

Dear Friend:

The times are difficult. They are difficult for our families and for our communities. It is precisely because of and in anticipation of times like these that your Bath Community Forestry Trust was established. So, please respond to this biennial request and give what you can to preserve and protect your Community Forest by giving to the Trust.

Fifteen years ago, the Bath Community Forestry Committee had the foresight to protect the Bath Community Forest by establishing a dedicated trust fund that could never be invaded or reduced in times of economic downturn. Only the Trustees can vote to spend money. Only the interest, never the principal, can be spent. This Trust has ensured that Bath's forest resources, in the parks and street sides, are enhanced and expanded through good times and bad, without regard to the budget pressures on the City.

Through these years, this commitment to the growth of our forest and to the growth of the Trust has yielded great benefits for our community. Druid Park, revitalized in October 2008, is the newest example of an improvement to Bath's livability, accomplished in part by donations to the Trust. In addition, the Forestry Division has also received tools and equipment from the trust without the Parks and Recreation Department needing to increase its budget requests to the City Government. Also, in the years to come, the Trust, with your support, will provide income for our volunteers to water, plant, and replace trees throughout our beautiful City.

It is a trite adage but true: From acorns, mighty oaks do grow. Because citizens of Bath have valued their green spaces and given to the Trust, the Trust is growing and the community has reaped the green rewards.

Now, with the long winter behind us and the bounty of summer ahead, please consider adding some more acorns to our Trust. You may give at any level you would like. In appreciation of your support, you will receive a Bath Community Forestry Committee postcard booklet containing some of the past contest winners of our annual photography contest. These postcards contain extraordinary examples of some of the trees that make this community beautiful (your taxable deduction will be reduced by the \$5 value of the booklet).

Thank you for your support.

Very truly yours,

Aaron Park

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