“It is the course of wisdom to set aside an ample portion of our natural resources as national parks and reserves, thus ensuring that future generations may know the majesty of the earth as we know it today.”

— President John F. Kennedy, 1962
OUR MISSION:
PRESERVING PARKS TODAY; CREATING PARK STEWARDS FOR TOMORROW

OUR VISION:
EVERYONE WILL HAVE AN AMERICAN PARK EXPERIENCE
Dear Friends and Supporters:

As the National Park Trust (NPT) embarks in 2018 on its 35th year, we celebrate all that we have accomplished together thanks to your very generous support, and look to our goals for the future.

As a non-profit dedicated to protecting and preserving our national parks, NPT’s mission has evolved significantly since 1983 from a land trust that focused solely on the acquisition of critical “inholdings” and adjacent lands, to an organization with a more comprehensive strategy to ensure that future generations will continue our important work.

In 2016, although there was a record breaking 330 million visits to national parks, most of the visitors were older adults. However, to secure the future of our national parks, we must also inspire younger people from all walks of life to love parks and the outdoors. Last school year, your gifts helped us to provide robust park experiences for 20,000 students through our Buddy Bison Programs and Kids to Parks Day National School Contest. The elementary and middle school students that we support will be our future park enthusiasts and stewards of the great outdoors (pages 8-11). More than 80% of our students qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch, the federal indicator of low income.

As we create tomorrow’s park stewards, we also are preserving our national parks today by acquiring high-priority lands, working closely with the National Park Service (NPS) to identify their most urgent needs. Since 1983, we have completed more than 60 land projects benefiting more than 40 national parks. This Annual Impact Report features two of the many projects that we advanced in 2017 thanks to your support (pages 6-7). Our projects range from the vast 1,500-acre parcel in Maine that will significantly expand the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, to a small but ecologically important 0.36-acre parcel in Olympic National Park near Lake Quinault.

So, what are our goals for the future? In honor of the recent 100th anniversary of NPS, our board has set our sights on completing 100 high-priority land projects to benefit our national parks, and on growing to and sustaining 100 Buddy Bison Schools. We hope that you will continue to support our important work and to help us accomplish these very worthy goals.

And please invite your friends and family to support our efforts as well.

Because kids needs parks – and parks need kids!

With gratitude,

Bill Brownell, Chair
Ann Gualtieri, Vice-Chair
Grace Lee, Executive Director

P.S. Please join us in making a legacy gift through estate planning. Contact the NPT office for more information about our Bison Legacy Society at 301-279-7275 or see page 3.
A BOARD MEMBER’S PERSPECTIVE: ELIZABETH ULMER

THE BISON LEGACY SOCIETY: PROTECTING OUR NATIONAL PARKS IN PERPETUITY

Elizabeth Ulmer (left) assists Buddy Bison Student Ambassador Tigran Nahabedian and Ranger Lauren Boross in handing out Every Kid in a Park passes at the Channel Islands Visitor Center (CA).

Until a friend told me about the important mission of National Park Trust (NPT), I was unaware of their work to cultivate young under-served students to become park stewards and acquire critical parklands. But once I started learning I was intrigued and wanted to learn more. Now I am very pleased and excited to join their efforts as a member of the board!

I had a wonderful experience when I accompanied 4th graders on an NPT trip to the Channel Islands Visitor Center. Students from under-served Ventura County schools explored the educational garden as their teacher’s peppered them with questions and observations which all tied into their classroom curricula. As I watched them dance with NPT’s mascot Buddy Bison, gawk at the long shoreline from the observation deck, and become immersed with newly discovered nature, I realized that many of these youngsters had never experienced anything like this before – and that even a single park experience can have a tremendous impact on a child’s life, opening their minds and souls to a deep appreciation for our country’s amazing outdoor spaces. Every child should have this chance and I wanted to help make it happen.

NPT provides a long-term comprehensive solution to the increasing threats to our national parks. NPT acquires unprotected privately owned parcels (from willing sellers) within and adjacent to our national parks and donates them to the National Park Service for permanent protection. However, NPT’s conservation work goes even further ensuring that our parklands will have citizens that understand and care for them going forward, long after we’re gone, by bringing kids to parks so they can begin to have their own personal and meaningful relationship with the great outdoors. NPT works to ensure that my children’s children will grow up in a country that cherishes the parks as much as prior generations have.

I have been involved over decades with conservation work; it’s something that is very important to me and my family. I’ve seen how hard it is to find lasting solutions, something that in just a short time I have already witnessed first hand as a board member of NPT. These solutions depend on hard work by a dedicated team plus long-term resources that will benefit our children now and in the future. I’m passionate about educating individuals who share my love for our parks about how estate gifts – provided to NPT at a time when we no longer need the assets – are supremely effective at ensuring that our lifetime of environmental stewardship will continue in perpetuity.

I invite you to join me in becoming a member of NPT’s Bison Legacy Society to build on the strong foundation that NPT has already established. You will feel elated by your ability to leave a legacy to protect these majestic places and to foster the next generation of park stewards – and you will inspire others to follow your lead. Thank you!

Elizabeth Ulmer is a philanthropic consultant and lives in Malibu, California. She joined the NPT board in 2016 and serves on the development committee.

To learn more about the Bison Legacy Society and the many estate planning opportunities available to enable future generations to experience the beauty of our parks, contact Maryann Kearns, director of development at maryann@parktrust.org or call 301-279-7275, ext. 15.
RECOGNIZING TOP ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS
Bobby Caballero (center left) and René Hayden of Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School (Washington, D.C.) each received our 2017 National Educator Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship. Under Bobby and René’s leadership the entire student body (400 children) is connected each year to the great outdoors through our Buddy Bison School Program. Stokes has been a Buddy Bison School since 2009, the inaugural year of our program.

HONORING AN OUTSTANDING PARK STEWARD
Senator Lamar Alexander (TN) was recognized on June 14 at the Newseum (Washington, D.C.) with the 2017 Bruce F. Vento Public Service Award. The Senator serves on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources’ Subcommittee on National Parks. He has been an outstanding supporter of our national parks and other public lands including the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He supports full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and has co-sponsored the 2016 and 2017 Senate resolutions for Kids to Parks Day.

ADDITION 1,500 ACRES TO THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL, MAINE
Working with partners, approximately 1,500 acres in Bald Mountain Township, Maine will be added to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, the most biologically diverse unit in the National Park System with more threatened and endangered plants and animals than any other park. See page 7.

BUDDY BISON PROGRAM NOW IN 65 SCHOOLS
NPT welcomed 5 new Buddy Bison Schools in Maryland, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C. This brings our total number of schools to 65; impacting 5,000 students in the last school year and 55,000 since the program was created in 2009. More than 80% of our students qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch, the federal indicator of low income. See page 8.

TOP 10 HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2017
HEIMY SALGADO, LEN KENNEDY AND SCOTT STONE JOIN NPT’S BOARD

Heimy Salgado, a teacher at West Education Campus, (Washington, D.C.) was selected as our first Youth Programs Fellow, and will serve as an education advisor to our board.

Len Kennedy, Senior Advisor to the CEO at Neustar (McLean, VA), serves on NPT’s Youth Programs Committee.

Scott Stone is co-founder and partner of S2C Pacific and co-founder of Lookfar Conservation (Chicago, IL) and serves on NPT’s Development and Vento Award Selection Committees.

PROTECTING OLYMPIC’S LAKE QUINAULT, WASHINGTON

NPT acquired an ecologically important 0.36 acre privately owned parcel on a stream that feeds into Lake Quinault. The health of the stream is crucial to keeping Lake Quinault free of pollutants. The parcel is bordered by NPS land on three sides. See page 6.

8 TAKING THE LEAD TO BENEFIT 4TH GRADERS

With support from numerous partners, more than 12,000 4th graders from under-served schools experienced a national park or other public land in their community, and received their free federal Every Kid in a Park pass. See page 9.

9 BIG BUDDY BISON GREET KIDS AT THE WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL AND AT HALLOWEEN

In partnership with the National Park Service, Big Buddy Bison welcomed students and families to President’s Park, the national park unit where the White House is located.

Buddy Bison Kids Speak on Behalf of 4th Graders Across the Country

Evie Elliott (left) and Louise Raez-Gavilan, 4th graders from Creative Minds Public Charter School (Washington, D.C.) paid tribute in June to Senator Lamar Alexander at NPT’s Bruce F. Vento Public Service Award event, and then in July spoke about the benefits of the federal Every Kid in a Park pass program at a congressional briefing hosted and organized by the Outdoors Alliance for Kids. Later that day the Every Kid Outdoors Act, which would codify the Every Kid in a Park pass program, was introduced on Capitol Hill in the House and Senate.

KIDS TO PARKS DAY BREAKS RECORDS WITH 1 MILLION PARTICIPANTS!

Kids to Parks Day on May 20th was a huge success thanks to 1,735 park events and programs, 456 mayors, a Senate resolution, and a whole host of national and local partners. Kids and their families explored parks near and far. See page 10.

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CONSTITUTION GARDENS (D.C.)

Lake Quinault (WA)

Gateway National Recreation Area (NY)

White House Halloween Party (D.C.)

Capital Hill (D.C.)

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PROTECTING OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK’S LAKE QUINAULT, WASHINGTON

Often it’s the small ecologically important parcels that are on the National Park Service’s (NPS) high-priority list. No matter the size of the parcel, National Park Trust (NPT) is willing to help preserve the integrity of a national park.

NPT funded the purchase of a small but important “inholding” to benefit Olympic National Park. The land is surrounded on three sides by the park, the only remaining piece of a row of properties purchased by NPS. It is at the southern edge of the park, near Grandey Creek, which runs out of Olympic and into the nearby Lake Quinault. The health of the stream is crucial to keeping Lake Quinault clean of pollution. Through the donation of this land to NPS, we help ensure the protection of these precious bodies of water.

Grandey Creek is important to the life cycle of the sockeye or “blueback” salmon that inhabit the lake. Young salmon require water of high quality and a stable food source to thrive, and the stream provides its share of both. According to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, the “Sockeye (or blueback) are culturally and economically vital to the [Quinault Indian] Nation.”

The acquisition eliminates the inholding, and prevents further development along that portion of the stream. It ensures both banks of the stream there are protected and reduces the possibility of runoff into the stream and lake from construction, residential activity or any gray water or septic systems that could be installed on the property.

“We appreciate the support of the National Park Trust in protecting the resource values of Olympic National Park,” stated Superintendent Sarah Creachbaum, Olympic National Park.

There is still private land along the lake that can be added into the park to allow better public access, and protect Lake Quinault and Olympic National Park. NPT continues to look for opportunities to contribute to that effort. To learn more about how you can get involved, contact Phil Selleck, park projects director, at phil@parktrust.org or call 301.279.7275 ext. 14.
WAYS YOU CAN PROTECT OUR NATIONAL PARKS:

- Support our land preservation work at your favorite national park. Contact Phil Selleck to learn about the National Park Service “wish list” of acquisition projects at phil@parktrust.org or call 301.279.7275 ext. 14.
- Become a member of the Bison Legacy Society to make a gift with lasting impact on our national parks. See page 3.
- Consider monthly gifts or appreciated stock to support our important land acquisition work.
- Honor a loved one with a special gift to NPT to benefit a national park.

SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION TO THE APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL, BALD MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP, MAINE

NPT partnered with the Trust for Public Land, the National Park Foundation and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy to purchase nearly 1,500 acres in Bald Mountain Township, Maine that will be added to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The purchase includes 5 miles surrounding the trail, the most biologically diverse unit in the National Park System with more threatened and endangered plants and animals than any other national park.

The land will protect valuable, unique and threatened natural resources, and preserve a “wild” camping, hiking, fishing and paddling outdoor experience. This acquisition guarantees public access to these features for future generations.

The wooded areas have more than 1,000 acres of 150-year old, late successional spruce-northern hardwood forest. It is one of the largest old-growth forest blocks in central Maine and was in jeopardy of being harvested. The federally listed threatened Canada lynx has been confirmed on the property along with robust populations of moose, fisher, and black bear. The property also helps protect the adjacent Bald Mountain Pond, which holds landlocked arctic char, one of the few places in the lower 48 states that can make this claim.

NPT’s participation in the project was made possible by a $500,000 bequest from the late John Kauffmann, a National Park Service (NPS) planner. The gift was given in honor of his mentor, Ben Thompson the first NPS assistant director for resource planning who made critical contributions to the NPS science and resource management programs. The Conservation Alliance also provided an additional $30,000 to NPT for the land acquisition.

“Thanks to this partnership, the spectacular Bald Mountain Pond property will be added to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail for permanent preservation and protection and the enjoyment of future generations,” stated Superintendent Wendy Janssen.

This acquisition is even more meaningful as it is a living legacy to two former National Park Service employees, Mr. John Kauffmann and Mr. Ben Thompson.

– Superintendent Wendy Janssen
Appalachian National Scenic Trail

Bald Mountain Pond (ME)
NPT’s youth programs, including our Buddy Bison Programs and our Kids to Parks Day National School Contest, continue to grow and expand into new cities. This year our combined initiatives provided park experiences for more than 20,000 under-served students.

Launched in 2009, the Buddy Bison School Program expanded to 65 schools supporting 5,000 students, grades preK-8th, in 17 states and Washington, D.C. These students experienced multiple park trips throughout the year.

**By the Numbers:**

- **55,000** Students provided with park trips since 2009
- **82** Percent of students qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch, the federal indicator of low-income
- **65** Elementary and middle schools
- **17** States and Washington, D.C.

**Goals of the Buddy Bison Program:**
- Enhance school curricula using parks as outdoor classrooms.
- Introduce outdoor recreation opportunities to promote health and wellness.
- Cultivate future park stewards.

**Ways You Can Support Our Youth Programs:**

- “Adopt” a school in the Buddy Bison Program for one year or more to provide multiple park trips and classroom resources.
- Donate school bus funding for one park trip. One bus transports 50 students plus their teachers.
- Provide a Buddy Bison classroom toolkit for an under-served school. Each toolkit is full of resources that teachers can use to incorporate parks into their classroom curricula.
- Make a greater impact to support our school program through monthly gifts or with appreciated stock.
- Honor a loved one on a special occasion by supporting a school in their community.
- Purchase a Buddy Bison at parktrust.org or at a national park store and share your photos (#BuddyBison). You’ll have a great traveling companion, while helping us to send an under-served student to a park. All proceeds from Buddy Bison sales benefit our youth programs.
EVERY KID IN A PARK

In its second year, the Every Kid in Park initiative provided passes for free federal park or public land access to all 4th-grade students and their families during the 2016-2017 school year. Thanks to support from the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, REI, The North Face, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, Artifact Uprising, Outdoors Alliance for Kids, and many individual donors, NPT provided an additional 12,000 under-served 4th graders with a park trip to their local federal lands and waters.

NPT WELCOMES OUR THIRD BUDDY BISON STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Introducing our newest Buddy Bison Student Ambassador Audrey Elliott! Audrey is a 4th grader and lives in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. She loves learning about and exploring North Carolina State Parks, national parks, and other public lands. We discovered her when she “tagged” NPT in her social media posts.

When she was just 5 years old, Audrey started visiting parks and earned her first North Carolina state park Junior Ranger badge for participating in a trash clean-up competition. She also completed her first National Park Service Junior Ranger program at the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site (Flatrock, NC).

Audrey has already received her 4th grade Every Kid in a Park pass and is sharing this opportunity with her classmates. She has blogged for NPT and plans to “learn, explore and protect” as she discovers new parks.

She joins fellow student ambassadors 7th grader Tigran Nahabedian (Ojai, CA) and 7th grader Sarah Hullihen (Vineland, NJ).
On Saturday, May 20th, Kids to Parks Day (celebrated annually on the third Saturday in May) continued to soar as kids and families celebrated the day and discovered parks in their communities. Families enjoyed our free park resources from our website (kidstoparks.org). And our national school contest awarded park grants to 70 Title I schools impacting nearly 3,800 students from 28 states and Washington, D.C.

“I have been on many field trips in more than 40 years as a public school educator, and this one was truly a stand-out...I truly believe that our little students are envisioning, perhaps for the first time, how to be stewards of the Earth.”

– Sue Lattimore, Academic Coach with Baltimore Curriculum Project (MD)
HELP US SEND MORE KIDS TO PARKS:
Make a donation to support our Kids to Parks Day National School Contest. Each school will be awarded up to $1,000 to fund their park trip. For more information, contact Maryann Kearns at maryann@parktrust.org, call 301.279.7275 ext. 15 or donate online at parktrust.org.

Save the date: Kids to Parks Day 2018 is Saturday, May 19th!
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Audited)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

In fiscal year 2017, 89.05% of our resources were invested in our park preservation and youth education programs. NPT has earned a top ranking of “A” with Charity Watch, has met all 20 criteria of the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, and is included in the Catalogue for Philanthropy as “one of the best”. NPT is a Gold-Level participant with GuideStar with a demonstrated commitment to transparency. We are good stewards of our parks and your resources!
2017 Support and Revenue: $1,865,374

HOW YOU CAN HELP

JOIN THE NPT FAMILY OF SUPPORTERS: Donations to NPT support our nationwide efforts to protect our national parks and create park stewards for the future.

- **Recurring Gifts:** Consider a regular monthly gift.
- **Workplace Giving:** Federal employees can donate to NPT through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Our CFC number is 12213.
- **Corporate Matching Gifts:** Contact your employer’s personnel office to find out how you can double your gift to NPT.
- **In Honor/Memory:** Celebrate family or friends by making a gift in honor or in memory of them. You can opt to have us send a letter to notify loved ones of your gift.
- **Gifts of Stock and Securities:** Appreciated stock and securities allow you to make a gift to NPT and receive increased tax benefits (Charles Schwab, DTC: 0164, Code 40, Account #3801-6879).
- **Estate Planning:** Join our Bison Legacy Society and make a lasting impact – more than you ever thought possible – and inspire others to do the same by including NPT in your estate plans. See page 3.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Individuals, foundations, or corporate sponsors can support NPT by 1) “adopting” a school to provide bus funding and/or educational resources for their park trips 2) underwriting a high priority land acquisition project at your favorite national park, and/or 3) sponsoring our Bruce F. Vento Public Service Award event.

CONNECT: Stay up to date on our work. Sign up for our monthly e-newsletters, NPT News and Buddy Bison’s Buzz, at parktrust.org or call Becca Hansell at 301-279-7275 ext. 12. Connect on social media.

Visit our website, www.parktrust.org, or contact Maryann Kearns at 301-279-7275 at ext. 15 or Becca Hansell at ext. 12 to discuss how you can support our work. NPT is a nonprofit charitable organization 501(c)(3) exempt from taxation (Tax ID # 52-1691924). All contributions to NPT are 100% tax deductible.
Rocky Mountain National Park is now a little bit more “wild” because of a special Coloradan. Richard Barrett of Boulder, Colorado was approached by his longtime friend John Rollins, a board member of National Park Trust (NPT), with a unique opportunity to help preserve one of the last remaining parcels of privately held land within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park.

As a result The Barrett Family Foundation donated $150,000 the “delta” that was still needed to complete this important acquisition project. NPT, The Wilderness Land Trust and the Rocky Mountain Conservancy were able to combine their resources to purchase a 12.5-acre inholding located in the Wild Basin area.

The property was for sale for only the second time in 75 years. Wild Basin is a popular hiking destination for park visitors with breathtaking views of wilderness, rushing mountain streams, numerous cascades, and waterfalls. By acquiring this property and removing the existing access road and large three-story home, 33 total acres of wilderness will be added to the park to protect the pristine views.

“Living in Boulder we are fortunate to have Rocky Mountain National Park at our doorstep,” stated Richard Barrett. “Our youngest daughter had her wedding at the gateway to the park where wild turkeys and deer were part of the ambiance. Wild Basin with the North St. Vrain River flowing through it is one of those unspoiled, enchanting, wilderness areas of the park that was best left unspoiled by the presence of a mountain cabin.”
NPT is honored to recognize the following supporters who helped us impact our national parks and the lives of countless children. Donors listed here have gifted $100 or more in fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017). We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this list. If you find an error, please contact Becca Hansell at 301.279.7275 ext. 12.

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