



# Celebrating Ten Years of Growth and Care

## Ten Years of Growth: 380 Trees Planted in Bath

The Bath City Council created the Bath Community Forestry Committee in 1994. The charge to the Committee was to protect, to expand, to preserve, and to use wisely the forestry resources and greenspaces of the City of Bath.

The Committee has taken this mission to heart and to hand. After evaluating the quantity, variety, and condition of the streetside trees — identifying over 6000 trees gracing the byways and thoroughfares of the City, the citizen-volunteers set out to plant some more.

Beginning with only 5 new trees in 1994, the Committee, through securing grants, donations,

and restrained fiscal planning have **added over 380 new trees to the Bath landscape.**

Adding a variety of species to resist disease and introduce diversity to Bath's community forest, these trees demonstrate the Committee's consistent adherence to the core principles of community forestry:

Plant the right tree in the right location;

consider its mature size; and

plant a sturdy tree that can withstand the pressures of City life.

Dedication to these principles and the commitment of thou-

sands of volunteer hours of labor has **increased** the size of the Bath Community Forest since the establishment of the committee **by more than five percent.**

**Watch the Forest grow in the next ten years, and lend a hand.**



*Trees next to a street cool the road in summer and stop drifting snow in winter and, studies show, reduce speeding year round.*

### Water and Volunteers: the Recipe for Success

**Twenty Five Gallons a week.** That's how much water it takes for each week of each summer season for the first three years of a new tree's life to assure that the city's investment will survive, thrive, and grow.

The Bath Community Forestry Committee and a dedicated team of watering volunteers have been assuring that the water is delivered to these trees each summer. **Over 800 volunteer hours**, given by teams of citizens who each

worked about two hours a week, have protected the City's streetside trees planted since 1994.

**The homeowner can provide 25 gallons of water for his new tree by simply turning a slow hose on for 20 minutes.**

#### Investing in the Future: The Nursery

- **A new streetside-sized tree can cost approximately \$350 dollars.** To make the most of Bath's investment in the Community Forest for today and for tomorrow, The Committee has established a City Nursery. **Over 1000 trees** are being nurtured in the nursery, growing under the watchful eye of the City Arborist and the Committee, waiting for their chance to shade Bath's streets and grace its parks and cemeteries.

## Kids and Trees: The Roots of Community

Since its founding, the Committee has made education a cornerstone of its mission. The spruce and red and white pine seedlings in the nursery (see inset page one) have been planted in pots by Bath's elementary school students. **Over the years, more than 400 students** have committed their talent, enthusiasm and faith to the development of this nursery. The first students who helped are now scheduled to graduate from Morse High School.

Bath's students' energy has not been limited to planting seedlings. The Middle School and High School Science Classes have been an integral component of the Bath Community Committee's determination to inventory the entire forest. With City Arborist Tom Hoerth as the

Pied Piper these students have counted, measured, and evaluated the conditions of the trees in all the parks and cemeteries in Bath.



*Citizen Involvement Day—  
September 2003*

The High School students have also begun a "timber cruise" of the wooded acres owned by the City. With the results of this "cruise" or investigation of the marketable timber in a forest, the Committee is positioning the City of Bath to foster and grow the Com-

munity Forest in part with funds generated from this renewable resource.

And while the children have helped make all this possible, they have learned about their neighborhoods, and their neighbors, the trees.

The Bath Community Forestry Committee's success is rooted in its confidence that trees, like children, can grow to strength and beauty when nurtured and given room to grow.

*A man does not plant a tree for himself; he plants it for posterity. — Alexander Smith (1863)*

## A Demonstration Forest: the Congress Avenue Arboretum

Kids say the darnedest things. Three years ago at a Forestry Committee meeting, four student interns from Hyde School, monitoring the meeting as a part of a lesson in civic responsibility, blurted out: the Congress Avenue off-ramp from Route One is a rather unattractive entry to the City.

From that comment, the Committee in a partnership with the students and admini-

stration of the Hyde School hatched a plan. The Department of Transportation gave permission for the Committee to take over management of the triangle.

Under the leadership and vision of City Arborist Tom Hoerth, grant money was secured to fund the removal of dead trees, the pruning of living trees, and the plant-

ing of 25 new trees. Now the Committee and the City Arborist will use this new Arboretum to evaluate tree care options.

Even with ten years of success, the Committee keeps growing Bath's Community Forest!

*Hyde School Students saw an opportunity and seized it. A scruffy triangle of land is now an arboretum and a Gateway to Bath*



## Thank You to Our Benefactors!

The Bath Community Forestry Trust was established in 1995 by the Bath City Council. It provides:

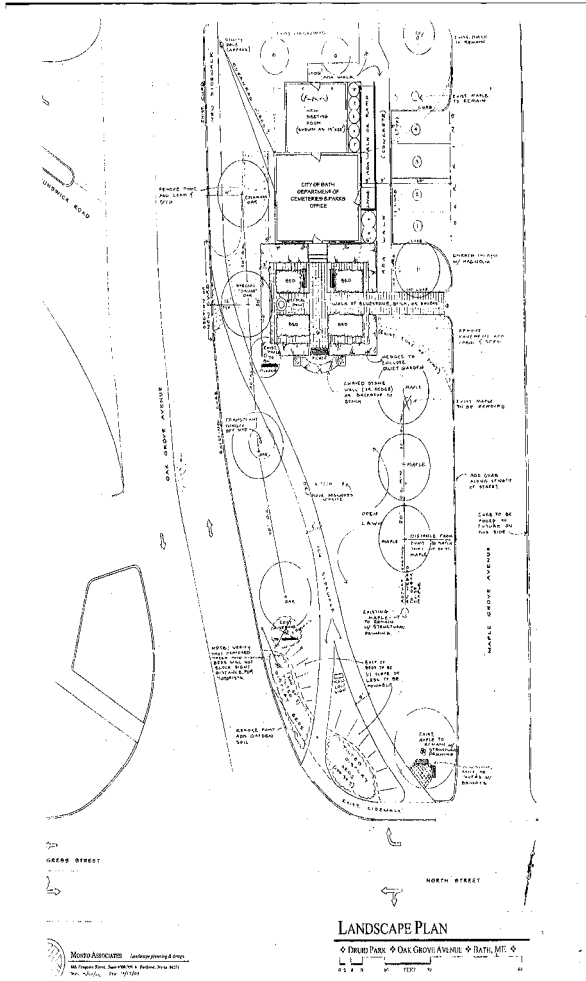
"The mission of the Bath Community Forestry Trust embodies the belief that our trees, forests, and open spaces, in combination, improve the day-to-day lives of us all. **The Trust is focused on the future; that the generations which follow will inherit an urban environment which enhances Bath as a special**

**place, unique in location, and prized for its habitability by citizen, visitors, and institutions alike."**

Each year, the committee's friends and neighbors endorse this dedication to building for the future by donating to this trust. Only the income from the trust may be spent. The trustees may only spend that income on matters which preserve, protect, enhance, and use wisely the forest resources of Bath.

The Trust's contributors are too many to name. Some of the Trust's most consistent contributors are: Arthur & Martha Mayo; Thatcher Pinkham; John & Fay Hart; Frances Bloxam; Joyce Pye; Doris Steen; Barry Sturgeon; Judith Kahrl & Barclay Palmer; Elizabeth Doak; Valerie Nickerson; June & David Dorion; John & Stephanie Doane; Betty & Tom Hughes; and...more. **Join your friends and neighbors! Give to the Trust today.**

# Druid Park: Bath's Newest Greenspace



When Bath's elegant cemeteries, Oak Grove and Maple Grove, were designed, they combined the dignity appropriate for Bath's citizens' final resting spot and a Victorian landscape of pathways, ponds, and gorgeous trees. The result is breathtaking. But, the Bath Community Forestry Committee knew it was incomplete. It knew that the original plan included the unfinished **Druid Park**. The bare triangle of grass and trees which lies in front of the Cemetery and Parks building had originally been laid out as an entry to the gated, dignified cemeteries. The plan was never implemented. Only the name on a piece of moldering paper in the Cemeteries and Parks Office's files gave the Committee the clue that a park was possible. And, the Committee, unwilling to rest on ten years of success, set out its task of building the park in the next several years.

And so, Bath's newest park, with its original name, **Druid Park is underway**. At one of Bath's busiest intersections, North Street, Congress Street, Lincoln Street and Oak Grove Avenue, a small park with meandering paths, ample seating for contemplation and reflection, flower beds, and towering trees will soon be planted

A grant has been secured for irrigation equipment, to reduce the maintenance costs to the City. The Committee is seeking further grants from a variety of philanthropic and state agencies. **This beautiful park can be a reality soon for little more than \$10 per capita.**

Make your contribution to the **Druid Park Fund** today.

*Druid Park will welcome you to slow down, whether it be because you want to linger over the flower beds you see from your windshield; or because as you walk, you are drawn to sit and reflect in the patio surrounded by whispering trees. Do you hear the ancients?*

Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps a singing bird will come —

*Chinese Proverb*



**BUTLER HEAD**

In addition to its responsibility for the urban trees, The BCFC is the steward of **Butler Head, 133 acres of protected land jutting out into Merry-meeting Bay in North Bath**. Butler Head Preserve contains wetlands, steep

slopes and high ground, and it has been designated as highly significant for marine and wildlife habitats by fisheries and wildlife services. Here, in the company of ospreys, eagles and mallards, you can walk through fields and woods; enjoy wetlands and a tidal cove, and catch a glimpse of the numerous species of animals and plants found in this natural area.

Each year, the BCFC has sponsored walking and educational tours of the Head. It has also accomplished the adoption of a management plan, approved by the City Council. Volunteer and committee members conduct annual clean ups and the maintenance of the walking trails each year. The reward is the quiet solitude of this special place.

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The Bath Community Forestry Committee: Thomas Barrington, Co-Chairperson; James Larson, Co-Chairperson; Joan Atwood; Geraldine Coombs; Dr. Paul D. Doolan; Jim Hummer; David Marsh; Judy A.S. Metcalf; Arthur Tainter; Mary Earl Rogers, Associate Member; Thomas C. Hoerth, City Arborist; Denis Hebert, Ex Officio; and Nancy Coverstone, UMCE

## A Time for Planting Seeds: Your Bath Community Forestry Committee Looks to the Future

The Bath Community Forestry Committee has much to celebrate. Ten years of hard work, success, and results as set forth in each of the articles in this Tenth Anniversary Report. We hope you are inspired by the past accomplishments of the Committee chronicled in this Report.

But the Committee spends most of its time looking to the future. It seeks places to plant trees; opportunities to expand Bath's Community Forest; funding sources for protecting and enhancing the value to the City which these trees represent; and ways to inspire the citizens of Bath that this Community Forest — which is all the trees on all the streets, in all the parks, and all the forest — is theirs to share and enjoy.

From that enjoyment grows responsibil-

ity. This Report tells how the Citizens of Bath have fulfilled that responsibility.

- Over 800 volunteer hours committed to watering Bath's streetside trees;
- Over 400 students planting seedlings in the nursery;



- Volunteers and members counting, monitoring and maintaining the Community Forest for countless hours; and
- Hundreds of citizens donating money, in quantities large and small to the Bath Community Forestry Trust.

The Committee looks to the future, knowing that each of these seeds yields powerful, beautiful growth and asks:

### What will you do to help our Community Forest grow?

Yes. I want to help grow the Community Forest. I will give a donation to the Bath Community Forestry Trust.

Yes. I want to see the Druid Park and be a part of creating Bath's newest greenspace. I will give a donation to the Druid Park Fund (please mark "Druid Park" on your check).

Yes. I want to help plant and care for Bath's Community Forest. Please contact me with volunteer opportunities.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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