



The Conservancy of
Broad Creek, Inc

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Dear Conservancy Members:

Thank you for your support in 2016. It is due to your membership that the Conservancy was able to undertake several projects and programs with great success.

In May of last year, the Conservancy held a great educational event thanks to Susan and Tom Gage, who opened their wonderful home and catered the affair. Lecturer Rico Newman talked about the Native American culture in our area. The event was well attended-provided to our members without charge.

The Conservancy's Broad Creek Woods, a 72-acre forested property across from St. John's Episcopal Church on Livingston Road, was also the focus of the Board of Trustee's attention. With the assistance of an Eagle Boy Scout (David Korendyke) and his fellow Boy Scouts, the entire boundary of the property was properly marked with a blue vertical paint strip every 100 feet and "NO TRESPASSING" signs were placed along the boundary. Three signs were hung along the Livingston-Road boundary noting that Broad Creek Woods is owned and managed by the Conservancy of Broad Creek. The Board is attempting to get the Maryland Highway Department to install a locked gate at the service road just west of Indian Head Highway that goes along the east boundary of our property. The gate should curtail the trash dumping that goes on now on that service road.

During 2016 the Conservancy's web site was expanded to include a more documents relating to the Broad Creek Historic District. The aim of the web site is to provide those interested in this area with a single site in which they can access documents and historical papers about this important area. For those who have not visited www.theconservancyofbroadcreek.org , please take the time to see what has been added. The Board plans to add more materials in 2017.

The Board of Trustees continued its dialogue with the National Park Service over our interest in the preservation of both Harmony Hall and Want Water, and in efforts to better interpret the history of these important treasures. The Board has joined with other area historic preservation minded groups in

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opposing the demolition of the historic Addison Family Cemetery near the new MGM complex. This issue is scheduled to be heard by the County's Historic Preservation Commission in the next several months, and representatives of the Board of Trustees will speak out at that meeting.

The New Year will bring new programs and events for our members to engage in and enjoy. The Board of Trustees has begun planning a spring education event -- this time a historic themed family scavenger hunt. It is also developing plans for a historic cemetery tour in the fall. In addition, the Board is working on plans to remove about 2 acres of invasive bamboo that is part of the Broad Creek Woods. And as always, our goal is to protect the Broad Creek Historic District and partner with like-minded groups on historic preservation issues concerning our area.

Having a growing and vigilant membership allows the Conservancy to stand tall and be respected when it speaks and engages with others. Broad community support gives strength to the pursuit of our mission and goals.

I truly hope that all of you will continue to be members and will ask your friends and family members to join and support the Conservancy of Broad Creek. Again, thank you for all of your past support to this non-profit organization. Renewal notices will be sent out in April for the new membership year, which begins on June 1st.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Leventhal", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Michael S. Leventhal
President
Board of Trustees