This report is dedicated to the memory of Board Vice Chairman and original Trustee Mark Becker, who died on Feb. 26, 2014. Mark served as an MCT Trustee since 2000.

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ALPINE • BERGENFIELD • BOGOTA • CARLSTADT • CLIFFSIDE PARK • CLOSTER CRESSKILL • DEMAREST • DUMONT • EAST RUTHERFORD • EDGEWATER • EMERSON ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS • ENGLEWOOD • FAIRVIEW • FORT LEE • GUTTENBERG • HACKENSACK HARRINGTON PARK • HASBROUCK HEIGHTS • HAWORTH • HILLSDALE • HOBOKEN JERSEY CITY • KEARNY • LITTLE FALLS • LITTLE FERRY • LODI • LYNDHURST MAYWOOD • MORTVLAE • MOONACHIE • NEW MILFORD NORTH ARLINGTON • NORTH BERGEN • NORTHVALE NORWOOD • OLD TAPPAN • ORADELL • PALSADAS PARK • PARAMUS PARK RIDGE • RIDGEFIELD • RIDGEFIELD PARK • RIVER EDGE RIVER VALE • ROCKLEIGH • RUTHERFORD • SECaucUS • SOUTH HACKENSACK TEANECK • TENAFLY • TETERBORO • UNION CITY • WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP WEEHAWKEN • WEST NEW YORK • WESTWOOD • WOODCLIFF LAKE • WOOD RIDGE

The MCT would like to thank the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission for its continued support and assistance.
At the request of the Township of Teaneck, the MCT in 2013 worked with a New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) Landscape Architect to design a plan for a passive park at the Pomander Walk property, which was also damaged during Sandy.

At the Emerson Woods site, a severely eroded stream corridor was enhanced with a state of the art riparian restoration that included engineered and natural elements. This major improvement was funded by a grant administered by Conservation Resources Inc. The stream is a tributary of the Oradell Reservoir. The MCT authorized the work to proceed within its conservation easement on the property.

The Trust has been assisting the Borough of Norwood resolve an encroachment matter on part of the Fox Hill West property. The property has been damaged by the creation of an illegal ATV trail and storage of commercial and personal equipment. The town has met with the responsible party to remove materials.

The MCT extended its public outreach efforts in 2013 by creating a new brochure to distribute at meetings and events. A display was installed at the Motor Vehicle Commission center in Wallington, NJ, to promote the MCT’s Meadowlands license plates. The Trust also began an upgrade of its website that is expected to be completed in early 2014.

We look forward in 2014 to continuing our important work preserving and protecting critical open space in the Hackensack River watershed and enhancing the environmental health of our region’s ecosystem. The MCT may acquire or receive donations of land and hold conservation easements for properties located throughout the Hackensack River watershed. The MCT is actively seeking new properties for the Trust. Interested parties may contact us at 201-777-2410.

Best Regards,
Captain Bill Sheehan, Chairman
Bernard M. Nangle, Chief Executive Officer