



Lower Kennebec

REGIONAL LAND TRUST



Summer 1998

Two easements donated in Woolwich. 44 acre Hockmock Island in Brookings Bay and 150 acre Hockmock Bay Farm on Barley Neck with over four miles of undeveloped shorefront .



Summer 1999

Thorne Head campaign gaining momentum. \$175,000 of the \$420,000 needed obtained through a grant from Land for Maine's Future Program

April 2000

Thorne Head Preserve official opening! \$420,000 a major fundraising effort - funders included Land for Maine's Future Maine, public and private foundations and trusts, 16 institutions, 210 individuals and 21 businesses. The Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) Land Heritage Award was presented to LKRLT for the "most significant contribution to conservation in Maine in the past year."

Acres owned

105

147

Acres under easement

Summer 1998

LKRLT initiates a major fundraising campaign to acquire Thorne Head.



Fall 1999

105 acre Land acquisition on Bay Point Road in Georgetown. The first actually owned by LKRLT.



1999 marked a record year in membership dues providing \$3,860 from eighty eight members,

Fall 2000

Higgins Mountain in Georgetown, a 42 acre ledgy woodland, is donated by Carolyn (Billie) Todd.





Winter 2000

LKRLT celebrates ten years! Our sixth easement on a 9 acre wetland on the Back River in Arrowsic donated by Phine Ewing and Don Hudson. Total protected acres up to 450 in Georgetown, Arrowsic and Woolwich.



Fall 2002

Westport Island joins LKRLT in the form of a Bonyun family gift of 68 acres of wooded property on the Sasonoa River including 1.5 miles of shore front.

Winter 2002

LKRLT's eighth easement is acquired. John Lang's Neck is 190 acres and lies between Indian Point Road and Reid State Park between the East and West branches of the Little River around the Little River Salt Marsh. This easement brings the total acres protected by LKRLT to 645 acres.



Acres owned

215

232

357

Acres under easement

450

640

Fall 2001

An internal committee is working on finding permanent office space and hired staff.

Fall 2002

Back River property purchased by LKRLT includes 17 acres with over 1600 feet of marsh frontage on the Georgetown side of the marsh. LKRLT launches first website www.lkrlt.org.

Spring 2003

Merrymeeting Fields Preserve acquisition in Woolwich on Chopps Creek and Merrymeeting Bay adds another 125 acres





2003 Milestones

- * The first office opens at One Front Street in Bath on the second floor of the Old Customs House.
- * Easements are now held on 650 acres and 527 acres are owned by LKRLT.
- * For the first time, LKRLT's net worth is over \$1,000,000.



Winter 2004

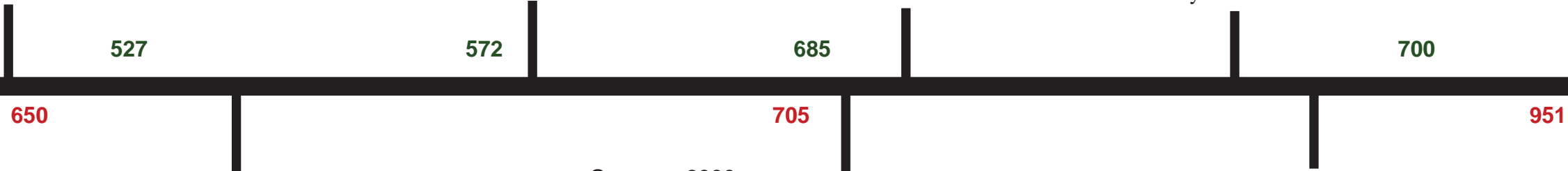
LKRLT purchased a 45 acre tract in Georgetown near Reid State Park with 1600 feet on Little River, one of the more remote areas of Georgetown.



Kennebec Estuary Land Trust
Carrying on from the Lower Kennebec Regional Land Trust

February 2009

Members vote to accept changes to the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, including a new name for the organization. Staff and assets of the KEC absorbed by KELT.



Summer 2004

Sewall property on Whiskeag Road in Bath purchased

Summer 2006

Major campaign doubles membership to 250, new brochure & map mailed to all regional residents.

Spring 2007

New office space (92 Front Street in Bath) and a new Executive Director for KEC

Fall 2007 Polar Bear, a 16' West Pointer, joins the LKRLT family thanks to Rodger Herrigel of West Point.



A fire burned about 1/2 to 3/4 of an acre on the ridge Higgins Mountain in Georgetown on August 30th.

Kennebec Estuary Collaboration (KEC) is established as partnership between LKRLT and Phippsburg Land Trust

