

## ISLAND Heritage trust

## **ISLAND HERITAGE TRUST INTRODUCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Island Heritage Trust is pleased to announce the arrival of Paul Miller, who will succeed Mike Little as the trust's new Executive Director, effective June 1, when Mr. Little will retire after ten years of service. For the month of May, Mike and Paul will work together in order to effect a smooth transition.

Mr. Miller, a graduate of Maine's Unity College, holds both a B.S. in Environmental Science and an M.S. in Sustainable Resource Management. He comes to the Trust with extensive experience in land conservation, including monitoring and documenting easements and fee lands; species mapping; habitat restoration and stewardship of protected lands; and surveying and assessing vernal pools.

Most recently he served as Conservation Biologist for the Loon Echo Land Trust in Bridgton, Maine, where he was responsible for managing that Trust's easements and preserves. He also worked for the Maine Natural Areas Program, assisting with the collection of ecological data in the floodplain forests of the Androscoggin, Kennebec and Saco River watersheds. Prior to that, Mr. Miller worked for ten years at the Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park in Okeechobee, Florida, where he conducted annual monitoring for the Florida Grasshopper Sparrow – "the most endangered bird in the continental U.S." – as part of the management and conservation of the 54,000 acre preserve.

Mr. Miller and his wife, Sue, come to the Blue Hill Peninsula from Bridgton, Maine. It is with great pleasure that the Trust welcomes them both to the area.