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Broad Creek, Inc

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Dear Conservancy Members:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Conservancy, I want to thank you for your support over the past year. It is because of your membership that the Conservancy is able to undertake several projects and programs aimed at improving the Broad Creek Historic District, providing continued stewardship of the Broad Creek Woods and in providing new educational lectures free to our members and the general public. I am pleased to report that the Conservancy has had great success this past year in pursuing its goals, as well as planning for the future

The Conservancy's Broad Creek Woods, a 72-acre forested property located across from St. John's Episcopal Church on Livingston Road has been a continued focus of the Board of Trustees. The Conservancy, having spent the past two years removing several acres of invasive bamboo and greenbrier, continued with treating these areas in an effort to eradicate new growth from taking root. As one drives down this section of Livingston Road, one not only gets to see into the property, but there is no longer any danger of fallen bamboo across the road after storms. This stewardship action will continue into 2020.

The Conservancy is also beginning to develop plans to how the Broad Creek Woods can become a better asset to the Historic District and surrounding community. The Conservancy is looking into selective logging to eliminate the fallen and dead trees, as well as having an experimental garden with native plants and fruit bearing trees. Having an educational trail through the Broad Creek Woods is also in a beginning planning phase.

I am also pleased to report that the metal guard rails the Conservancy successfully petitioned the Maryland Highway Department in 2018 to install along the dirt right-of-way road that is located at the corner of Old Fort Foote Road and Indian Head Highway (route 210) has truly eliminated the illegal dumping of trash in this area. A great victory in the fight against public eyesores.

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The Conservancy also presented a lecture during this membership year in the Fall. The lecture was on Fort Foote and the Circle Forts defending Washington DC during the Civil War. The lecture was given by Steve Phan, a National Park Service Historian on the Civil War Defenses of Washington DC. The event took place on September 14th at the home of trustee Nancy Vyas and her husband Kaushik. A great luncheon followed the lecture.

As with most Conservancy events, this lecture was free to members and the general public. It is a continuing theme of the Conservancy to offer these educational lectures on elements of Prince George's history. They were made possible through the membership dues of the Conservancy.

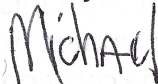
It is also important to note the passing of Dick Krueger in 2019. Dick was a founding member of the Conservancy of Broad Creek, served as its President for several years as well as being a member of the Board of Trustees until his death. He will be greatly missed, not only for his input, energy, and knowledge, but by serving as a wonderful example of volunteering in one's community.

As has been said in years past, in order for the Conservancy of Broad Creek to be at all effective and credible, it needs the support of its members. Having a growing and caring membership allows the Conservancy to stand tall and be respected when it speaks and engages with others. Knowing that there is a community of support behind it, gives strength to the Conservancy to pursue its mission and goals.

I truly hope that all of you will continue to be members of the Conservancy, and will ask your friends and family members to join and support the Conservancy of Broad Creek as well. If you have already renewed your membership, I truly thank you. If you have not, please consider renewing your membership today.

Again, thank you for all of your past support to this non-profit organization.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Leventhal  
President  
Board of Trustees