

**\$86,000 left to raise by month's end to Save Bayview Farm**  
***Fundraising Dinner brings Land Trust \$14,000 Closer to Goal***

**E**ighty Bayview Farm supporters gathered Thursday night at the Barnstable Restaurant and Tavern to further support the Save Bayview Farm, Phase 2 Initiative in its final stretch. In opening remarks Jaci Barton, Executive Director of the Barnstable Land Trust, said, "It is an extraordinary testament to supporters like those of you gathered in this room, and our partner The Nature Conservancy, along with the State, foundations, and corporations, that we have only \$99,995 out of a total project cost of \$805,000 left to raise. However, we must close the gap by June 30th or lose \$439,000 in State grants and risk losing the only opportunity we may ever have to protect these critical and vulnerable 10 acres at Bayview Farm.



When we look back to 2005 when BLT and its partners preserved 14 acres, to complete Phase 1 of the Bayview Farm Initiative, we are grateful for the generosity and foresight of all participants that made it a reality. And we are thankful for all who are working so hard to make Phase 2 a sure thing."

Throughout the evening, there were further opportunities for people to support the effort either through the purchase of raffle tickets or by buying pictures of five special "critters" that are found in the Bayview Farm habitat. The critters ranged in price from \$50 for a red fox, up to \$1,000 for the endangered diamondback terrapin.

At the end of the evening, an exultant Jaci Barton thanked the room full of supporters and relayed that the evening had raised over \$14,000. She urged the folks to please come to the June 15th Town Council meeting where a decision on whether or not to spend \$50,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding to help preserve Bayview Farm, Phase 2 will be made. If the Town Council votes yes, we will be about \$50,000 away from our June 30th goal."

When asked about raising the rest of the money by the deadline Barton said, "I feel sure there are a few "angels" out there that will help us out."

Contact the Barnstable Land Trust at 508-771-2585 or ***http://www.blt.org*** [1].

About Barnstable Land Trust: Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) is a member-supported, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving open space and natural resources in the seven villages of Barnstable. Since being founded in 1983, BLT has preserved over 600 acres through gift, outright purchase, and conservation restriction. To learn more about Barnstable Land Trust and to view the catalog of properties it has helped preserved forever, go to ***www.blt.org*** [2].