

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LETTER

SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

Wow! It's hard to believe that we are already into April of this year. I hope that this letter finds you enjoying beautiful spring weather in this great Blue Mountain region. We continue to be very busy here at



BMLT. We have a full slate of conservation easement projects underway. By the end of this year we could have a significant increase in the number of acres protected. We will also continue our community education efforts, art raffle, and again host the Walla Walla Crush Walk/Fun Run. Read more about all of these in this newsletter.

Last year we conducted an organizational assessment with a grant from the Land Trust Alliance. This has resulted in the adoption of new policies and procedures that have changed the way in which we operate. We have become a much more efficient and effective organization. We have ramped up our community activities as well as the level of our conservation easement discussions.

We are also working on strengthening our partnerships with local organizations that share our goals of protecting important Blue Mountain landscapes, agriculture, and habitat.

We will continue to see significant benefits from these changes in the coming year. At the same time these changes create new challenges as we hear from more landowners who are interested in protecting their lands. We are growing and this is good news but it means that we need your support more than ever. I hope that you will consider increasing your support to BMLT this year so that we can continue to respond to the growing number of landowners interested in conserving their land for the future.

Please call me if you would like additional information about our plans for 2010.

Tom