



Photos by Nancy Pierce

Kay Killian's familial connection to the land on the west side of Mountain Island Lake is a strong one that can be traced to colonial America's horse-drawn covered wagons and one-room schoolhouses.

"My roots go way back, and my ancestors settled this area," she said. "Even today I can still visit places I played as a child when I walk around our family farm, which is unusual. So, this land has a personal connection for me. I think the Conservancy is one of the best things that ever happened to this region to protect this area from development because development has come so fast."

Kay and her family have faithfully tended their land for many decades. Her father's relatives were German while her mother's Bynum side were Scots-Irish and German. Both families settled in North Carolina in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

Kay is a graduate of Wake Forest University for both her undergraduate and law degrees. She's also a retired prosecutor who worked for more than 20 years in Lincoln County. Her greatest joy these days is riding her horse, Mia, across the many acres of land her family has called home for generations. Those acres are permanently protected through the Conservancy's easement program.

"A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE THIS CONCEPT OF HOME AS THEIR HOUSE, BUT I'M HARDLY EVER IN MY HOUSE," KAY SAID. "I'M ALWAYS OUTSIDE SOMEWHERE. I LOVE IT ALL – THE WHOLE FARM IS MY HOUSE."

Between 2000 and 2010, Kay and her parents, Margaret Bynum and Claude Alonzo Killian, decided to partner with the Conservancy and permanently protect their land from development through conservation easements.

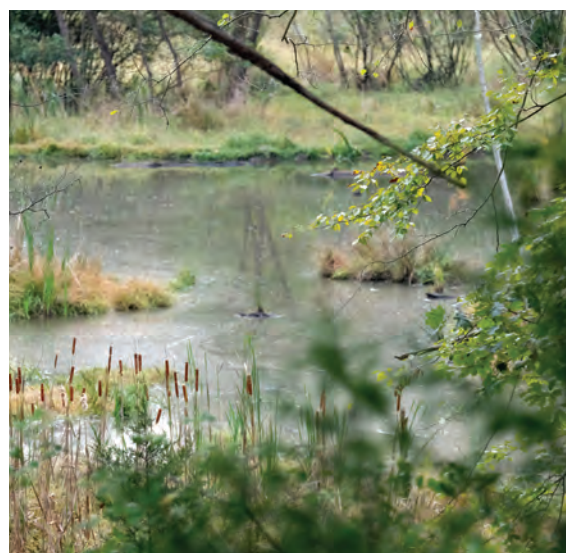
"My family loved our farmland and the forestland, and this keeps the land the way we wanted it to be anyway," she said.

All of her property is part of the Mountain Island Lake watershed, with half in Gaston County and half in Lincoln County. The properties represent her maternal and paternal family farms for a grand total of 563 acres.

"I have a lot of favorite spots on the property," she said. "It's a nice mix of field, forest, pasture, fish and beaver ponds. There's a big patch of mature hardwood trees, which is unusual."

The land is home to hayfields and beef cattle. In the past, Davidson College conducted a five-year research project on the effect of development on salamanders. They found there are more species in areas with better water quality like hers, Kay said.

Kay's mother, Margaret, passed away in 2011. Her 96-year-old father, Alonzo, passed away at the end of last year. He will be deeply missed and was a great supporter of the Conservancy and cherished preserving simpler ways of life.



"He loved the farm and forest side and didn't want to see it developed," Kay said. "When my mom discovered wildflowers on the Bynum-Killian Farm and decided to donate her family's land to the Conservancy, that's how my dad was convinced easements were the way to go."

Born on the family land, Alonzo spent his boyhood building boats to fish on the Catawba River and selling his catches at different farms in Lincoln County. As a young man, he served in the U.S. Army during WWII as a machine gunner where he was stationed on the Solomon Islands. His adulthood was spent farming his family's land where he raised cotton and other grain crops before transitioning to beef cattle and hay production. He enjoyed the cantaloupe grown on his land and had a penchant for nurturing fruits, maintaining a peach orchard and strawberry fields.

One of Kay's favorite memories of her father is of him building her a high-quality horse barn on the property when she was in college. Alonzo was unafraid of hard work and grew up wandering around to area farms to hunt and fish because they were owned by family and close friends. During his childhood, his older sisters even attended a one-room schoolhouse tucked away in a grove of trees reminiscent of something out of "Little House on the Prairie."

Kay recalls many conversations with her father over the years about the area's growing population and expanding development.

"We talked a lot about the traffic being an issue," she said. "There was increased unnatural light from the development, and we'd say how it's much more peaceful when there's darkness, and you can see stars."

The Killian family land would normally be prized for development. Instead, they have donated their land to the Conservancy, preserving it as rural and protecting the water quality and wildlife of Mountain Island Lake. The land borders Johnson Creek, the largest western tributary of Mountain Island Lake. Nearly half of the lake's shoreline is protected



LETTER FROM THE CLC BOARD CHAIR

2018 was a record year for land conservation with just under 700 acres conserved. But just as important as the number of acres is the positive impact that land will have on everyone across our region. Whether or not you ever step out on those acres (although we hope that you do!), you are enjoying its benefits through clean air and water, areas for outdoor recreation and connections to nature. In 2018 we connected 1,036 people to nature through programs, protected a 193-acre preserve in Mecklenburg County that will be the future home of a segment of Carolina Thread Trail that will also connect to the Whitewater Center’s trail network, protected a 62-acre forest in Gaston County, and saved the habitat for a population of threatened bog turtles that you will read about in this edition.

2019 will bring big changes, as we said good-bye to our previous executive director, Tom Okel, and are now under the leadership of Bart Landess. Bart has had a long career in the nonprofit world and has a love for the land, making him the perfect fit to lead the Conservancy into the future. I hope you enjoy getting to know Bart and his family in this issue. We are grateful for Tom’s time with us and all of the accomplishments we experienced under his leadership, and we are excited and hopeful for what the future will bring with Bart at the helm.



JONATHAN MANGELS
PARTNER, GREER WALKER

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through land put into conservation easements, as well as land purchased by county and state governments to protect the drinking water source for roughly 1 million area residents.

“The watershed is so small, but it gives water to Charlotte, Mount Holly and Gastonia, so it’s very important that it stays protected,” Kay said.

In 2013, The Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission presented its Blue Fin Award to Kay for preserving so many acres. She also served on the Conservancy’s Board of Directors for six years in the mid-1990s. The Mountain Island Educational State Forest formed during this time, with part of its land adjoining her property. She said it was wonderful to have more contiguous preserved property along her boundary line.

More recently, Kay notes an increasing rate of trespasser problems on the family land, particularly from those riding four-wheelers. Subdivisions along the edge of her land can cause development issues, too. Some living there have wanted to expand their patio space, build pools or make backyard renovations and pulled up signs marking the boundaries of the Killian conservation easements in the process.

“I think the rate of land development is frightening right now, and it’s so important to keep the land in its natural state,” she said. “That’s what I appreciate about the Conservancy and its mission – it’s helping to preserve the nature and quality of this area.”

These days, Kay serves on the the Land Stewardship Committee for the Conservancy. The committee is responsible for making sure each conserved property’s special natural features remain intact. Yet her favorite pastime remains soaking in the sunshine and fresh air while riding her horse.



CLAUDE ALONZO KILLIAN | JUNE 23, 1922 – DECEMBER 24, 2018

NAMESAKE: Paternal grandfather who previously owned the Killian land

HIGH SCHOOL: Mount Holly High School

OCCUPATION: Farmer – worked with hay, beef cattle, cotton, grains, peaches and strawberries

BEST LESSON HE TAUGHT: To take care of the land, not sell it

IMPORTANT VALUES: Honesty, Family, Living in the country

FAVORITE PLACE TO BE: On his John Deere tractor or walking through Killian Forest

FAVORITE WILDLIFE TO WATCH: Quail and ducks

FAVORITE FOOD: Cantaloupe that grew on his land

VETERAN STATUS: Served in U.S. Army during WWII

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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

We are pleased to congratulate our newest Catawba Lands Conservancy board members: Len Botkin, Compie Newman, Bill Carstarphen, William Blair, Katrina Moffett and Steven Scruggs.

The new Carolina Thread Trail board members are Delane Clark, Blair Boggs, Jarred Cochran, Tim Belk and Leslie Johnson. We know you all will help advance our mission for many years to come!

LETTER FROM THE CTT BOARD CHAIR

Your Carolina Thread Trail closed out 2018 with an impressive list of accomplishments that add to the growing opportunities for people across our region to spend time hiking, biking and, in some locales, horseback riding, along this growing regional trail network. The Thread Trail connects trail-users to nature, highlighting the value of the natural spaces that trails protect, and exposing people to our region’s rich natural and agricultural heritage. In 2018, we added four new trail segments, completing almost 10 percent of the 1,600 planned miles. (And those current trail miles do not include the more than 170 miles of blueway available – with parking and launch points – that create the opportunity for afternoon, full-day or multiple-day paddle excursions!)

Looking forward into 2019 we will be adding another 16 miles of opportunities to get out and walk around on Thread Trail segments spread throughout our region. Tom Okel deserves the credit for guiding our staff and volunteers to the impressive achievements of 2018, and we bid him farewell with deep thanks for his vision and leadership. At the same time, Bart Landess takes the helm challenged by Tom’s example, and the coming year under Bart’s leadership promises to be exciting and full of new opportunities as he brings his skill set into play for the organization. Hang to your hats, folks. We are just getting started and there’s a lot more yet to come!



ALEX RANKIN, III
CESI, PRESIDENT

#GIVINGTUESDAYCLT RAISES FUNDS FOR CONSERVANCY, THREAD TRAIL

We were blown away by the results of SHARE Charlotte’s 2018 #GivingTuesdayCLT campaign! From Nov. 20 through Nov. 27, the Conservancy raised \$113,988 that will support projects like the Lakewood Farm Share program. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and a special thanks to Bragg Financial Advisors for its matching challenge amount of \$40,000, which was fully met! We know there are many nonprofits asking for donations at the end of the year, and we want you to know we appreciate your support. A big thank you as well to the Conservancy’s 8 Days of Ways to Give partners at Great Outdoor Provision Co., Simply Wellness and Red Clay Ciderworks!

Additionally, the Giving Tuesday campaign raised \$35,757 for the Carolina Thread Trail. The funding will help advance the trails network and support outdoor programs and environmen-

tal education. Groups like Best Buddies, Project Scientist, Outdoor Afro and many others will continue to experience and learn about the outdoors through our guided programs because of your generosity. A special thanks to the Thread Trail’s 8 Days of Ways to Give partners Blue Blaze Brewing, Birdsong Brewing and Kari with Lefties Can Knit for their support.

SHARE Charlotte created #GivingTuesday-CLT in 2014 as a local, annual campaign that leverages the global Giving Tuesday movement. It’s an unprecedented collaboration of hundreds of nonprofits, businesses and community organizations working together for the greater good.



Students at an all day program with Project Scientist



CLC LANDS A STRONG, DYNAMIC LEADER

Lawyer/fundraising pro Bart Landess seems custom-made for the role

By Page Leggett



Photo by Nancy Pierce

Like his predecessors, Bart Landess, who began his role as Executive Director of the Catawba Lands Conservancy and the Carolina Thread Trail March 1, is straight out of central casting.

He has the essentials: business acumen, people skills and a love for the land. Not only that, he worked at Foundation For The Carolinas when the Thread Trail was in its infancy and got to know the Conservancy's then-executive director Dave Cable as they collaborated on financing the vision.

"He came to the table with a background on the Thread Trail's concept and origin that few others could duplicate," said Alex Rankin, chair of the Carolina Thread Trail Governing Board and a member of the executive search committee.

Here's how Kelly Katterhagen, Conservancy and Thread Trail board member and a search committee member, put it: "You look at Bart's work experience, and it's almost as if he was training for this job his whole career."

Outgoing executive director Tom Okel has been a beloved and effective leader. The committee understood the daunting task ahead of them as they set out to find Tom's successor. They decided to cast a nationwide net, said Jonathan Mangels, chair of the Conservancy's Board of Directors. "We defined what our successful candidate looked like. We didn't limit it by saying we were only looking in the business world or only in the nonprofit world. We looked all over the country."

And they found the right candidate right here in Charlotte. "One of the benefits of hiring Bart is that he's local," Jonathan said. He already has area contacts, and he knows and believes in the missions of the organizations he's now leading.

"The process was very extensive," said Alex. "One of the finalists was in California. Coleman Lew [the search firm the Conservancy engaged] started with over 100 prospects."

Alex has kudos for Coleman Lew and cites the firm's "thoroughness and stamina in staying with us in a fast-moving process that required a lot of meetings – including weekends – in a compressed time period."

'RIGHT OPPORTUNITY AT THE RIGHT TIME'

Bart feels ready for the job. "I've practiced law, including real estate law; I've helped nonprofits raise money; and I've helped them manage assets they already own," he said. "Also, I enjoy helping people grow into their full potential. Staff development is important to me."

The thread that runs through Bart's diverse resume is fundraising – something that immediately attracted the attention of the search committee. In fact, one of the non-negotiables the committee decided on was a proven fundraising ability. The ideal candidate had to have that. Jonathan said: "There's a lot of land we can conserve, but we need money to do it." Since 2010, Bart has been vice president of major and planned gifts at the YMCA of Greater Charlotte.

Before joining the Y, he served for a decade as senior vice president of development and planned giving at Foundation For The Carolinas. Under his leadership, annual donations rose from \$39 million in 2000 to a high of \$260 million in 2007. Finance, accounting and legal matters related to the endowment and asset management were also under his purview.

Bart's fundraising prowess, his legal background, his familiarity with the Thread Trail – all were impressive to the committee. But it was much more than Bart's resume that wowed them. "What sealed the deal was his enthusiasm," said Alex. "Even in the first interview, he was asking challenging questions. In the follow-up interview ... he was totally engaged and was burning to jump in and move

the Conservancy and the Thread Trail forward. That energy was obvious and contagious."

Like Tom, Bart is a Davidson College alum who maintains close ties to his alma mater. In fact, he worked there from 1990 to 1999 – first in Major and Planned Gifts during a \$162 million capital campaign – and later as General Counsel and as the president's executive assistant.

After graduating cum laude from Davidson, Bart moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked at the Department of Justice in the Office of Planning and Management Analysis and later in constituent services for U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Georgia). Then, he returned to his native Charlottesville, Virginia – where he grew up running the trails near his home – to attend law school at UVA.

He worked as an attorney at Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore in corporate formation and governance, finance and – most significantly for the Conservancy – land acquisition.

"Clean water, preserving green space, setting aside land for recreation – all these are important to me," he said in explaining why the job appealed to him. "And getting to know the staff and seeing how talented they are made this feel like the right opportunity at the right time."

Bart and his wife, Fran, have four grown children – three sons and a daughter. The Landess kids grew up exploring the outdoors. As a family, they skied, hiked, camped and even went caving.

Bart is former Chair of the North Carolina Planned Giving Council. He's a founding member of the Institute of Philanthropy and Leadership Gift School and of Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont (now Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy) and a former board member of First Presbyterian Church. He's was part of the American Leadership Forum's Charlotte Class V.

Bart's devotion to the community impressed Kelly and the search committee. She said, "He has spent decades using his legal training, easygoing and empowering leadership style and development skills to make our local and surrounding communities better."

THE SEEKERS

The search committee looked nationwide for the ideal executive director. Representatives from the Catawba Lands Conservancy and the Carolina Thread Trail boards served on the volunteer committee and put in countless hours to find the organizations' new executive director. Thanks to these tireless board members for their outstanding work:

Jim Hovis, *Search Committee Chair and Conservancy Board Member*

C.T. Anderson, *Conservancy Board Member*

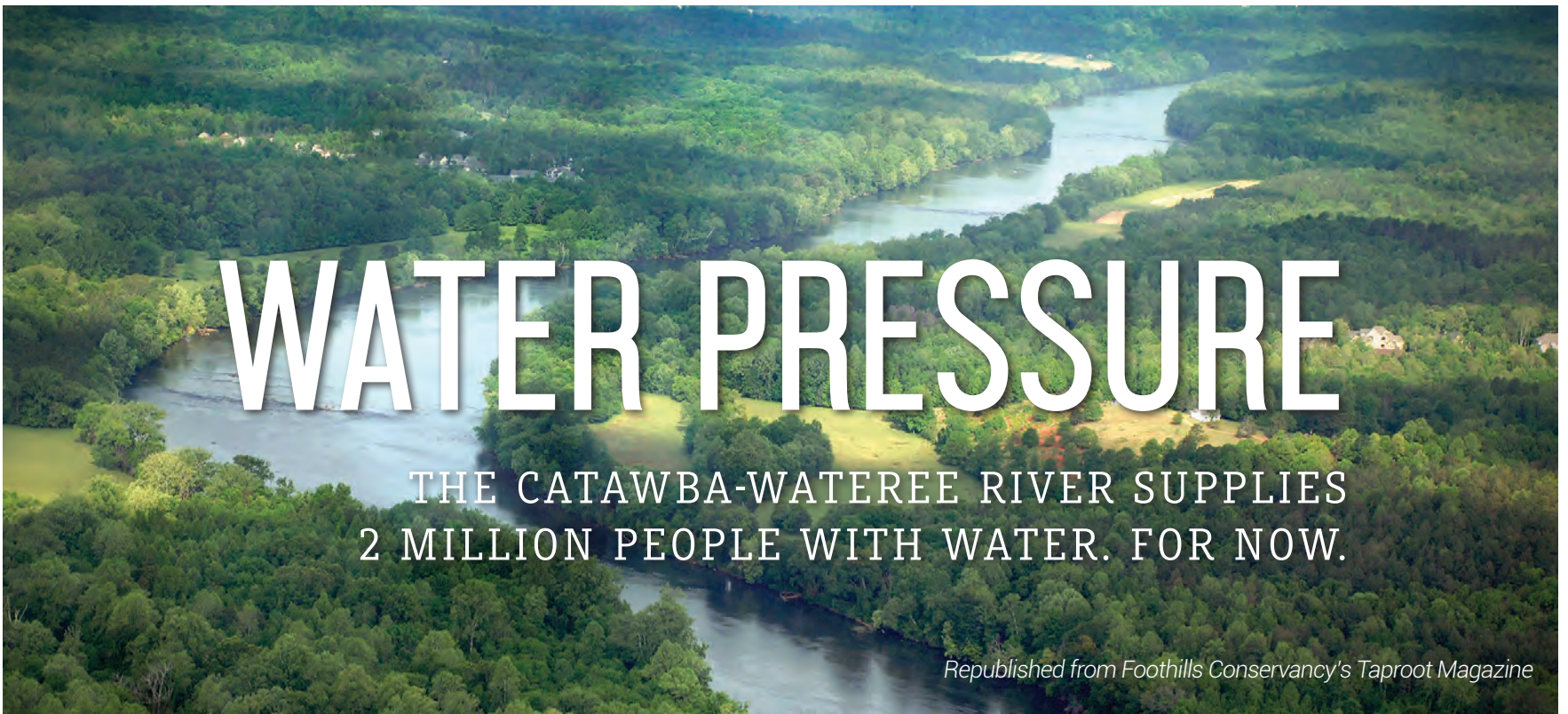
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The Catawba-Wataree River flows east from McDowell County, winding through its namesake valley, fed by streams and rivers of the Blue Ridge Mountains and South Mountains, onward into a series of reservoirs of the foothills — passing through Burke, Caldwell, Alexander, and Catawba counties. As it turns south, it spills into Lake Norman, flowing through the outskirts of Charlotte and across the border into South Carolina, where it later joins with the Santee Basin before washing out to sea at Charleston.

In total, the Catawba-Wataree River flows across 225 miles through 24 counties in two states, with 5,000 combined miles of waterways, containing 11 reservoirs, 14 dams, and supplying more than two million people with drinking water.

But, without preventative measures to protect this natural resource, how many years of clean water in this crucial basin do we have left?

During the federal relicensing process of its hydroelectric power plants, Duke Energy tried to answer that question — and discovered some startling details.

In preliminary studies of this river basin, researchers found that “at our current growth rate — counting for population growth, climate change, future development, and water-use needs — the system was not going to supply enough water by 2050,” said Andrew Kota, executive director of Foothills Conservancy. “The safe yield would not be met. That woke up a lot of people.”

In addition, the region experienced a “drought of record” in 2002 and again in 2007-2008. Duke Energy, along with the water utilities drawing water from the river system, knew they had to act.

This prompted the formation of a Drought Management Advisory Group, along with a Low Inflow Protocol to be implemented during times of drought. Following that, the Catawba-Wataree Water Management Group (CWWMG) was formed as a nonprofit corporation dedicated to funding projects to protect and enhance our water supply while maintaining the ecological integrity of the waterway. Duke Energy and all 18 municipal utilities that draw water from the river and its reservoirs are members. A number of successful projects have been completed by the Water Management Group, including the development of a Water Supply Master Plan.

Similarly, in 2013, Foothills Conservancy, Catawba Lands Conservancy, and The Conservation Fund formed the Catawba-Wataree Clean Water Initiative to identify and protect watershed lands and forests throughout the Catawba River Basin.

“This is the reality of the situation,” said Vicki Taylor, environmental advisor to CWWMG and lead staff of the Catawba-Wataree Clean Water Initiative. “Even though we’ve always been pretty complacent about being a water-rich state and region, the reality is that we need to change the way we manage our water now so the region can continue to grow and thrive. We need to understand how climate change and development affect our water supply, and figure out how and where watershed land conservation can help protect our water before we experience any major negative impacts to the quality and abundance of our water.”

In early fall 2018, RTI International, a nonprofit research institute, completed a study to determine key, strategic areas where the Initiative should focus its watershed conservation efforts. Funded by the Catawba-Wataree Water Management Group, the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, the Water Research Foundation, and a grant to Foothills Conservancy from Duke Energy’s Water Resources Fund, this study examined the future impacts of land use changes and climate change

on the Catawba-Wataree Basin. Its results will provide recommendations for target conservation areas, along with suggestions for efficient and cost-effective ways to protect both water quality and quantity throughout the watershed.

What’s so important about land conservation when speaking about water?

“In places where the land is developed — cities, towns, neighborhoods — water flows over impervious surfaces,” Andrew said, artificial landscapes like asphalt, concrete, brick, and stone, “and directly into stream channels, oftentimes picking up pollutants along the way.” This may increase the amount of water in rivers and reservoirs, but usually only for short periods of time. Little or none of this water is stored in the landscape for discharge at a later date.

“Forested landscapes do a much better job absorbing and filtering that water so it can be cleansed and discharged through creeks and streams over periods of weeks or months — and this can be very important for our water supplies during long, dry periods,” he continued. “This is why you still see many creeks flowing during drought, because of the stored water. This study is the first step in developing a strategy to protect some of the most important forested areas for water storage. It’s helping us to better understand the hydrologic system across the entire Catawba River Basin and to locate the most important watershed landscapes to protect. Next, we need to develop partnerships at the local and regional levels to make a positive impact.”

With the results of this recent study beginning to take shape, it’s now up to the study’s partners to collaborate with diverse stakeholders in the Catawba-Wataree Basin to plan and fund extensive conservation efforts of critical watershed lands.

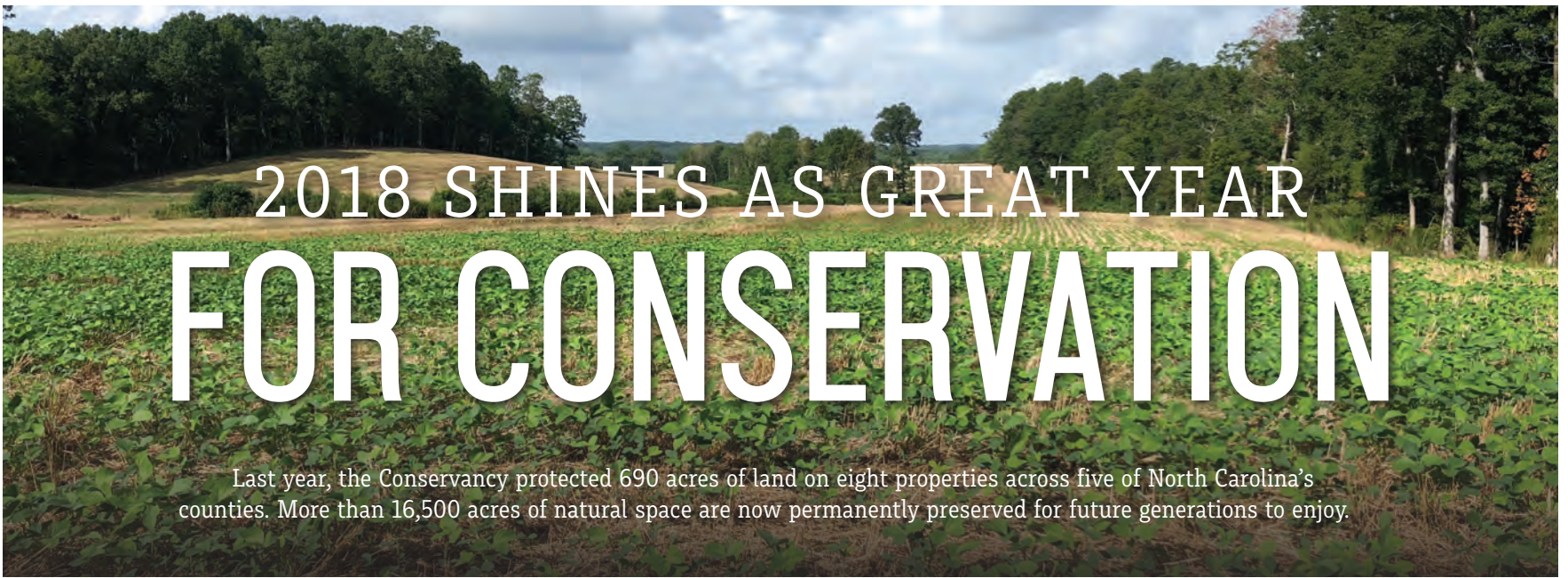
And these partnerships, this plan, the future of our region’s water — it all begins with education, Vicki said. “It’s something that a lot of folks really have not considered — that water in places like Charlotte or Columbia is connected to what happens on the land miles and miles away in the Blue Ridge Mountains or South Mountains, in the headwaters of the river system.”

Andrew agreed, adding that future conservation and preservation efforts require a committed team effort from all communities along this basin — all 24 counties across two states.

“A droplet of water that ends up in your glass from your faucet might have originated in the national forest, far beyond your county or municipality,” Andrew said. “This water doesn’t come into existence at the municipal water utility intakes. The entire basin is connected, from upstream to downstream — and it’s a much bigger process, a much bigger landscape than just the creek right beside your house or the lake that you visit for recreation.”

Over the coming months, the land trusts involved in the Catawba-Wataree Clean Water Initiative will use a grant from the Healthy Watersheds Consortium, which is funded by the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to transform the results of the study into an action plan. Though the Initiative and its many partners realize it will take years to spread awareness, advocating for the future of the region’s water is crucial for future generations and for the region’s economy to thrive.

“The next step,” Vicki said, “while building this plan that includes counties, towns, utility companies, state and federal agencies and those working in agriculture and recreation — is to arrive at a consensus on how to put this plan into place and how to fund the continued protection of the Catawba-Wataree River.”



Last year, the Conservancy protected 690 acres of land on eight properties across five of North Carolina's counties. More than 16,500 acres of natural space are now permanently preserved for future generations to enjoy.

ROCKY POP PRESERVE PROTECTS 39 ACRES ALONG THE ROCKY RIVER

Rocky Pop Preserve secures the marshes and forest land along the Rocky River from the effects of development. The Conservancy purchased the 39-acre property with grant funding from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund. The property is located along the Thread Trail's Rocky River Corridor. In time, it will provide public access to a future segment of the Hector H. Henry Greenway, a part of the Thread Trail, near where the Cross Charlotte Trail enters Cabarrus County. The segment will be approximately 6.5 miles long.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE DONATES LAND THROUGH TREE CANOPY PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The City of Charlotte recently donated 27 acres of land located at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to the Conservancy. It did this through its Tree Canopy Preservation Program, which was established to help advance the City's goal of achieving a 50 percent tree canopy by 2050. This Mallard Creek – UNCC Conservation Easement will protect the natural setting of the Mallard Creek Greenway, safeguard the local watershed, and protect the natural habitat of fish, wildlife and plants.



NEW PRESERVED LAND WILL PROTECT WATER AND EXPAND THREAD TRAIL

The Conservancy purchased a conservation easement from Nancy Pharr Haines on a 28-acre property known as the CAT Long Preserve. This forested preserve in Cabarrus County was bought with support from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund. It protects 2,282 linear feet along the Rocky River and an additional 1,100 feet along a tributary of the Rocky River. The preserve will house a segment of the Thread Trail in the future.

CONSERVED AREA IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY GAINS MORE FORESTLAND

Landowners Frank and Kathy Bragg added 11 acres of forestland to the existing 730-acre Ramah Creek Conservation area in Mecklenburg County. Now known as the Bragg East Addition Conservation Easement, the property is home to one of the largest recorded Shortleaf Pine trees in the state of North Carolina and the largest in Mecklenburg County. The tree earned a Champion Big Tree certificate from the NC Forest Service. The preserve is also home to the rare Carolina Darter, listed as a federal species of concern by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.



CONSERVANCY PROTECTS FORESTLAND ALONG FORNEY CREEK

Thanks to a grant from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund, the Conservancy was able to preserve 29.3 acres of wooded land along Forney Creek in eastern Lincoln County. Dubbed Little Falls Preserve, the land increases the size of the existing 280-acre Forney Creek Conservation Area and protects 3,320 feet of stream bank. It also provides a future half-mile extension of the Thread Trail which will bring the total to nearly three miles of trail in the Forney Creek corridor.

OLD STILL FARM CONSERVED IN PERPETUITY

The Conservancy purchased a conservation easement on Old Still Farm, a 339-acre active farm in Union County just north of Marshville, N.C., off Highway 205. The project was funded through a partnership with the Yadkin Riverkeeper and the Southern Environmental Law Center. The property has 9,400 linear feet of stream frontage on Salem Creek and Jack's Branch. The landowner worked with

the Conservancy to design a conservation easement that would protect the streams for water quality purposes while also ensuring the continued agricultural viability of the land.

CONSERVANCY PROTECTS HOLLY TRACK PRESERVE WITH U.S. NATIONAL WHITEWATER CENTER

The Conservancy partnered with the U.S. National Whitewater Center to permanently protect 193 acres of forestland in northwest Charlotte. The property expands the Whitewater Center's reach to the north, while adding to the Conservancy's existing Long Creek Conservation Area, which makes up 1,060 acres of preserved land in Mecklenburg County along Long Creek, a major tributary of the Catawba River. The North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund contributed \$1 million toward the acquisition of the property. The project will extend Long Creek Trail, part of the Thread Trail, for an additional 1.5 miles around the Whitewater Center. The conserved land is listed as a significant natural area by the NC Natural Heritage Program because it contains a number of rare plants like the Virginia Spiderwort and the Georgia Holly.

LAND PURCHASED TO SHELTER TURTLES IN JANE'S MEADOW BOG

A population of bog turtles, the smallest species of turtle in North America, recently faced a dangerous threat to their marshy home at Jane's Meadow Bog. Through generous donations from 233 supporters, nearly \$42,000 was raised towards the purchase of the 17 acres adjoining the bog. The bog has been protected by the Conservancy since 2005, and development of the adjacent land would have disrupted the watershed and destroyed this unique and sensitive habitat. Unfortunately, only 96 known colonies of bog turtles remain in the Southeast, most containing fewer than 20 turtles. Bog turtles are protected under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.



STROUPE PROPERTY

JOINS CONSERVANCY'S PROTECTED LANDS

In the small community of Alexis located between Stanley and High Shoals in Gaston County lies 62.6 acres of property that has been in Stephen Stroupe's family since the 1770s.

Stephen's father, Henry, was born in 1914 on the property in a log cabin. The cabin itself was built in the 1820s, but it no longer rests on the land. It currently resides in Hart Square Village, the largest collection of original, historical log structures in the United States, about 14 miles south of Hickory. The Stroupe land was continuously farmed until the 1930s when Stephen's grandfather, also named Stephen, became a full-time minister, settling in at Alexis Baptist Church a couple miles from the property.

Although he has owned the land for a decade, Stephen has not lived in North Carolina for many years. He grew up in the Winston-Salem area, where his father worked as a professor at what was then Wake Forest College. After receiving an undergraduate degree in chemistry from the same school, Stephen's graduate studies – also in chemistry – brought him to Purdue University. Stephen has lived in the Chicago area and worked as a chemist for decades ever since.

"I couldn't maintain the land well from afar, but preserving my familial heritage

without seeing the land developed into a subdivision was very important to me."

Part of Stephen's fondness for the property stems from many memories of visiting it as a child with his dad.

"Dad always liked to visit because that's where he was born and that's where he grew up," he said. "He went back until the year he died. That was certainly his home."

While Stephen would have liked to keep the land in his family, neither of his children nor his close relatives were interested in the task of taking care of it. The family was looking for an organization to properly maintain it, and the Conservancy fit the description. Stephen generously donated the land to the Conservancy and contributed to the land stewardship funding. Charlton K. Torrence, III of Gastonia also donated \$8,000 to help cover the deal's transaction costs.

The Stroupe property protects the headwater streams of Little Hoyle Creek, which is a tributary of the South Fork of the Catawba River. In total, it buffers 1,375 feet of the western bank of the creek as well as approximately 2,000 feet of other perennial tributaries to Little Hoyle Creek. It's also located in a Class IV water supply watershed, meaning the creek provides water for the local drinking supply.

Several high-quality tributaries run

through the expansive green space as well. The Conservancy's Director of Land Acquisition Matt Covington noted that it's home to old-growth mesic hardwood forests, in addition to dry oak-hickory and dry-mesic oak-hickory thickets. The Stroupe family also planted 20 acres of pine trees there for a timber harvest, but they were never cut down.

"This type of project is historically our bread and butter as a small nonprofit," Matt said. "We get grant funding to purchase conservation easements sometimes. So, when these types of projects come to us, we're pleased to be able to act quickly to protect the land and water. If not for the generous donations of these families, we wouldn't be able to take on projects like this."



Photos by Nancy Pierce

STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION/PUBLIC NOTICE

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. Catawba Lands Conservancy is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. Accreditation is important to the Conservancy because it is a mark of distinction that demonstrates our adherence to rigorous quality standards and provides

assurance to our partners and supporters that we can be counted on to follow the highest ethical standards in working to permanently conserve important natural spaces and working lands.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Catawba Lands Conservancy complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>.

To learn more about the accred-

itation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on Catawba Lands Conservancy's application will be most useful by September 15, 2019.





VOLUNTEER RECAP

We would like to say a big thank you to the 582 volunteers who donated 1,917 hours of service to the Conservancy and the Thread Trail throughout the last year. There's no way we could accomplish our goals without your continued and generous support! All your work helps to connect people with the outdoors and preserve natural spaces for wildlife and recreation opportunities, making our communities healthier places to work, play and explore. Take a look back at some of our favorite volunteer memories from 2018.



Long Creek Trail • Wells Fargo



South Fork Trail • Husqvarna



Goat Island Preserve • National Trails Day



Seven Oaks Preserve • EY Workday



Little Sugar Creek • Great Outdoor Provision Co.



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Long Creek Trail • Community Workday



2018 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: FRANK GAMMON

Frank is one of the most involved and outgoing volunteers walking the Carolina Thread Trail. He serves as a Trail Master and Thread Trail Ambassador and has volunteered at outreach events, volunteer workdays, outdoor programs and countless projects at our office. Last year alone he gifted the Thread Trail more than 30 days of his personal time.

Frank's life is built upon helping others improve their own. From his time serving in the U.S. military to teaching high school

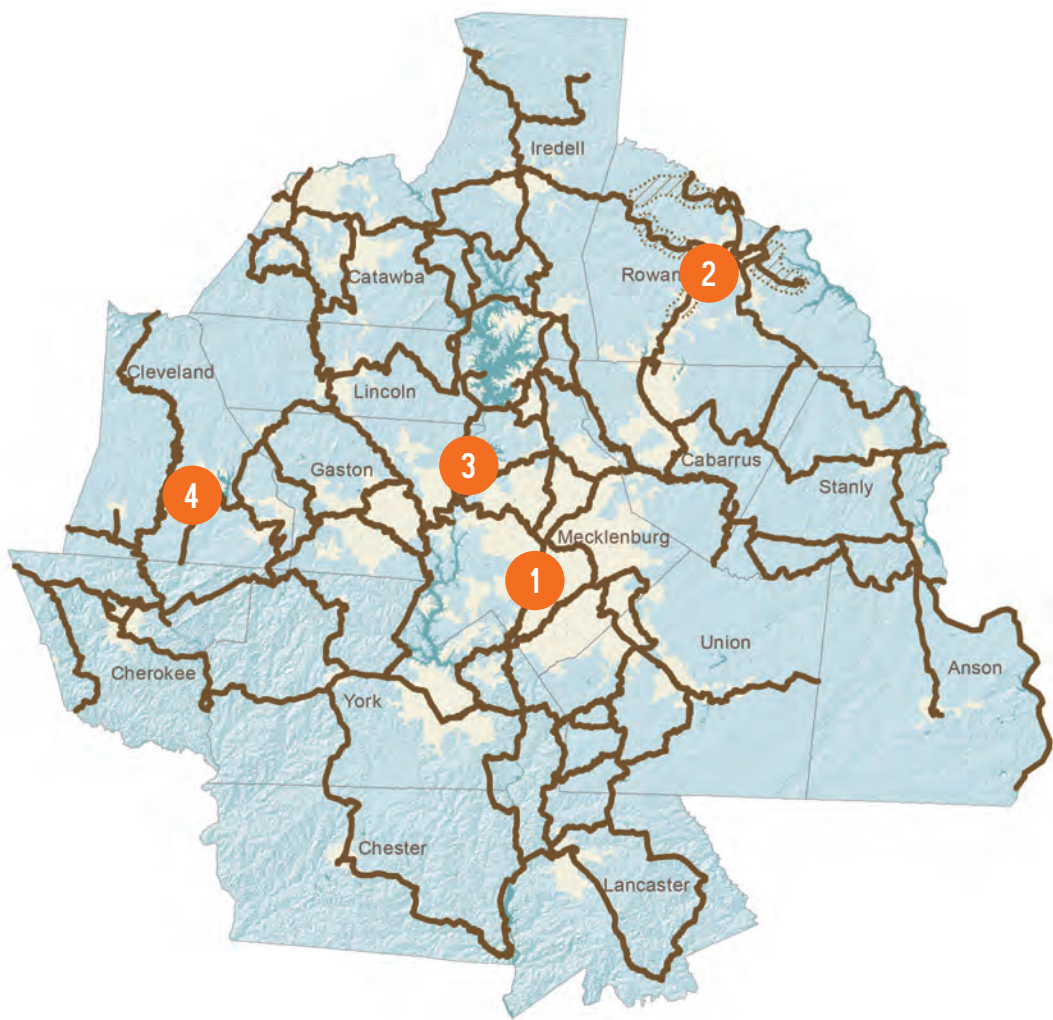
history, he continues to set a fine example for others through community causes. Lately he's become deeply interested in the preservation of our natural spaces and eagerly works to connect the public to them.

Frank is an essential part of our efforts at the Conservancy, and we're incredibly grateful for his service to our community and the Thread Trail! Congratulations on your Volunteer of the Year Award, Frank!



IT'S SPRING - HIT THE TRAILS!

One of the Carolina Thread Trail's main goals is connecting people's lives to nature regularly. A great way to accomplish this is by encouraging people to lace up their walking shoes or hop on their bikes to hit the trails crisscrossing the region.



Here are the 4.5 new miles of trails that opened to the public in 2018:

- 1

LITTLE SUGAR CREEK GREENWAY:
Tyvola to Huntingtowne Farms, Mecklenburg County • This 1.4-mile segment of the Little Sugar Creek Greenway constructed by Mecklenburg County opened to the public last June, providing connections to Marion Diehl Park, Park Road Park and several residential areas. The Little Sugar Creek Greenway will soon run 18 continuous miles from Cordelia Park to the South Carolina state line.
- 2

SALISBURY GREENWAY:
Rowan County • This nearly 1-mile paved greenway links Kelsey Scott Park and Jake Alexander Boulevard. The segment is part of the Salisbury Greenway system and will lead joggers, walkers and cyclists through recreational areas, parks and natural spaces.
- 3

MOUNT HOLLY MOUNTAIN ISLAND PARK TRAIL:
Gaston County • This 1.5-mile natural surface trail runs south from Mountain Island Lake Park along the Catawba River. When you visit, check out the Mountain Island Lake Dam as well as several fishing areas perfect for catfish and bass fishing.
- 4

GROVER STREET PATHWAY:
Cleveland County • This 0.75-mile greenway runs along Grover Street and provides a connection from the First Broad River Trail to the residential areas near Morgan Street. Walkers can access this new pathway via the trailhead for First Broad River Trail.



Salisbury Greenway



Mountain Island Park Trail

In 2018, there was a significant amount of construction started on trail projects. We're thrilled to report the following 16.7 miles of trails will open to the public in 2019:

FOUNDERS TRAIL: York County • This 2.3-mile mostly natural surface trail officially opened in March along a scenic stretch of the Catawba River in Fort Mill, and includes a connection, via the Route 21 Bridge sidewalk the popular Piedmont Medical Center "Riverwalk" Trail in Rock Hill. It also connects north to the 1.25 mile Masons Bend Trail. A new trailhead is located within the Masons Bend development at Weir Court. Collectively, this trail system extends nearly eight miles.

MASONS BEND TRAIL: York County • Running 1.25 miles along the Catawba River through the Masons Bend development in Fort Mill, this trail links to the Founders Trail. It officially opened in late March.

LITTLE SUGAR CREEK GREENWAY:
Huntingtowne Farms to I-485, Mecklenburg County • This 2.2-mile segment of paved greenway, expected to open in late spring, runs south from Huntingtowne Farms. A new trailhead will be located at Sharon Road West.

LONG CREEK TRAIL EXTENSION:
Mecklenburg County • Located at the U.S. National Whitewater Center, this natural surface trail will extend the existing Thread Trail for approximately 1.5 miles. This trail extension was made possible through a 193-acre conservation easement by the Conservancy in cooperation with the USNWC.

HECTOR H. HENRY II GREENWAY:
Cabarrus County • This 2.4-mile natural surface trail is located near The Mills development off Rocky River Road. The trail will become open to the public once the trailhead and parking area is fully complete in July.

OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL: Cherokee County • This 6-mile natural surface trail is currently being built around Lake Whelchel and represents a portion of the historically significant Overmountain Victory Trail. The trail is anticipated to open in June.

GREENWAY AT ANTIQUITY: Mecklenburg County • This 0.6-mile paved greenway located in the Antiquity development will connect downtown Cornelius to the Davidson Greenway. It's expected to open this fall.

CRAMERTON GREENWAY: Gaston County • This half-mile paved greenway built by the Town of Cramerton will run from Goat Island north to an existing paved greenway near the bridge on Wilkinson Boulevard, linking Cramerton to McAdenville and eventually to Poston Park and Spencer Mountain.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for one of our upcoming programs! Visit the Catawba Lands website for more information and to register. *All public programs are FREE, but pre-registration is required.*

PUBLIC EVENTS



NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 1: NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Cramerton, NC

Save the date! Carolina Thread Trail will celebrate National Trails Day at Goat Island Park and Greenway. National Trails Day is the only nationally coordinated event designed to connect people with nature and encourage them to find their own outdoor adventures. The event will be presented by CaroMont Health and will feature free kayak, SUP and bike rentals, guided walks and bike tours, nature activities for kids, live music, food, craft beer and outdoor lifestyle exhibitors. Admission to National Trails Day is free and open to all.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1: NATIONAL TRAILS DAY VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

8-10 a.m. • Cramerton, NC

National Trails Day preserve and trail maintenance. Tools, drink, snacks and food truck voucher provided. Ages 10+ with parent. No dogs please.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1: NATIONAL TRAILS DAY EVENT VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • Cramerton, NC

Event management or kayak safety support. Shirt, lunch and drink voucher provided. Multiple shifts. Ages 13+ with parent.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15: VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

9 a.m.-12 p.m. • Long Creek Preserve Trail • Charlotte, NC
Trail maintenance. Tools, drink, snacks and lunch provided.
Ages 16+. No dogs please.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15: VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

9 a.m.-12 p.m. • Forney Creek Trail • Denver, NC
Trail maintenance. Tools, drink, snacks and lunch provided.
Ages 16+. No dogs please.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15: VOLUNTEER WORKDAY

9 a.m.-12 p.m. • South Fork Trail • McAdenville, NC
Trail maintenance. Tools, drink, snacks and lunch provided.
Ages 16+. No dogs please.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18: BIKE-N-BREW WITH BLUE BLAZE BREWING

6-7 p.m. • Charlotte, NC
Evening leisurely bike ride through the city. 3 miles. Easy. Ages 21+.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20: SUNSET BIKE RIDE AT WEST BRANCH ROCKY RIVER GREENWAY

6-8 p.m. • Davidson, NC
Cruise through several neighborhoods and the West Branch Nature Preserve.
5 miles. Easy. Ages 15+. No dogs please.

MEMBERS ONLY EVENTS

Preregistration is required for all member programs.

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

8 a.m.-1 p.m. | Crowders Mountain Day Hike

522 Park Office Lane, Kings Mountain.

4.5 miles. Strenuous. • Ages 15+. No dogs please.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. | South Fork River Blueway Kayak Trip

119 Willow Drive, McAdenville.

5.5 miles. Moderate. • Ages 18+.





WOMEN’S IMPACT FUND GRANT ALLOWS FOR PROGRAMMING EXPANSION

In 2016, the Conservancy was awarded a Women’s Impact Fund grant for \$74,000 to finance a program coordinator on staff. The program coordinator engages children and adults alike in the Conservancy’s four key conservation areas: clean water, wildlife habitat, local farms and connection to nature.

Emma Rose Parker currently holds the position and is responsible for developing programs, including weekly nature hikes and fitness walks, bike rides and kayaking trips as well as outings for community organizations that have members who are interested in getting outdoors and learning about the natural history of the region. These have included Outdoor Afro Charlotte, EmpowHERment, Blue Cross Blue Shield’s Hike NC, Queens University, Sustain Charlotte and Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, among others.

IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE CONSERVANCY AND THE THREAD TRAIL HAVE HOSTED MORE THAN 200 PROGRAMS REACHING 9,000 PEOPLE THANKS TO THE GRANT.

The grant funding has also enabled the Conservancy to provide greater access to its conserved lands. Additionally, the grant is being used

to help address critical community needs such as conserving natural resources and promoting the health benefits of time spent outdoors.

The grant came at a critical time as projections from the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute show that within the next 15 years, the greater Charlotte region could lose 30 percent of its remaining green space. This would have a major effect on water and air quality, wildlife habitat, access to locally grown foods and opportunities for recreation.

The mission of the Women’s Impact Fund is to maximize women’s leadership in philanthropy by engaging and educating members, increasing charitable contributions and strengthening communities through the impact of collective giving.



A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

The programs the Conservancy runs would not be possible without the generous support of many local organizations. For assisting with our equipment needs, we would like to thank the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation,

Charlotte B-cycle - Queen City Joyrides, Gotcha Bikes, Lime, Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation, Bailey’s Outdoor Adventures, Sun’s Up Scuba, Cannon Water Adventures, Catawba River Expeditions, Davidson Outdoors, Trips for Kids Charlotte and REI Co-op.

Thank you also to our content partners: Discovery Place Nature, Charlotte Amateur Astronomers, Mecklenburg Audubon Society, North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Piedmont Area Mycological Association, Great Outdoors University and Colin Hocking Photography.

CONNECTING WITH NATURE



BIKE-N-BREW

In conjunction with Charlotte B-cycle’s Queen City Joyrides program, bikers enjoyed leisurely evening rides through the city along Irwin and Stewart Creek greenways in 2018. Along the way, they learned about the history of the area and the Thread Trail and cooled down with a refreshing drink from Blue Blaze Brewing afterward.

PUBLIC PADDLES

Adventurous nature lovers had a blast on morning kayak trips cohosted with the Catawba Riverkeepers along the scenic Catawba River last year. This section of blueway, including Lake Wylie, is part of the Thread Trail’s blueway network, which includes more than 170 waterways in North and South Carolina. It’s the source of public drinking water for the region.



NATURE WALKS

Those wanting to stretch their legs and explore had a wonderful time taking in the magic of Buffalo Creek Preserve, The Redlair Preserve, Seven Oaks Preserve, Murray’s Mill Trail, Mineral Springs Greenway and others through our nature walk programs in 2018. Hikers learned to spot natural flora and fauna, watched birds and examined local history more closely on these fun jaunts.

WATERFALL WOWS ON HIKE THROUGH GREAT FALLS

Our nature hike along Rocky Creek Trail in Great Falls, South Carolina, on Feb. 2 was such a big hit with more than 50 participants that another was planned for the end of the month. Program Coordinator Emma Rose Parker spoke about riparian ecology and the natural history of the area that runs parallel to Rocky Creek. She also led hikers around the area’s signature waterfall and encouraged them to keep an eye out for native bird species, as the area is designated an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society.





2018 BY THE NUMBERS

36 

PROGRAM, OUTREACH AND
WORKDAY NONPROFIT PARTNERS



200 PROPERTIES MONITORED

 61 

HIKES, BIKE RIDES AND PADDLE TRIPS



 308 

SHARES OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED TO THE FAMILIES
IN THE LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY OVER 14 WEEKS



\$41,967 

RAISED TO SAVE A RARE SPECIES OF
BOG TURTLE AT JANE'S MEADOW BOG



50 GOATS CLEARED KUDZU
AT SEVEN OAKS PRESERVE

690 

TOTAL ACRES PROTECTED



582 VOLUNTEERS

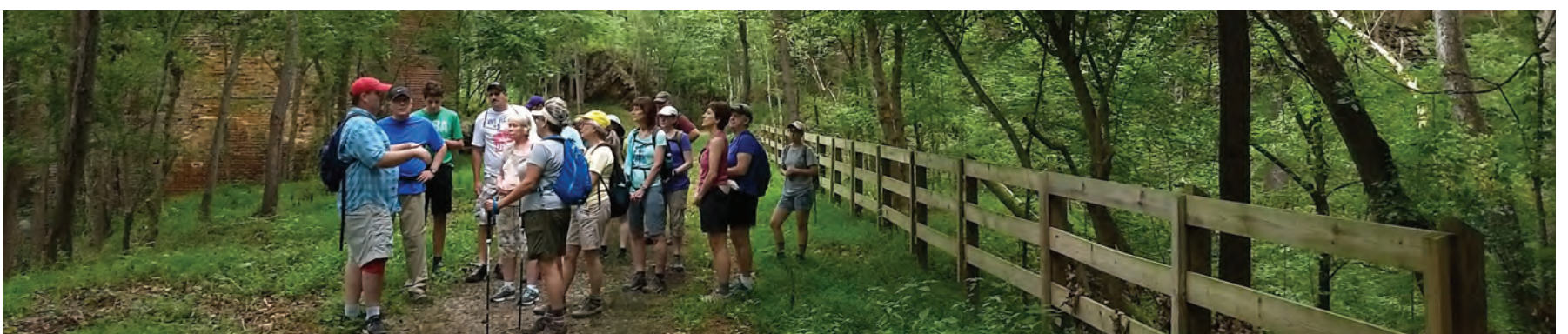
1,917 

VOLUNTEER HOURS



1,036 PEOPLE EXPOSED TO NATURE

1,350 MEMBERS



CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

2018 GRANTS TO THE COMMUNITY

We're pleased to look back on all the great projects from 2018 that have their roots in grant funding we've provided to the following organizations:

CITY OF SHELBY

\$45,000 given to the City of Shelby for construction on the First Broad River Trail in Cleveland County.

TOWN OF WADESBORO

\$85,000 given to the Town of Wadesboro for easement and property acquisition to expand the Wadesboro Greenway in Anson County.

CITY OF SALISBURY

\$132,000 given to the City of Salisbury to connect the Salisbury Greenway between Catawba College and Kelsey Scott Park in Rowan County.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON

\$5,000 given to the City of Lincolnton to connect the Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail to the South Fork Rail Trail.

TOWN OF MCADENVILLE

\$2,500 given to the Town of McAdenville for a trail easement from Cramerton to the South Fork Trail.

GAFFNEY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

\$150,000 given to the Gaffney Board of Public Works for the construction of 4.5-5 miles of natural surface trail and bridges on the Overmountain Victory Trail in Cherokee County.

TOWN OF WADESBORO

\$20,000 to the Town of Wadesboro to design and plan the extension of the Wadesboro Greenway in Anson County.



CATAWBA LANDS CONSERVANCY & CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

2018 GRANTS RECEIVED

CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

\$10,800 given to Catawba Lands Conservancy to purchase the Massapoag Preserve, which will connect the Marcia Cloninger Trail to the South Fork Rail Trail.

CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

\$9,500 for construction of a parking lot and driveway at the Rocky River Trail (Hector Henry Greenway — Mills at Rocky River segment) in Cabarrus County.

CONSERVATION TRUST FOR NORTH CAROLINA (CTNC)

\$7,500 from CTNC to CLC for a digital marketing campaign as a part of their Connecting 100,000 Voices to Conservation statewide campaign.

NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND (CWMTF)

\$555,800 from CWMTF to CLC for the acquisition of the Saint James Preserve.

NOVANT HEALTH

\$27,000 from Novant Health to fund the Lakewood Farm Share project.

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT, INC (REI)

\$7,500 from REI to CTT for trail assessment and repairs on the Nation Ford Greenway.

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT, INC (REI)

\$3,600 from REI to CTT for the addition of Thread Trail segments REI Hiking Project map.





CATAWBA LANDS CONSERVANCY FINANCIAL REPORT

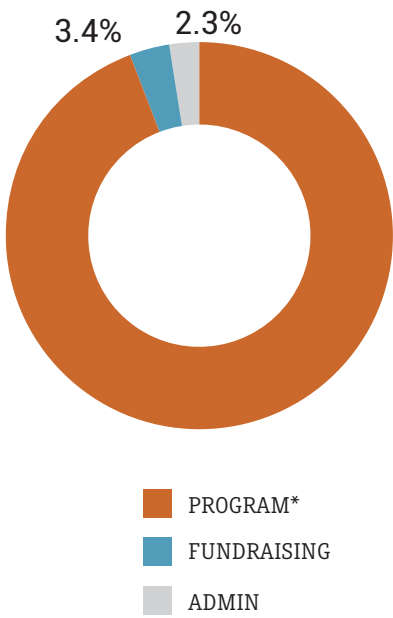
OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY 2018-2017 GENERAL FUND¹

REVENUE		2017	2018
	Donors	\$520,811	\$530,836
	Foundations & Govt.	\$87,280	\$106,000
	Corp. Partners	\$286,451	\$266,549
	Other	\$36,865	\$40,752
	Stewardship Transfer	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Total Revenue	\$956,407	\$969,137
EXPENSES	Compensation	\$521,998	\$552,039
	Office/Administrative	\$160,410	\$172,727
	Outreach & Development	\$132,988	\$122,858
	Total Expenses	\$815,396	\$847,624
	Operating Net	\$141,011	\$121,513

1. Unaudited. Excludes project revenue and costs, including land acquisitions and Carolina Thread Trail.

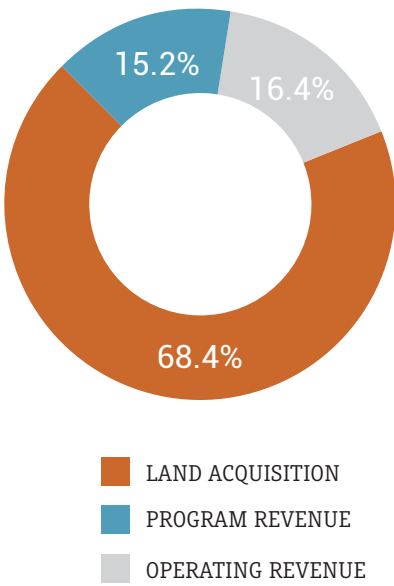
2018 FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES*

UNAUDITED \$5.7 M



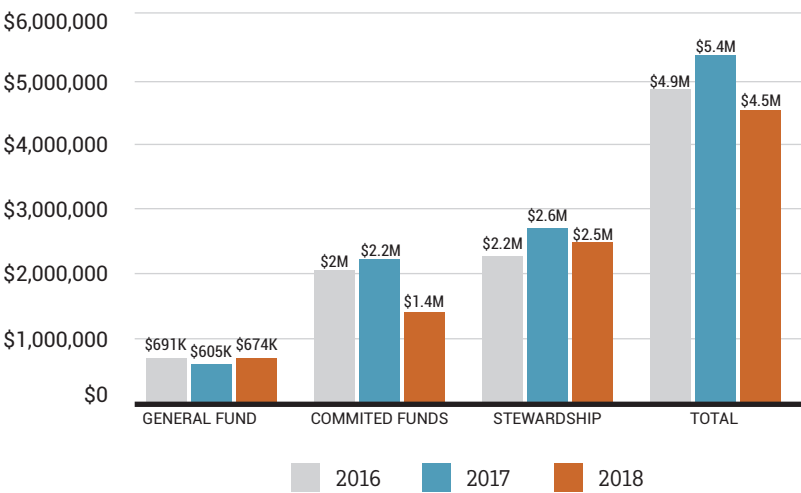
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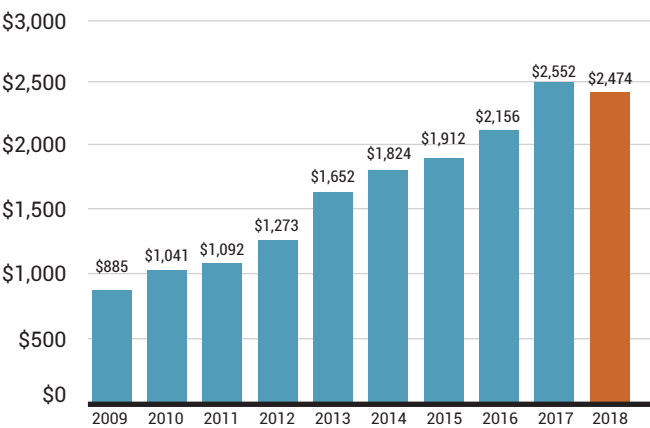


*Operating and programming expenses, including land transactions

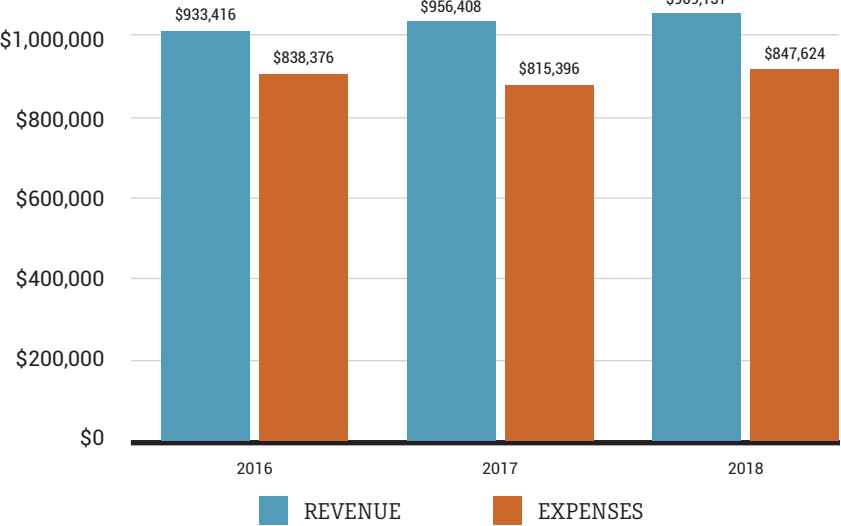
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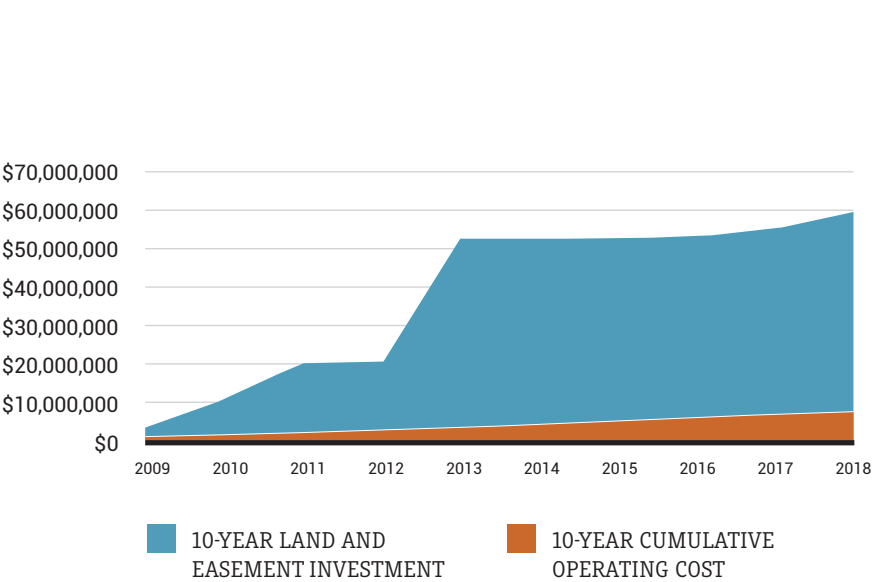
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GENERAL FUND REVENUE & EXPENSES



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Our donors' generous support each year enables us to pursue our mission of saving land and connecting lives to nature. This list includes gifts that were made during the 2018 calendar year.

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	2017 ACTUAL	2018* ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET
Personnel Cost	\$578,075	\$533,146	\$615,000
Office/Admin	\$82,206	\$102,982	\$102,300
Outreach & Development	\$117,141	\$137,168	\$143,700
Operations	\$19,127	\$25,197	\$39,000
Total Operating Expense	\$796,549	\$798,493	\$900,000

*Unaudited

FUND BALANCES

ASSETS	FUND BALANCE: 12/31/2018*
Cash	\$1,818,355
Outstanding Pledges	\$2,252,994
Endowment Fund	\$2,936,245
Total Assets, Net	\$7,007,594

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