conservation is to sustainable agriculture.

EVLT often supports Rocky Mountain National Park by protecting land that borders the park, creating buffer zones for wildlife. This year we were able to further support the protection of land within the park

by contributing \$25,000 to Rocky Mountain Conservancy toward the purchase of Cascade Cottages, the last privately-held commercial inholding within RMNP.

Through a fiscal sponsor relationship with the new Estes Valley Watershed Coalition, EVLT is serving as an incubator for this non-profit, helping it to get off the ground to accomplish critical resiliency projects in the Estes Valley's stream corridors. In addition to these projects, we continue to work with our community by assisting landowners to restore grass, plants and trees to their flood-damaged properties.

Through our popular annual Summer Breakfast Series we strive to educate the community about conservation issues, and host a social gathering of people who share an appreciation for the natural world.

Finally, we regularly partner with other agencies in our community, including the Town of Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer County Open Lands, and Estes Valley Recreation and Parks District, whose missions often overlap with ours.

Community depends on all of us to keep it strong. We at EVLT know that your support for our work is symbolic of your support the future of our community, and we are grateful. Our wish for you in the coming year is that you may live each day with a deep-seated appreciation for all that is the Estes Valley.

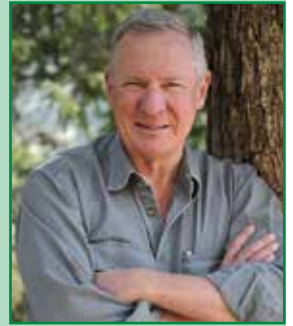


# BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

Heartfelt thanks go out to Marsha Yelick, Ken Martin and Harriette Woodard who completed their service to the EVLT Board this year. These outstanding individuals have contributed thousands of hours, remarkable wisdom and guidance, and terrific positive energy to EVLT over the years.

EVLT is very fortunate to welcome four new Directors to our Board, each elected to a 3-year term: Gail Albers, Wanda Curry, Robin Harding and Carly Lober. And, we renew our appreciation for Art French and Charlie Johnson as returning Board members who have been elected to their second 3-year term. These new and returning Board members bring depth and valuable experience to our organization and to our mission. When you see them, please thank them for their excellent service to land protection in our community.

For more information about these great people, visit [www.evlandtrust.org](http://www.evlandtrust.org), click on "About EVLT" and then "Meet Our Board and Staff."



Art French



Gail Albers



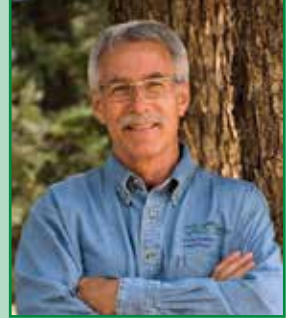
Wanda Curry



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Carly Lober



Charlie Johnson

## EVLT'S REVEGETATION PROGRAM CONTINUES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR FLOOD RECOVERY

Although the floodwaters receded over two years ago, many affected landowners are still dealing with the aftermath from the 2013 floods. Thanks to support from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), EVLT has been working with Eagle Rock School students and staff, other community volunteers, and landowners to restore critical riparian habitats that were damaged by the floods. Although there is still much work to be done, so far EVLT has coordinated the planting of over 4,500 trees, 350 acres of native grass seed and wildflowers, and the installation of over 3,000 square yards of erosion control blankets. Many thanks to our hardworking volunteers that make this crucial work possible!



*"Thank you for your help in restoring our property. You did a super job of replanting the totally changed contour of our property since the stream bed was relocated. We look forward to seeing the new growth next spring and summer since now it is still difficult to walk down to the stream."*

*--Judy and Sol Bassow*







## Curry Conservation Easements: Protecting the forested flank of Twin Sisters Peaks

Along Highway 7, you enjoy views of a beautiful forest stretching from the Baldpate Inn down to the Cheley Colorado Camp. Fish Creek begins its flow from nearby Lily Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park through the woods. Many people walk, bike and ride horses on the Homer Rouse Trail, which extends through this forest.

Although the forest farther to the east is part of Forest Service land, it's stunning to learn that the portion closer to Highway 7 was zoned "Accommodations," and some of it still is, allowing for guest lodging or one residence per acre. This means that rather than gazing at the forest as you descend Highway 7 from Lily Lake, one day you could be looking down on motels or subdivisions.

Fortunately, Wanda and Ken Curry have ensured that 85 acres of that forest will remain mostly natural.

The Currys began coming to Estes Park in 1988 for family reunions. Their two daughters, Anna and Rebecca, later attended Cheley Colorado Camp for a total of 19 summers. Needless to say, the family loves the area.



In 1999 Ken and Wanda saw a sales listing for property below the Baldpate Inn and bought 43 acres from Houston attorney and developer, Rex Baker. Determined to prevent their land from ever being riddled with houses, they immediately began working with EVLT to permanently preserve it with a conservation easement.

When an adjacent 42 acres was listed for sale in 2000, the Currys became "conservation buyers," purchasing and preserving that property with a conservation easement to restrict its development and, after holding on to it for several years, relisting it for sale. On the 85 total acres, they reserved two 5-acre building sites, ensuring that the rest will always remain natural.

The properties that Ken and Wanda conserved provide critical habitat for mule deer during severe winters and potential habitat for lynx. Users of the Homer Rouse Trail pass through the properties and enjoy the forest views.

Preserving the beauty of the land and supporting its wildlife was the Currys' main priority. However, when they learned about the state and federal tax advantages of conservation easements, "it sounded too good to be true." They may eventually purchase additional land to conserve and then re-sell.

For now, though, Wanda and Ken are enjoying their new home and being full-time residents of Estes Park, having recently retired from their careers in finance with energy companies. Taking her commitment to conservation further, in August Wanda joined EVLT's Board of Directors so she can ensure that the spectacular mountain views and wildlife habitats that she and Ken love remain for their grandchildren to enjoy. She and Ken have already contributed so much!



*The Curry Conservation Easements protect important wildlife habitat, such as ponderosa pine woodlands and rock outcroppings that provide nesting habitat for raptors (left). The Currys' donation of conservation easements also ensure that a highly-visible forested flank of Twin Sisters Peaks will remain natural forever (right). Photos by Charlie Johnson.*

### AN ANNUAL THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS - GIVING IN MANY WAYS

Sincere thanks from EVLT to the following people and businesses that provided special financial support during 2015!

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## 2015 BREAKFASTS: PLAYING A PART IN A CHANGING WORLD

Our 2015 Summer Breakfast Series focused on changes in the natural world and how scientists and conservation-minded citizens are monitoring and responding to those changes to encourage healthy natural systems. 275 attendees enjoyed delicious breakfasts served by Catering for All Occasions and listened to experts on a variety of conservation-related topics. We thank our excellent speakers and the hosts who provided scenic outdoor venues for the events.

- The June Breakfast, held at the pavilion in beautiful Hermit Park Open Space, provided an opportunity for attendees to learn about and become involved with citizen science projects. A panel of experts discussed research projects investigating the natural world, including the Front Range Pika Project, Cliff Nesting Raptors in the Northern Front Range study, Project Budburst, Project Noah, and various studies in Rocky Mountain National Park.
- At the July Breakfast, which took place at the Salvation Army High Peak Camp, attendees learned how NEON, the National Ecological Observatory Network, conducts research on ecosystem changes at national and local scales, and how the tower that was recently constructed in Tahosa Valley contributes to that research.
- In August, at the Fall River Hydroplant Picnic Grounds, members heard an update on river restoration efforts in the Estes Valley. Staff from the Estes Valley Watershed Coalition, the Town of Estes Park, and Estes Valley Land Trust discussed current and planned projects. They answered questions about Estes Park's continuing recovery from the September 2013 floods and explained how the organizations are working together to create resilient rivers. The Annual Membership Meeting was held in conjunction with this breakfast, and members elected several new and returning Directors to the Board.

We hope you will join us and bring a friend for our 2016 Summer Breakfast Series!



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# 2015 MONITORING SEASON: A GREAT SUCCESS (MOSTLY!)

*“Being an easement monitor gives me the opportunity to visit some beautiful private properties and to talk with the owners about how they care for and about the land.”*  
—Susan Harris

As a state-certified holder of conservation easements and an accredited land trust, EVLT is required to visit each property we preserve annually. Since we have over 160 conservation easements, this is no small feat. We are so thankful to our corps of over 100 volunteer monitors who get the job done!

As our monitors can attest, monitoring season always brings interesting experiences. From meeting new landowners and neighbors to walking some beautiful properties (some of which are so steep it is more like doing gymnastics than walking...) to seeing the wildflowers change with the seasons, monitoring is rarely dull for either volunteers or EVLT staff.

The 2015 monitoring season was a great success, even with a few minor setbacks like when a monitor created a beautiful GPS track of his long walk and then accidentally deleted it, or when several monitors and landowners discovered the hard way (by nearly stepping on it) that a very large rattlesnake had made its home in our area, or when Erica got a little too close for comfort to a bear (both the bear and Erica exited the premises quickly).

Are you interested in becoming an EVLT monitor? We can guarantee a unique experience! Contact the EVLT office before the end of March to become a monitor for the 2016 season.



*“Monitoring for EVLT enables me to get to see some interesting and beautiful places in the Estes Valley—from hilltops to river bottoms—that are not generally open to the public. I also get to meet some dedicated and knowledgeable people—landowners, co-monitors, EVLT staff and board members—who are committed to the conservation of land and the preservation of wildlife habitat. Many have become close friends.”*  
—Wells Johnson



## THANKS TO OUR MONITORS!

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***Farewell, Erica!***  
*Many thanks to Erica Goad who has led us through two monitoring seasons with splendid results! At the end of December, Erica will be moving on to a new job that will take her to conservation projects throughout Colorado. We are excited for this new opportunity for Erica, even though we will all miss her skills and her passion. We wish Erica all the best!*



Like us on Facebook! When news happens—big events or small—you will find timely posts to keep you informed. Also, check out our improved website at [www.evlandtrust.org](http://www.evlandtrust.org) where you will find updated information, blog posts, beautiful photos, and everything “EVLT.” It’s also a great place to send people who want to know more about us and what we do.

# MORE THANKS FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIPS...

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### **PRESERVE THE LAND YOU LOVE ON COLORADO GIVES DAY!**

Help us get our share of the Colorado Gives Day \$1 Million Incentive Fund. Support EVLT on Colorado Gives Day on Tuesday, December 8! On this day, thousands of donors will come together to support Colorado nonprofits, like EVLT. This is Colorado's largest one-day online giving event, presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank.

### **\$1 MILLION INCENTIVE FUND**

For the first time ever, Colorado Gives Day features a \$1 Million Incentive Fund, one of the largest gives-day incentive funds in the country. This means every nonprofit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the Incentive Fund. Your gift to us on Colorado Gives Day increases the value of every dollar you donate.

### **VISIT OUR DONATION PAGE AT COLORADOGIVES.ORG TODAY TO SCHEDULE YOUR DONATION IN ADVANCE!**

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The enclosed envelope might be the perfect way to send your Annual Gift to EVLT. You can give through **Mountain Strong for Nonprofits** ([mtnstrongnonprofits.org](http://mtnstrongnonprofits.org)) and the **Estes Valley Legacy** (<http://plannedgiving.epnonprofit.org>). There is a Paypal link on the [evlandtrust.org](http://evlandtrust.org) DONATE page if you prefer that route!

Please contact our office with any questions about these programs. We thank you for your support of nature's beauty, wildlife habitat, and the community's ability to enjoy it!

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**Does Your Will Include EVLT?**

This is a topic that leaves all of us a little uncomfortable, but what kind of legacy will you leave when you die? Will the Estes Valley be a better place because of you? Through our affiliation with Estes Valley Legacy (<http://plannedgiving.epnonprofit.org>) we are learning about the options and the benefits of creating a Plan for Giving. We would love to share that learning with you! If you have already included EVLT in your estate plans, or if you would like to do so, please let us know. We are starting a legacy group called **Forever Estes**, and we would like to add your name to our guest list. Thank you!

**You Will Be Missed!****Friends of the Land Trust who passed away this year**

**Dr. Jack Lungstrum**—Former EVLT Board President

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**Richard Heumann**—CE donor/owner

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**COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES ON THE RIVERWALK HONOR LAND PROTECTION CHAMPIONS**

Charlie Johnson



Charlie Johnson

Along the downtown Riverwalk, visitors and residents will now be tempted to relax on a nature-themed bench while admiring the Big Thompson River and the scenic, open hillside beyond.

Twelve commemorative benches and plaques now grace the Riverwalk. They honor some of the early champions who volunteered hundreds, and in some cases thousands, of hours with EVLT to ensure that the breathtaking mountain vistas and wildlife habitats of the Estes Valley are permanently preserved for our children and grandchildren.

The benches were dedicated at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 22 with Mayor Bill Pinkham wielding the scissors. They were funded entirely with donations from the honorees' families and friends.

The next time you are downtown, take time to sit on one of the benches and appreciate Estes Park's scenic beauty and those who worked to ensure it remains preserved forever for all to enjoy.

**Special thanks go out to project-motivator Jim White and to the donors who made this bench project possible!**

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Did you know that Estes Valley Land Trust is the fiscal sponsor for the newly-formed Estes Valley Watershed Coalition? Check out the great work that EVWC is accomplishing at their website: [www.evwatershed.org](http://www.evwatershed.org). We are grateful for their partnership and glad to be supporting resilient stream corridors in Estes Park!

### **Conservation Projects Update**

*This has been an interesting year for conservation in Colorado. In the legislative session last spring, both the State Senate and the State House of Representatives almost unanimously supported the passage of Senate Bill 206, which significantly raised the ceiling for the tax credit values that can be obtained in a conservation transaction. This was great news for the entire conservation community!*

*Before getting too excited about that, however... A new set of State rules and processes were implemented through the Colorado Department of Revenue and Department of Real Estate in 2014. These changes were designed with the cooperation of the Land Trust community, with a mutual goal of enhancing the integrity of the Conservation Easement Tax Credit program. But the details to implement these changes have proven to be a challenge! To put it simply, applying for a Colorado Conservation Easement Tax*



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*Credit now takes a lot more time and a lot more money than in the past. Currently, EVLT has three exciting conservation projects that are at the appraisal/review stage... and we can hardly wait to announce them. Stay tuned.*





# Supplemental Member Listing

Due to a unique circumstance from the past year, some of our valued members renewed their annual membership in October of 2014, and since we used a cutoff date of November 1, these people were missed in our newsletter membership lists. With great apologies and great appreciation, we give you the following supplemental member listing.

## **Conservator Member Level**

The Freudenburg family

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