

## IT'S ANNUAL MEETING TIME!

September 11, 2004, at 11:00 AM

French Park, North Egremont

BRING A PICNIC LUNCH OR ORDER ONE BY CALLING THE ELT OFFICE

AT (413) 528-6626

Our featured speaker at this year's Annual Meeting will be Jessica Murray of The Nature Conservancy, with added input from a representative of the US Department of Agriculture. Jess is the local coordinator for the Weed It Now program, sponsored in the tri-state area by TNC and funded by the federal government. This is a program working to help landowners remove invasive species such as Japanese bittersweet, barberry, honeysuckle, and multiflora rose, which tend to overwhelm our land and overpower our native species. Jess and the USDA representative will also offer a workshop after lunch, to answer questions and to help with applications for grants available to individual property owners through the National Resources Conservation Service.

Members and non-members are welcome!

**A GIANT THANK-YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS WHO LAST YEAR CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$10,000 DURING OUR SPECIAL FUND DRIVE TO ASSIST OUR LAND PROTECTION PROJECTS.**

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## POST OFFICE TREES — COURTESY OF ELT



### A BIG ELT THANK YOU TO TOM WHALEN

None of ELT's projects could succeed without the help of our many good friends in the community. And one of our best friends is Tom Whalen, who has done the planting of all the new trees in the land trust's *Trees for 2000* program. Tom has given freely of his time and expertise, has been very generous to ELT in furnishing trees and even donated the memorial tree which ELT planted on the South Egremont green to commemorate our ELT member and all the others lost on September 11, 2001.

Tom lives and works in a house he built himself on Route 23 in Great Barrington, a couple of miles from where he was born. He had always loved working outside, even as a small child, and after graduating in 1987 from Western New England College in Springfield, with a degree in Business Administration, he plunged right into landscaping. In 1995, he planted his first trees, and four years later he bought Lincoln Smith's business and stock. Lincoln, who was retiring and leaving Egremont, had helped ELT in the early planning of its *Trees for 2000* planting program, and Tom continued in Lincoln's place when he left.

Tom thinks of the trees he's planted as his children, he says, and watches out for them as he drives around the county. His greatest satisfaction, he finds, is transforming a piece of property with trees.

Tom sees a trend toward planting larger trees, to go with the larger houses people are building. And, happily for conservationists, he says buyers are more and more frequently demanding native species: red oaks, Princeton elms and (his favorite) sugar maples.

Tom offers this advice to towns: have a tree budget and replace town trees as they are lost. Hopefully ELT's tree planting program will help to foster that.

**Thank you, Tom, for your generous help in beautifying Egremont.**

The new post office in South Egremont is the community's pride and joy, and a great part of its charm comes from the three trees ELT has contributed to its landscaping. Most prominent is the red oak just in front of the building, shown at left being planted by Tom Whalen and his crew. (Tom is shown second from right, assisted by Lanny Broderick, the landscape contractor for the post office, to Tom's left.) Hopefully this will provide wonderful shade in future years for townspeople to sit awhile to read mail and chat with neighbors. Down by the road, the tree on the far side of the driveway is a young Princeton Elm, purchased from Elm Watch and the first elm to be planted on an Egremont street in many years, Princeton Elms are believed to be resistant to Dutch Elm disease, so we are watching this experimental specimen carefully. And the roadside street tree in front of the post office is a sugar maple.

All this summer, ELT volunteers have been watering these trees, including the crabapple planted by the post office's landscaper. The future looks bright for this part of the community's landscape, and ELT is coordinating volunteers to help weed and water the existing plantings and to add flower beds to brighten this stretch of Egremont's street scene. If you'd like to help with that, please leave a message at 413-528-6626.

### IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE

**Q:** Help!!! What's happening to our woods? We used to be able to go for a leisurely stroll through our woods but now all those prickly plants and voracious vines are turning our wonderful woods into an impenetrable jungle. What's going on?

**A:** It's the Attack of the Invasive Plants. Come to the Annual Meeting (see details on back) to hear what these plants are, the problems they're causing, and what you can do about it. Jess Murray from the The Nature Conservancy will tell us all about invasives and how we can attack back. She'll even tell us how individual property owners can apply for funding to try to keep these plants in check.

Wouldn't it be nice to go for that leisurely woodsy stroll again without having to take a machete with you?

### And now, the envelope ... please!

The enclosed envelope is for readers who want to join EGREMONT LAND TRUST

If your name is on the list on page 7, you're already a member, so please pass this envelope on to a friend. If you're not on the list, won't you please join us?







*A monument to South Egremont's past: the history walk group deciphers a gravestone*

## A STROLL DOWN BUTTONBALL LANE

Neighborhood by neighborhood, Nic Cooper is developing a walking history tour of all of Egremont. This year, on July 10, Nic led 20 amateur historians on a block-long survey of the east end of South Egremont, starting at the Academy building, down Buttonball Lane to the Egremont Inn and then back again to the Mount Everett Cemetery next to the library. Partly in jest, Nic said his theme was “the civilizing of South Egremont in the 1830’s” as it was then that the citizens established the churches and the Academy (roughly equivalent to a high school, and a source of great civic pride.) Now the town library, the building also houses the town archives, which were opened especially for the tour. Outside again, the group learned that the original buttonball (aka American sycamore) trees were planted in 1812 by Chester Goodale, whose family later were among the proprietors of the inn which started out as Francis Hare’s tavern, passed through the hands of the Hollenbecks and Karners, was briefly a temperance hotel, was bought by Major Smiley for the Olde Egremont Corporation, and is now the Egremont Inn. (The new sycamore tree in front of the Egremont Inn was planted by ELT through its *Trees for 2000* program.) Fittingly, the tour ended in the cemetery, in front of the marble shaft commemorating both the quarry owner, Philo Upson, who died in 1840 when the steamboat Lexington burned, and the quality of the marble from his quarry.



*Friends of ELT enjoy the fourth annual benefit luncheon*

## ELT CATCHES THE EARLY BIRD

Our annual bird walk took place a little earlier this year, on April 24, to see if we could spot a different group of migrants passing through. And, in fact, we did, although the chilly weather may have discouraged some birds as well as humans. A group of 16, led by Kay Sadighi of The Nature Conservancy and Kai Reed, Egremont’s own young ornithological expert, gathered at Jug End State Reservation, and at the end of a couple of hours of hiking through fields and woods, came up with a list of 29 sightings, of which 15 were not seen last year and nine had never been spotted on previous ELT walks. The list follows, with new spottings in bold.

<b>Turkey Vulture</b>	<b>Sharp-skinned Hawk</b>	<b>Tufted Titmouse</b>
<b>Swamp Sparrow</b>	<b>Common Raven</b>	<b>Eastern Towhee</b>
<b>Eastern Meadowlark</b>	<b>Downy Woodpecker</b>	<b>Wood Duck</b>
American Kestrel	American Crow	Killdeer
European Starling	Mourning Dove	Song Sparrow
Northern Flicker	Field Sparrow	Eastern Phoebe
Northern Cardinal	Black-capped Chickadee	Eastern Bluebird
American Robin	Common Grackle	Blue Jay
Red-tailed Hawk	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Tree Swallow
Red-winged Blackbird	American Goldfinch	



*Kai Reed (second from left) and Kay Sadighi (fourth from left) inviting bird walk participants to view an Eastern Meadowlark through a scope*

## BOUNTY OF THE BERKSHIRES BENEFIT LUNCHEON

On Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, ELT held its fourth annual benefit lunch at the Old Mill in South Egremont. For a crowd that packed the room (see photo on left), ELT board member Chef Terry Moore created a sumptuous three-course menu featuring “The Bounty of Berkshire Grown.” The finest products from local growers included Rawson Brook Farm goat cheese tart, roasted Blue Moon mushrooms, Markristo Farms mesclun, Heritage Farms grassfed beef, Moon in the Pond organic chicken and Turner Farms maple syrup spice cake.

Laurily Epstein, Director of Berkshire Grown, spoke to the guests about her work in promoting local food sources, and local growers and purveyors Leslie Taft, Susan Sellew, Martin Stosiek, and Jerry Mundel described the tribulations and rewards of small-scale Berkshire farming.

ELT extends heartfelt thanks to the Old Mill staff of Ginny Filkins, Diane Tatro, Nicky Florez, Kerry Willig, Nancy Canata and Barbara Chase, who all graciously contributed their services as their own donations to ELT.

## THREE REASONS NOT TO JOIN A LAND TRUST, BUT...

1. I don’t even own land in Egremont, BUT ... most people enjoy the views, scenery and clean natural resources in Egremont, whether they own property here or not. Supporting a land trust helps preserve those scenic vistas and natural resources and benefits all those who enjoy Egremont.
2. I don’t want the land trust to own my land, BUT ... the land trust works only with landowners who wish to protect their land for the benefit of themselves, their families, and future generations. Many landowners care about their land and its future and want to protect the land, whether they plan to continue to own it or not. The land trust can offer help in either situation. The land trust offers sound planning opportunities which may offset income taxes and may keep land from having to be sold because of high estate taxes.
3. I don’t even know anyone in the land trust, BUT ... the Egremont Land Trust offers a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, get involved in community projects, and join together in a common interest. And it doesn’t really cost much to join. Any donation will make you a member, even though listed membership categories start at \$20. Your enthusiasm and time help the land trust to grow also.

WHY NOT START BY ATTENDING OUR ANNUAL MEETING OR JOINING THE MEMBERS BELOW BY SENDING IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION.

## EGREMONT LAND TRUST MEMBERSHIP 2004

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If we have inadvertently omitted your name, we apologize. Please let us know about it by leaving a message at (413) 528-6626.



## CONSERVING LAND --- PRESERVING A LANDSCAPE

For many years, Egremont Land Trust has been involved in the conservation of several parcels of land in Egremont. But ELT is doing more than conserving individual parcels of land --- it's helping to preserve the landscape so precious to many of us.

Many organizations and government agencies have worked for years in Egremont to identify and protect our valuable open space and natural resources. ELT is proud to have arrived on the scene and been able to fill in many of the missing pieces, like a giant jig saw puzzle. Our "centerfold" shows an aerial view of the southwest corner of Egremont and some of the parcels conserved by the government and private conservation agencies, as well as Chapter 61, 61A and 61B parcels which the town has a right to purchase before such land can be developed. All these parcels are shown with diagonal stripes. The pieces which are cross-hatched and numbered have been conserved by ELT and its partner conservation organizations to fill in the puzzle pieces. (Please note that the information on this map came from several Geographic Information System [GIS] sources. ELT apologizes for any inaccuracies.)

Referring to the parcels as numbered on the preceding two pages, the photo shows just how we've filled in the missing pieces:

**1. The former Bradford property:** The last remaining piece of one of Egremont's oldest farms was purchased by ELT to protect it for agricultural use and to recognize and preserve its historic, scenic and ecological value. This 27 acre piece connects the Jug End State Reservation (protected by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) with the Jug End fen (protected by the Commonwealth and The Nature Conservancy).

**2. The former Neumeyer property:** A gift from The Nature Conservancy, this 5 acre tract near the town's water supply helps to protect the purity of drinking water for many of our neighbors.

**3. The former Edwards property:** This conservation project by the Appalachian Trail Conference Land Trust preserved a scenic vista while still allowing a house site in an area of the property which won't interfere with the scenic view. ELT assisted with funding, as did the Commonwealth, the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, the William E. Weiss Foundation, and generous friends who enjoy the view and wanted to protect it. The property is now privately owned with the view site conserved, augmenting the scenic protection and recreation opportunities of the Appalachian Trail nearby.

**4. The former Friedman property:** This 213 acre mountain top watershed property is now owned by the Town of Egremont, after a very complex series of transactions initiated and coordinated by ELT and The Nature Conservancy. Grants and loans from the government and TNC funded the project. The Commonwealth now holds a conservation restriction on the property. The land is adjacent to the Jug End State Reservation and will be available for passive recreation. The adjacent town water supply is protected and the Jug End fen is further protected. This property is a keystone piece between state- and town-owned lands.

**5. The former Stehman property:** This 17 acre parcel at the top of the Jug End State Reservation is now owned by the Commonwealth, following an initial purchase by ELT for conservation purposes. The Appalachian Trail Conference Land Trust assisted with bridge financing, in exchange for the right to build a trail on the former Sabin property.

**6. The former Sabin property:** Ownership of this 37 acre hillside parcel by ELT provides watershed protection for Karner Brook (the town's public water supply) and protection for endangered species habitat. It also forms a link between public lands in New York State and Massachusetts, providing the possibility for the future of a hiking trail through the protected lands shown in two states. This purchase was possible because of generous funding assistance from The Nature Conservancy.

What is the value of protecting these missing pieces? Keeping the landscape from being fragmented allows for preservation of scenic vistas, contiguous habitat for wildlife, purity of water and other natural resources, and in some cases, passive recreation opportunities for the public.

ELT is available to help neighbors in other areas of town work together to consider what is important to them and how it can be protected and available for future enjoyment. Give us a call!

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### MASS. LAND TRUST COALITION ANNUAL MEETING

A cold, breezy March 13, 2004, found four members of the Egremont Land Trust gathered with other conservationists at Bancroft School in Worcester for the Annual Massachusetts Land Trust Conference. After a general session, including greetings from Ellen Roy Herzfelder, Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, we separated into group sessions.

Since the Egremont Land Trust had just completed a joint project with the Egremont Water Commission, a very interesting session was "Partnering for Land and Water Conservation: Land Trusts and Water Suppliers". We heard from the Northeast Rural Water Association, which the Egremont Water Department belongs to and has used for advice for the last five years. A strong case was made by all presenters for cooperation between conservationists and water

suppliers, to preserve and conserve our water resources. Several suggestions were made on increasing funding for joint projects to acquire land around water supplies. They stated it is important to work with local governments to obtain land around the water supplies in order to protect the water we drink.

The featured conservation speaker was Parris Glendening, former Governor of Maryland. During his tenure, many acres of Maryland open space were protected by programs similar to our Agricultural Preservation Restrictions and "Smart Growth" initiatives. With so much of Maryland along the shore of Chesapeake Bay, it was important to Mr. Glendening to work in any way possible to limit pollution of the bay. As he said, "Time is not on our side" when it comes to protecting open space.

As always, those who attended, Walter and Ursula Cliff and Fred and Frances Turner, came away energized for another year of land trust work.

## Coming Attractions:

### FALL FOLIAGE PHOTOGRAPHY

On Saturday, October 9, Martin Greene, a noted nature photographer (and ELT member), will again offer a photography workshop for camera buffs from novice to expert. Participants will focus on one site, concentrating on capturing the beauty of autumn in the Berkshires. Bring your camera and meet in the parking area of Jug End State Reservation at 2:45 p.m. Everyone welcome, no charge.



### Aunt Rose's Column

*Aunt Rose, chortling with glee over having scored a point or two against a friend, writes:*

I met Cora Brown coming out of our brand new South Egremont post office today. When she saw me she positively smirked and said "Well, Aunt Rose, I won't have to read any more of your long-winded advice on how to use conservation restrictions to avoid estate taxes. I've been told by someone who really knows about taxes that the Federal Estate Tax exemption has now been raised to \$1,500,000, which just happens to be the value of my property."

"Not so fast, Widow Brown," I replied. (If she can call me "Aunt Rose", and I know for a fact that she's eight and a half months older than I am, although she was left back twice and pretends that she was so far behind me in school that I practically had grey hair while she was still skipping rope, well, then, I can call her "Widow Brown," which happens to be the truth. "Long-winded" indeed! ) Anyway, "Not so fast," I said. "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has just imposed its own estate tax. It used to be that the Commonwealth got a share of the Federal Estate Tax, but not any more. So now they levy a separate estate tax computed using Federal Estate Tax rules, but the exemption for Massachusetts estate tax in 2004 is only \$850,000."

So I told Widow Brown that she will have a taxable estate of \$650,000. Her heirs may be required to sell off her farm,

*and now, more from Aunt Rose...*

***"Oh my, Dearie, have you seen the centerfold? Astonishing!!!!"***

### A WALK ON THE WILD --- AND TAME--- SIDE

On Sunday, August 29, Tom Ingersoll is scheduled to lead "A Walk in the Woods.. and on the Lawn", an examination of the characteristics and needs of trees growing in the forest contrasted with trees growing in the man-made landscape around our houses. Tom, a principal of the landscaping firm of Webster-Ingersoll Inc., will point out desirable (and undesirable) features of trees actually planted on a lawn, then head into the woods to discuss native and non-native trees growing in a natural landscape. Participants will meet at 9 a.m. in front of 44 Baldwin Hill N/S. As with all ELT events, the walk is open to all without charge. For more information, call 528-0556.

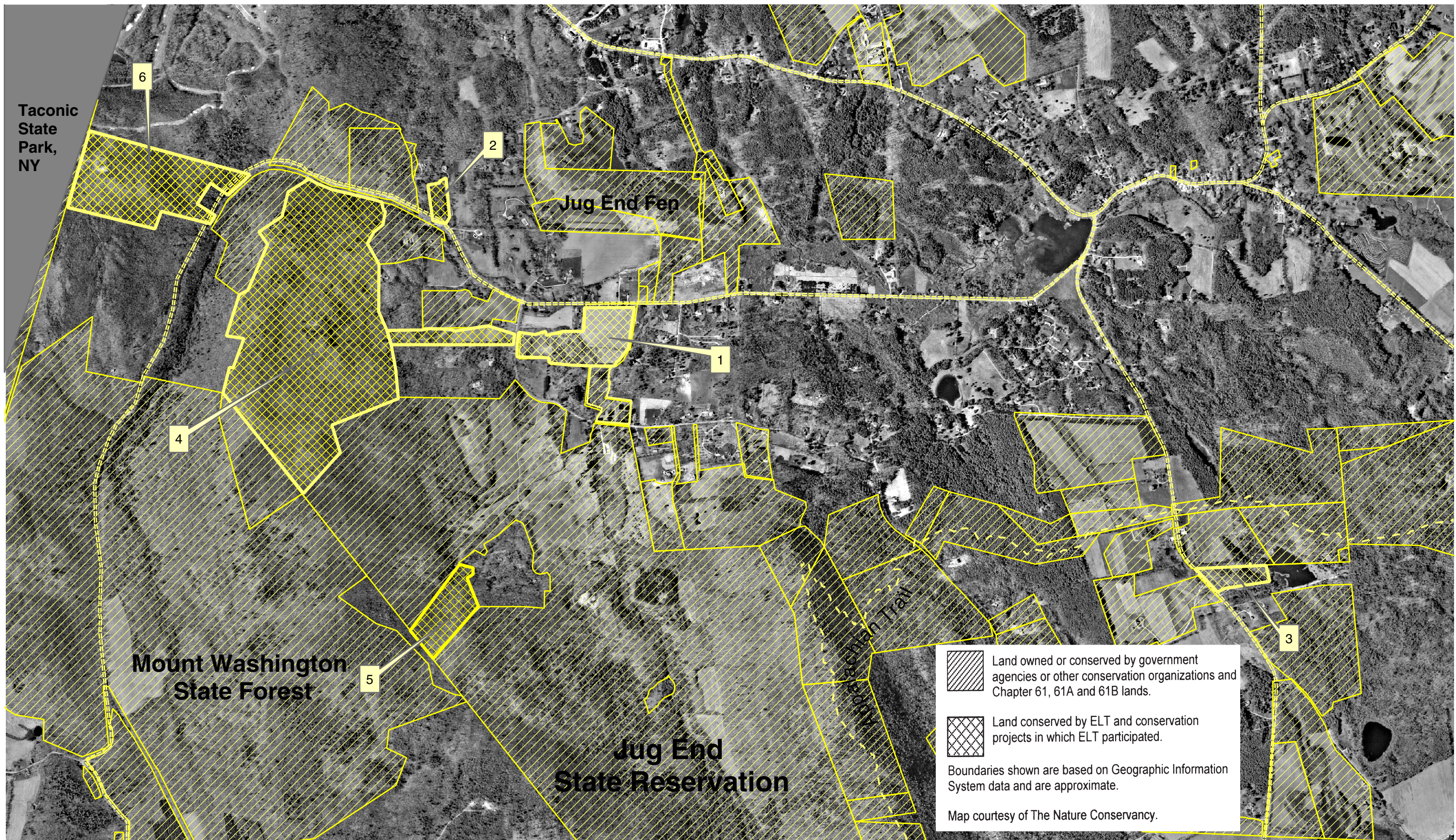
I told her, and I could see that she hates the idea of the land passing out of the family, even though she doesn't hold with many of Young Tom's new-fangled farming methods. If, however, she were to give a conservation restriction on all or part of her farm, she could eliminate this tax and the risk of a forced sale of the farm.

A conservation restriction, I reminded her, is an agreement that precludes the development of the property in perpetuity. The agreement is between the landowner (here, Widow Brown) and a non-profit organization such as the Egremont Land Trust. The agreement is subject to negotiation so that, depending on the size and location of the property, it may be possible to exclude one or two building lots from the restriction. The grant of the restriction creates a deduction for income or estate tax purposes equal to the difference between the value of the property before the grant of the restriction and its value afterwards. For example, if Widow Brown's farm is worth \$1,500,000 before and \$650,000 after, she would be entitled to an estate tax deduction of \$850,000, which would eliminate any Massachusetts estate tax. The conservation restriction could even be given by Widow Brown's estate, if this is done before the due date of the Massachusetts estate tax return. But if it is given by Widow Brown during her life, she would also be entitled to an income tax deduction for the same amount.

Given that her principal asset is a farm, it is also possible to apply for an Agricultural Preservation Restriction from the Commonwealth. Under the APR program, a conservation restriction can be sold to the Commonwealth for its appraised value. (And Young Tom could fix up the barn and buy the new equipment he keeps talking about.) If the sale price is less than the appraised value, a tax deduction is available for the difference. The APR program is administered by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture

I told Widow Brown (and I say to all my readers) that if she wants to know more about conservation restrictions or the APR program, she should call me at the ELT office: 413-528-6626. Leave a message, and when I come in from weeding I'll call back.





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An aerial view of portions of the southwest corner of Egremont and of neighboring towns, showing how individual ELT projects have added to our protected landscape. See next page for more about these ELT projects.

*Our immense gratitude to Kay Sadighi of The Nature Conservancy for preparing this map.*