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FROM THE
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PROTECTING THE SHIFT



Looking outside, it is easy to see the shift in the seasons. The array of greens and wildflower hues are beginning to shift to golden tones and crimson shades we anxiously anticipate in the fall. The air begins to feel crisp in the mornings, hinting at the cooler days ahead. The wildlife that call the Piedmont and Sandhills home are also recognizing the shift. Monarchs begin their incredible migration, marbled salamanders are trekking to their breeding sites, and white-tailed deer bucks begin to feed heavily in preparation for the rut. These sure signs of fall are all around us, so now is the time for you to enjoy them by getting outside.

Here at Three Rivers Land Trust (TRLT), we are feeling the shift too. This season is always a busy time for finishing up conservation land projects, fall wildlife plantings, squeezing in late season outdoor activities, and ramping up our end of year campaign. All of these things tie into our staff's mission, ensuring the land you love is

conserved for generations to come. As we look at our harvest this year it will be a very bountiful crop. Three Rivers Land Trust will conserve over 5,000 acres. The seeds that enabled this harvest were planted over numerous years by the hard work and generous donations of people like you.

Yet as 2021 comes to a close, there is still a lot to do and we need your help!

One way to connect with us and help us prepare for this year end season is to participate in one of our many events we have planned. From September 1st through November 30th our Outdoor Challenge is happening. This challenge is designed to get you outside and exploring our great region. Hike, bike, or paddle your way to becoming our most active challenger! We are also hosting our inaugural Tour de Ag which is a bike ride touring Rowan and Iredell counties to bring awareness to our farmland conservation efforts. The ride will take place on October 23rd beginning at Sloan Park, Rowan County.

Another option is to check out our upcoming outdoor club events. We have day hikes and short, but beautiful, kayak trips planned for the rest of the year. Don't forget for all our sportsmen and women, our Sportsman Access Program is a great way to explore TRLT properties while in pursuit of your sustainable wild harvests. All of these events can be found on our website under "Get Involved". We hope you can join us!

One of the biggest ways you can help us in the new year is with an End of Year (EOY) donation. Our 2021 EOY campaign is all about how TRLT supports family farms and local agriculture. These vital properties feed us, clothe us, and provide everyday necessities to ensure quality of life. Unfortunately, we are losing these critical lands at an alarming rate. By contributing to our EOY campaign, you are becoming a part of the fight to protect local agriculture and ensure these areas remain intact, forever. You can contribute by becoming a member on our website or if you are able, we encourage you to become a Legacy Donor. By providing much needed funds through charitable gift annuities, donor advised funds, gifts of stocks, bequests, or even qualified charitable distributions, you can rest assured you are leaving a conservation legacy for years to come.

As we shift into the end of 2021, I encourage you to soak it all in. It is a remarkable time to witness nature's transformation from the vibrancy of summer to the welcoming cool days of fall. Explore our region's natural resources by taking the kids out to your local lake, getting your boots dusty in the woods, or gliding down one of our beautiful and scenic rivers. While you are enjoying the outdoors and this beautiful transformation in the seasons, remember to be a part of protecting that shift by giving to Three Rivers. It will be a legacy you can be proud to create.

See you on the trail-
**Mike Mabry, TRLT Board
President**

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A SEASON OF CHANGE



Once again the changing of the seasons are upon us. The days are getting shorter and cooler as we begin to prepare for the coming winter. Here at Three Rivers Land Trust, we've been experiencing some changes of our own. We've experienced the passing of a longtime stalwart supporter, we've experienced the completion of a major conservation project, and we've readjusted our conservation focus to better react to the changing conditions in our region.

Stalwart Supporters: I first met Bill and Nancy Stanback early in my tenure here at TRLT. As the new Executive Director, I was “making the rounds” meeting supporters and was fortunate to sit down with Bill and Nancy at their home. Both were extremely kind and hospitable to the “new” Executive Director, with each of them showing me a great deal of grace as I stumbled through our first introductory meeting.

I will never forget sometime later as we were beginning to raise the funds needed to purchase the Alcoa High Rock lands that I again paid a visit to Bill and Nancy. They both immediately saw the need to conserve these lands and were quick to offer the first very generous donation to the Save the Yadkin Campaign.

Bill passed away in 2018 and this past July, we lost Nancy. Their impact on this organization and local conservation cannot be overstated. We will miss them as we continue the mission that they were so invested in and supportive of.

Tuckertown Complete: Thanks to you and our conservation partners, we are proud to announce that 31 miles and over 2,400 acres on the eastern shoreline of the Tuckertown Reservoir have been permanently conserved. The public will now have uninterrupted access to these lands, including Bald Mountain. This closing is a milestone event for the region and TRLT- one that would not have been possible if it weren't for generous members like you.

Readjusted Focus: With the Tuckertown closing complete, we now have time to refocus our conservation efforts on the largely rural region that we seek to serve. As you can tell, North Carolina's population continues to grow. This growth is placing additional pressure on our local agriculture community. Land that

is leased or owned for farming is now being sold for development, primarily low-density housing. A recent study by the American Farmland Trust looked at the impact of growth on agricultural lands in NC from 2001-2016. The results were astonishing; NC lost an average of almost 6 acres of farmland every hour for 15 years. This rapid conversion made North Carolina the second most threatened farmland in the nation.

With these facts in mind, TRLT is refocusing our fundraising and conservation efforts to help save as many local farms as we can. We need farms for so many reasons- not only do they provide much of the food and fiber we need to feed and clothe ourselves, but they also provide that rural character that the central piedmont and sandhills are known for. We want to invite you to help us “Save the Farm”.

As we look towards the end of the year, we hope that you'll continue to support Three Rivers Land Trust and our local conservation mission. The change we need is for more people, like you, to join our conservation effort; to follow the generous example of the Bill and Nancy Stanback; to see that strategic lands, like Tuckertown, are permanently conserved; and to save the local farms that mean so much to all of us--that's the kind of season of change that will make a positive impact on North Carolina for years to come.

STRENGTH EVERY STEP OF THE WAY



There's no doubt about it: This last year has been difficult. And it got even more difficult for the F&M Bank family, with the recent passing of Paul Fisher. But one thing we know for sure is that things will get better. Because they always do. As we celebrate Mr. Paul's life, we reflect on the legacy the Fisher family has created for the communities F&M Bank serves.

Our strength and stability can be seen even in our name, which never changes. And we must be doing something right because our clients have voted us "Best Bank" for 10 years in a row, while our employees have made us one of the "Best Places to Work" for two years in a row, and the leader of our team, Steve Fisher, was recently listed among the area's "Most Admired CEOs." Through good times and bad, our commitment remains the same: 'to provide knowledgeable service with integrity and a smile, and remain focused on our communities.

Thanks for these lessons and so many more, Mr. Paul.



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Connecting to Conservation

For more than 26 years, Three Rivers Land Trust has conserved the land cherished by our communities and protected the places that make our landscape extraordinary. It is our mission to protect and conserve natural areas, rural landscapes, family farms, and historic places within North Carolina's Piedmont and Sandhills.

Our connection to the land is inherent; it sustains, enriches, and inspires us. This land is where we build our homes, grow our food, raise our families, and plant our

conservation family by becoming a Three Rivers Land Trust member. It is through the support of members that we are able to host the hikes, paddles, archery tournaments and bird watching excursions that you are able to enjoy.

Each tax-deductible membership includes a copy of our bi-annual newsletter, exclusive invitations to our fun events, and recognition in our publications. As a reminder, the first outing with any outdoor club is always free to attend! Any subsequent outings we ask that you

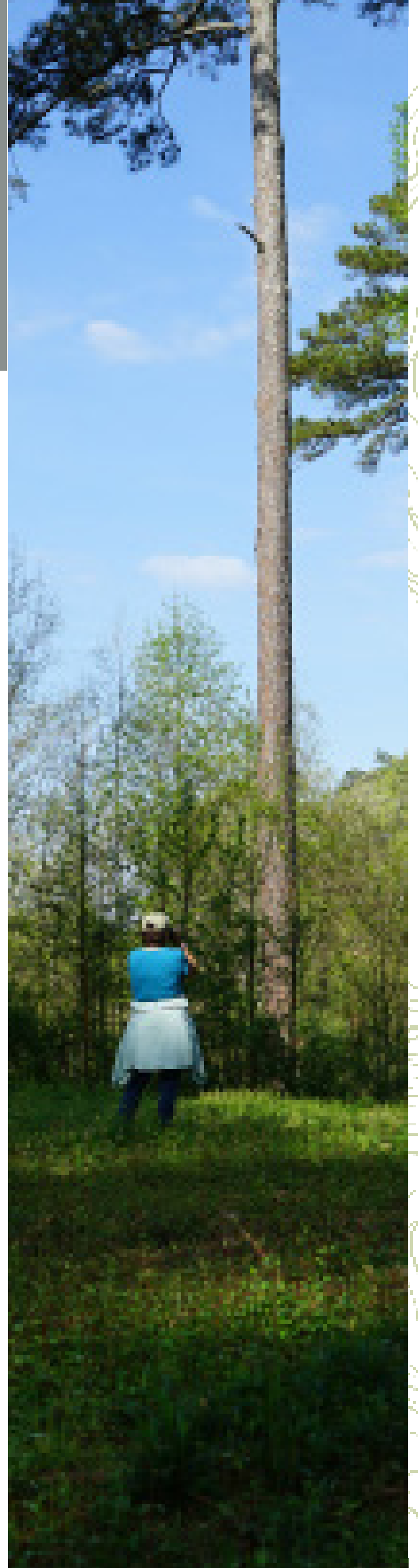
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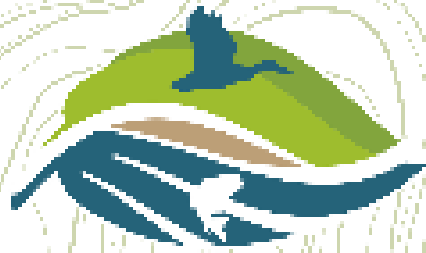
roots. It is where we go to spend time away from the hustle of our everyday lives and explore the natural world. North Carolina's Piedmont and Sandhills provide unique opportunities for outdoor recreation. From hiking the Uwharrie Trail, to paddling the Cape Fear River, there is truly something for everyone.

It is the mission of Three Rivers Land Trust to connect the people that appreciate the land we love to our local conservation efforts. We would love for you to be a part of our

become a member to enjoy any upcoming club events for the rest of the year! You can easily sign up online by visiting our website at threeiverslandtrust.org/donate.

We hope you will consider joining us as a Three Rivers Land Trust member and if you have any questions about Three Rivers Land Trust or our interest clubs, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Membership and Events Coordinator Nicky Black at nicky@threeiverslandtrust.org.





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OPERATION: SAVE THE FARM

By Travis Morehead, Executive Director

Take a moment and imagine standing in uptown Charlotte, North Carolina's most populated city. The hustle and bustle of uptown with its huge financial center, restaurants, stadiums, museums and cultural venues are a dramatic comparison to the quiet rural lands that Three Rivers Land Trust works to conserve.

These lands are quite different from the city with their rolling green hills, a breeze that makes the crops appear to dance during the growing season, and the fresh smell of the earth. Farmland plays a very different role in our lives; one that feeds and sustains us. So, when you compare the fast-paced city to the serenity of farms, which is more valuable?

The old saying that you can't have culture without agriculture is a foundational truth. Everything we see simply cannot exist without farms and rural lands. Farms are needed to grow the food that feeds this nation and much of the world. Only on rural lands can trees be harvested that will eventually be transformed into lumber to build homes and businesses. None of these commodities originated from the urban or suburban landscape.

North Carolina farms and rural lands are under tremendous development pressure. According to the American Farmland Trust, from 2001-2016 one acre of NC farms were developed or compromised every 11 minutes. This translates to almost six acres every hour, for 15 years. Unfortunately, more and more North Carolina farms are growing their last and final crop: houses.

We, at Three Rivers Land Trust, need your help to conserve one of North Carolina's most valuable natural and economic resources: rural farm land. Land that grows corn, cotton, and soy beans. Farms that raise chickens, turkeys, and cattle. Places that have pine forest that could be turned into your next home improvement project.

Rural lands are extremely valuable to North Carolina's economy and our individual lives. Each of us are connected to our local rural lands and the farmers who steward them. At Three Rivers Land Trust, we are committed to protecting the farms that sustain us, but we need your help. Our hope is that you will join our cause to "Save the Farm" by giving generously to Three Rivers Land Trust's "Save the Farm Campaign", so that local rural farm lands can be permanently conserved, for all of us.

**"YOU CAN'T HAVE CULTURE
WITHOUT AGRICULTURE"**

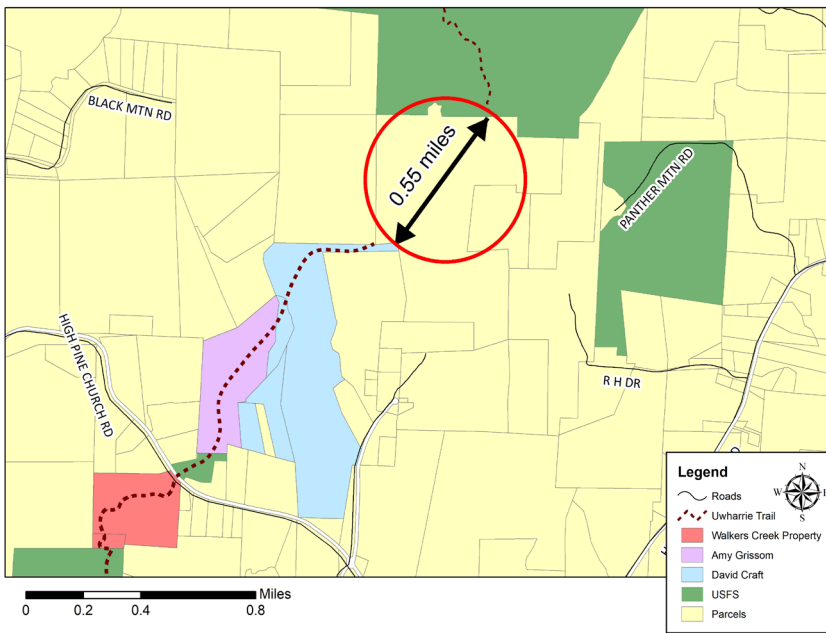
Closing the Gap



For the past two decades, various organizations have been working to restore the Uwharrie Trail to its previous glory: 40 miles of unbroken trail. On May 7, 2021, Three Rivers Land Trust, along with partners including the North Carolina Zoo Society, the Uwharrie Trailblazers, Amy Grissom, Ruth Ann Grissom, Andy and Mary McArthur, and Healthy Communities A3 out of Asheboro, were able to bring this dream one step closer to completion.

The hard work and dedication from these organizations accomplished a milestone- the opening of the Walkers Creek Trailhead, located at 6871 High Pines Church Road in Asheboro, NC. In May, Three Rivers Land Trust was able to host a celebratory ribbon cutting

The Last Gap in the Uwharrie National Recreational Trail



in honor of the efforts made to complete this goal. Despite the rain, smiles were on everyone's faces who attended the ribbon cutting, knowing that there is only one gap remaining until the trail is complete.



CULTIVATING A LEGACY THROUGH CONSERVATION

In the heart of Davie County lies 250 acres of rolling hills under clear blue skies. The farm, owned by Sam and Blair Howard, is in small grain production. This conservation easement is just the beginning of the legacy that Sam and Blair Howard want to leave, as they plan to conserve more property in the future. When reflecting on this project, Sam expressed, “I am most excited about the preservation of farmland for future generations. Three Rivers Land Trust was excellent to work with. They were super responsive and we wouldn’t have been able to navigate this process without their help.”

This particular property has frontage on both Highway 64 and Godby Road, which is near Mocksville, NC.

The easement area buffers Hunting Creek for 0.6 miles, a WS-III Class stream that is a tributary of the Yadkin River. This easement is just one of the eight projected farmland conservation easements planned for Three Rivers Land Trust in 2021 alone. “We are excited to have worked with Sam and Blair on this conservation easement in Davie County, one of the counties we serve that hasn’t had much farmland conservation, but is facing development pressures from every side,” TRLT Director of Conservation Crystal Cockman remarked. “Saving farmland in this county while we still can is an important goal of ours.”

This conservation easement aids Three Rivers Land Trust in their mission to conserve farmland

for future generations. “Conservation comes in different forms,” remarked Executive Director Travis Morehead. “We [TRLT] have a particular focus on conserving farmland. Agriculture is the foundation of our society, so each acre of farmland conserved is important for future food and fiber production.”

In our 15-county footprint, Three Rivers Land Trust has worked diligently to conserve over 16,000 acres, with many more anticipated in the future, giving people like Sam and Blair Howard resources to build their lasting legacy.





TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Habitat Management

By Cody Fulk, Conservation Lands Manager

Simply due to the nature of our work, the topic of Habitat Management has been an ever-present conversation within the Three Rivers office. We have fielded questions in every imaginable form over the past few months concerning how to manage properties for wildlife and how to be the best possible steward of the land.

This article is targeted to individuals who either own or manage property and are interested in enhancing it for diverse wildlife species, or may have specific wildlife management goals. There are many resources out there that can help a steward with property management, however, a list of the tools needed and their purpose is really non-existent. The following brief compilation of tools and a few of their uses is intended to help you gain a knowledge of what you can do with what you have. From the most basic of hand tools to the most complex heavy equipment, we try to cover the bases of what tools serve what purposes in the wildlife management world- starting with the most basic and most affordable tools, the tools that most property owners already have on hand.

Computer: These days, the computer is your access to all information of the world and all tools of the world. Chances are you already have one, and can incorporate it into your management as a tool. The computer is very useful in terms of mapping. You will want to know with absolute certainty where your boundaries lie, quite literally. Use the county GIS web portal for whichever county you may be in. All 100 NC counties now have some form of tax mapping system online, and these are usually free to access. They can be a big help in determining questionable property boundaries.

Chainsaw: This was the very first piece of equipment after a computer that the Land Trust purchased and is usually an early purchase for most landowners. A **chainsaw** is an investment, but this tool serves many purposes and can pay huge dividends for wildlife. Chainsaws are used in many forms of habitat manipulation: invasive species removal, timber stand improvement work, creation of wildlife openings, feathered edges, early successional habitat maintenance, the list goes on. Having a sharp chainsaw, and the knowledge to use it, can sometimes be one of the only tools needed to create or maintain quality habitat. Obviously, there are other pieces of equipment associated with a chainsaw that are not mentioned, but are necessary, including **PPE (Personal Protection Equipment), fuel, bar oil,** and **felling wedges/axe.**

Fire Rake/Shovel: This item is one that you likely have on hand, but if not, it is easily obtained or substituted by a similar tool. We find ourselves using these on a daily basis for everything from clearing fire lines and planting hardwood seedlings to preparing ground for small pollinator plantings. They are just a handy couple of tools to have on hand.

Drip Torch: Prescribed fire is a part of the ecosystem and a management tool that we implement where practical. Adding a drip torch to your arsenal, as well as having the knowledge to use it, can make a large impact on wildlife habitat when paired with the tools above.

Carpentry Tools: This category refers to all the basic carpentry tools you can find in any landowner or homesteader's shop: **hammer, nails, drill, circular saw, framing square, tape measure,** etc. These tools, if you already have them, are a great start. You can begin to implement artificial nest boxes or post your property boundary, the possibilities are endless.

Tractor: If you have a tractor, great! If you do not, don't fret, there are alternative options later discussed (see *Substitutions for Implements, pg. 14*). A large purchase such as this can come later if it is even necessary for your management goals. If you are lucky enough to have access to a tractor, this is a critical tool that will change the level of impacts you are able to make as long as you have the correct implements.



Implements for Tractor: We lump these together for sake of space, but each one has its own value individually. If you can only have one single implement the **DISK** is king. A lot of habitat work can be accomplished with a disk harrow, whether it is lightly disturbing the soil to promote germination of native plants in the seedbank, breaking soil up in preparation for a wildlife friendly planting, or preparing fire breaks and containing a prescribed fire. A second implement to consider is the **bush hog**. This is a traditional rotary cutter that is capable of cutting stems up to 3 inches in diameter in many cases. Bush hogs will be a helpful tool when maintaining those older wildlife openings or preparing an area for a new wildlife planting. In addition to the above implements, the following two are also very useful, the first being a **planter** of some type. A no-till drill with a variety of plates for different seed sizes is the premier choice; however, a broadcast spreader type is more economical and can be instituted for a wide variety of applications. Having either of these planters or both, will be a welcome addition to any acreage but especially larger tracts. One final implement that will be very useful to the land steward is a **sprayer tank** with boom spray applicators. A sprayer that is calibrated can be a very quick way to tackle those succession management jobs, maintain wildlife openings and plantings, and control invasive plant species.

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Substitution for Implements: Maybe the previous items are on your long term wish list, but you need to manage your property right now. You can get by with a bit of sweat equity and some hand tools, especially on smaller tracts. A **hand seeder** (a manually powered broadcast seeder) is a great option for a planter and we widely use these when planting a variety of species with grand success on areas as large as 8 acres. These are cheap and can do a great job. A **weedeater/chainsaw/brushcutter combo** can do the same work as a bushhog or any large cutting machine, it just involves a lot more manpower. A **backpack sprayer** is a great option for smaller chemical applications when controlling invasives or conducting timber stand improvement, and this option certainly provides more control and finesse. If you have an ATV, many of the implements associated with the tractor can be purchased for an ATV as a scaled down, lighter use version. Two ATV implements that we commonly use are a **hitch mounted broadcast spreader** (everything from spreading fertilizer to planting warm and cool season plots) and a **sprayer tank** with a gun type applicator (for basic fire suppression with water on a prescribed burn and for chemical application when spot treating undesirable species or non-native invasive species).

The Big Toys: It is safe to say that the average landowner or manager will possibly have access to a decent amount of the tools mentioned above. However, some management strategies and techniques call for “the big guns” or in the case of someone who loves tools and equipment, “the big toys”. These can include heavy equipment such as an **excavator or backhoe**. These can have a diverse array of uses and is often referred to as the “Swiss Army Knife” of the job site. Everything from stumping an area for planting to installing a water control structure will be within reach with these pieces of equipment. **Bulldozers or crawler tractors** have a unique role in habitat management and are many times the only viable way to install a safe and practical fire break for prescribed burning. Luckily, once a good break is installed, a dozer is no longer needed as long as the fire break is maintained. On larger prescribed burns, a dozer is a critical piece of suppression equipment, and is a great insurance policy. Relatively new to the scene is the **fecon machine or mulching machine for a skid steer**. Either of these devices can turn months of work with hand tools into minutes. They are commonly used for daylighting roadways, creating or reclaiming successional habitat, and for creating canopy gaps in the forest. Fecons or mulching machines are preferred to a dozer for this application due to minimal soil disturbance and the ability to grind all the fiber into mulch, providing added soil nutrients and creating instant satisfaction after work is done. Unless you have large acreage to manage, these tools are best rented or hired out. The maintenance associated with the big toys is a big task, so do not be afraid to rent a piece of equipment. Undertakings of this caliber will not likely be an annual occurrence, unlike annual wildlife opening maintenance, plantings, burning, or invasive plant control.

Strong Back and a Stronger Mind: As with anything worthwhile, wildlife habitat management is no easy task and is not for the faint of heart. Even if you do not have a shop full of tools and equipment, you can still make a difference on your property. Implement a wildlife habitat management strategy and start small. Over time you will acquire equipment and develop a community of friends that are willing to share and swap equipment and labor. Hire a professional to do the more technical or daunting tasks if you want. It’s no different than going to the doctor when you are sick vs staying at home and taking Nyquil. Do not be afraid to make decisions based on your habitat goals. Stay informed on wildlife management strategies and needs in your local area, and act accordingly. North Carolina’s wildlife relies on private landowners to thrive and it is up to us to make sure we are the best stewards possible. It all starts with the knowledge and the tools in the toolbox.



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TUCKERTOWN

In the Piedmont of North Carolina lies Tuckertown Reservoir, an impoundment of the Yadkin River known for its recreational opportunities and as a vital water resource for North Carolinians. Adjacent to Tuckertown are the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Alcoa Game Lands. Nearly 80% of North Carolina's population reside within 100 miles of these game lands. The Wildlife Commission, Three Rivers Land Trust (TRLT) and The Conservation Fund have worked diligently with many conservation partners to permanently conserve these game lands for future generations. On September 13, 2021, the Wildlife Commission announced their purchase of 2,424 acres, including 31 miles of shoreline along the eastern shore of the Tuckertown Reservoir in Davidson and Montgomery counties. With the completion of this acquisition, the Wildlife Commission also announced the formal name change of these lands to the Yadkin River Game Land, to reflect the vicinity of the game land to the Yadkin River.

The purchase of the lands is imperative to protecting the local water quality of the many communities that utilize Tuckertown as a water supply. The water that flows into and out of the Tuckertown Reservoir is a part of the Yadkin-Pee Dee River. The Yadkin-Pee Dee River, one of North Carolina's longest rivers, provides 1.7 million people water every day.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment and we are thankful to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife Restoration Program, the North Carolina Land and Water Fund, Three

Rivers Land Trust, The Conservation Fund and all of our funding partners who realized the importance of this acquisition and worked so diligently to make it happen. These lands have over a 30-year history of providing the public opportunities for hunting, fishing, and wildlife-associated recreation in the Piedmont," stated Cameron Ingram, executive director of the Wildlife Commission. "Conserving these lands for public access, water quality and wildlife habitat perfectly aligns with our agency's mission to protect our state's natural resources."

This announcement comes nearly a year after the transfer of nearly 1,000 acres further downstream to Morrow Mountain State Park as part of the same Relicensing Settlement Agreement. Together, these lands total nearly 3,500 acres of newly protected land.

"The chance to protect water quality and provide outdoor recreation opportunities at this scale does not come along often," said Jeff Michael, deputy secretary for Natural Resources at the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, which includes the North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF). "This represents an extraordinary chapter in the history of conservation in the Yadkin-Pee Dee River basin. I applaud our partners for their bold vision, and on behalf of the NCLWF board and staff, we are proud to provide funding to help make this happen."

The clock began ticking in 2019 to raise the \$8.5 million needed to acquire the property for perpetual conservation. Three Rivers Land



Trust and The Conservation Fund worked with the Wildlife Commission to lead the private fundraising effort to ensure these lands remained protected and publicly accessible. This collaborative project brought federal, state, non-profit, family foundation partners and general private donors together, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife Restoration Program, N.C. Land and Water Fund, Mr. Rednecheck, Brad Stanback, Jim Cogdell, Ducks Unlimited, Environmental Enhancement Grants Program, Cannon Foundation, Louis Eubanks, F&M Bank, Carolina Bird Club and many other generous private donors.

“The entire 2,400-acre Tuckertown land purchase is a very important addition to our state game lands,” said Mike Leonard, representative at The Conservation Fund. “We were particularly interested in the Bald Mountain portion of the property, a hardwood covered Piedmont monadnock mountain steeply rising 300 feet above the reservoir and Yadkin River. We’re already working with the State on a plan to build a two-mile hiking trail to the top of Bald Mountain where hikers can walk through the large hardwoods and see stunning views of the lake and the Uwharrie Mountains.”

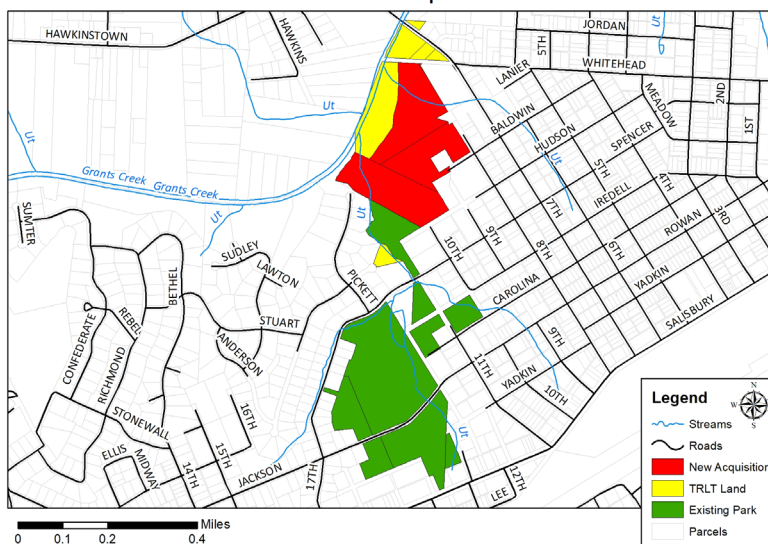
“Completing this project was a monumental goal of Three Rivers Land Trust since our inception in 1995,” stated Travis Morehead, executive director of Three Rivers Land Trust. “We are incredibly proud to have worked with the Wildlife Commission and all of our funding partners to ensure the permanent conservation of these lands and the public’s ability to utilize them. One of our main tenants within our strategic plan is to connect people to the outdoors and we are proud to say that North Carolinians will have access to these lands for generations to come.”

This purchase took place pursuant to the 2007 Yadkin River Relicensing Settlement Agreement in which Alcoa offered the State of North Carolina and/or Three Rivers Land Trust (formerly The Land Trust for Central North Carolina) the opportunity to purchase these lands for conservation purposes. In September 2019, Phase I of the Alcoa Lands Project was completed. Phase I conserved 2,463 acres and 45 miles of shoreline along High Rock Lake. Now with the closure of Phase II Tuckertown, this project has conserved over 4,800 acres and 76 miles of shoreline along the Yadkin-Pee Dee.

Photos by Ben Fisher, TRLT Board Member

DOUBLE THE IMPACT

Fred and Alice Stanback Educational Forest and Nature Preserve
Grants Creek Expansion



In 2011, Three Rivers Land Trust, then known as The LandTrust for Central North Carolina, was presented with the opportunity to conserve 42 acres of pristine beech and oak-hickory forest tucked in within the small town of Spencer. This hidden gem protected biodiversity and wildlife habitat, but more importantly it provided a much-needed green space in an urban environment. At the time, this natural scene was contrasted by the bulldozers on site, ready to take down the forest- but the Land Trust saw an opportunity to connect people to the land, no matter where they were located, and worked diligently to conserve the land from development.

Flashing forward to July 2021, TRLT excitedly announced the permanent conservation of an additional 32 acres of hardwood forest that is planned to be added to the Fred and Alice Stanback Educational Forest and Nature Preserve, formerly known as “Spencer Woods.” Already providing the Town of Spencer with 2.5 miles of trails, the added acreage will offer even more recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy. This addition will connect the park to Grants Creek, and the hardwoods on this property will provide wildlife habitat within the urban setting- benefiting a variety of species.

“We are extremely pleased to be able to work with the Wallace family in order to conserve the land adjacent to Fred and Alice Stanback Educational Forest and Nature Preserve. We are so grateful for their [Wallace’s] willingness to donate a substantial portion of the property’s value to make this project happen,” stated Director of Conservation Crystal Cockman. “Conserving land is important everywhere, but it is especially important in urban regions. This project will provide wildlife habitat in an area where natural areas are sparser, as well as providing people in the region with a space for recreational activities like hiking and birding. “We are so happy to be a part of this project,” exclaimed Leo Wallace of Wallace Realty. “This project will provide members of our community even more space to get outdoors and enjoy what we have right in our own backyard.”

To finalize the preserve’s expansion, TRLT will be donating 13 additional acres along Grant’s Creek. This will nearly double the size of the nature preserve. Travis Morehead, Executive Director of Three Rivers Land Trust, expressed that “Our organization has a long history of adding land into the public trust. We’ve worked to expand recreational opportunities in the form of local parks, state parks, game lands, and national forests. It is a core tenant of who we are as a conservation organization and that legacy continues to grow with this project.”

Building a Legacy

from the ground up



Growing up, Tammy Roberts always had the dream of being able to walk outside on her back porch and look at the rolling green landscape of a farm. In May of 2021, Three Rivers Land Trust was able to help Tammy make her dream a permanent reality by conserving a 202 acre farm in Randolph County.

The farm, owned by Lloyd and Tammy Roberts, is a first-generation, family owned and operated beef cattle farm. In addition to the property, Lloyd and Tammy Roberts also own and operate Roberts Farm Store, where Roberts Farm-raised beef and other local goods are sold in Denton, NC.

This project was no easy task, in fact, it was all hands on deck with help from numerous parties. Three Rivers Land Trust worked with Randolph Soil and Water to ensure the project would succeed. Randy Freeman, the Soil and Water Engineer for Randolph County stated, "This was the first venture the local district has had for farm conservation easements. We are always looking for anything we can do to help out local farmers, conserve farmland, and be of assistance to our county."

"Farmland preservation has been a focus of Three Rivers Land Trust since the beginning," declared Director of Conservation Crystal Cockman. "NC has the second highest amount of farmland loss out of all 50 states- we want to change that, and this puts us one step closer. Each project makes a difference and this one is no exception."



Three Rivers Land Trust worked hard to put this land under a conservation easement, which helps keep local land in agriculture and to protect the land from permanent development, allowing generations of kids to be able to look out from the back porch and see the same view as Lloyd and Tammy get to see today.



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Big Creek

BOTTOMLANDS



In July of 2021, Three Rivers Land Trust was able to successfully conserve 100 acres of land in Cumberland county- permanently. This property, known as Big Creek Bottomlands, is working farm and forestland located approximately ½ mile from the South River. Running through this unique property is Big Creek, the namesake of this conservation project. While there are small grain fields in the uplands of the Big Creek Bottomlands, there are also wetlands around the tributary.

“Big Creek Bottomlands is in a region further outside of our usual work area,” expressed Land Protection Specialist Emily Callicutt, “and this project expands our conservation footprint. We want to make a difference and Big Creek Bottomlands is an excellent way to stretch our reach of impact.”

Making an impact is what Three Rivers Land Trust is about. Whether that is through a small project, large project, or something somewhere in the middle, Three Rivers Land Trust recognizes the need for them all. Each project plays an important role in meeting the goals of TRLT.

“We are really excited about the completion of this project,” stated Crystal Cockman, Director of Conservation. “Our mission at Three Rivers Land Trust is to conserve land for future generations, and this property is a perfect example of just that. Unique properties like Big Creek Bottomlands are quintessential to maintaining biodiversity in our region.”

Carolina in My Mind



By Nicky Black, Membership and Events Coordinator

RiverDance, Three Rivers Land Trust's premier fundraising event returned after a hard break last year! RiverDance was held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the Historic Salisbury Station in Salisbury. The theme this year was "Carolina in my Mind" with a vintage feel, highlighting North Carolina's historic landmarks and icons. Our menu had a 1950's vibe featuring a locally sourced farm-to-table menu. Guests also enjoyed both a live and silent auction as they danced the night away!

We are constantly working to conserve natural areas, rural landscapes, and family farms in your back yard. Support of RiverDance is a chance for members to become a part of North Carolina's agricultural legacy. As you read in the "Building a Legacy" (*page 19*), you will learn that Three Rivers Land Trust recently conserved a 202-acre beef cattle farm: Roberts Farm. The owners Tammy and Lloyd Roberts generously donated over 130 pounds of farm fresh beef to be used

for RiverDance. The Roberts Farm Market is located less than a quarter mile from Buttercup catering, owned by Mary Berrier. It is through this connection with local businesses that we were able to keep our footprint small and reduce the number of food miles traveled from our event. Guests like TRLT board member, Ben Fisher, said they could truly taste the difference and were proud to support our farmland conservation effort with every bite!

RiverDance had both a Silent and Live Auction. All items for the auctions are donated by our generous supporters. The year, our silent auction featured items from Lee St Theater, Nature's Own Grocery, Carpe Vinum 121, Lexington Tourism, Lilly's Bridge Marina, Childress Vineyards, Big Love Yoga, Pottery 101, and many more. Our live auction, performed by Parker Benefit Auctions, consisted of multiple vacation getaways, a personalized portrait by Painted Yours, thrilling outdoor experiences and even a top of the line



Trager grill donated longtime TRLT sponsor Backcountry and Beyond. The most treasured item that was auctioned this year was a hand carved cedar stripped canoe. This one-of-a-kind canoe took nearly two years to construct and was made with love by TRLT members Jeremy and Megan Ferden.

RiverDance is our annual celebration of conservation minded supporters. Without the help of dedicated partners, Three Rivers Land Trust could not conserve North Carolina's most cherished landscapes. We truly appreciate our table sponsors, those that contributed to the auction, those that purchased tickets, and our hardworking RiverDance Committee.

We look forward to seeing you all at RiverDance 2022!

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New Horizons for TRLT

By Nicky Black, Membership and Events Coordinator



Rowan County has a unique hidden gem for environmental education: Horizons Unlimited! With a thirty-foot domed planetarium, an indoor rainforest exhibit, touch pond, and 34-acre trail system, it is the perfect place to connect children to the outdoors. Horizons hosts an annual camp for eighth graders, BRIDGE Camp, with the goal of “bridging the gap between opportunities of today and the possibilities of tomorrow”. Three Rivers Land Trust was invited to host BRIDGE Camp for a day of kayaking along the Yadkin River.

Membership and Events Coordinator, Nicky Black, and Land Protection Specialist, Emily Callicutt, welcomed the opportunity to share their passion for paddle sports. Before getting on the water, students were taught how to properly fit life jackets, how to

effectively paddle a kayak, and the basics of river safety. With kayaks provided by Row Co River Adventures and River Daisy Outdoor Company, the group launched onto the Yadkin River.

The students were surprised to learn that the large white birds were not “cranes” and were in fact egrets. Emily was also able to identify the great blue heron, king fishers, and many species of duck that call this area home. The group ventured down river a little over a mile to check the duck boxes. Even though the boxes were empty, it still provided a good opportunity to engage the group in the purpose of the boxes and how we as humans can provide hands off developmental support for a species.

A picnic lunch gave everyone a much-needed break after a morning of paddling.

A few students were a bit more comfortable on land and they were able to explore the trails around Yadkin River Park. They also cleaned up several bags of trash and even pulled a tire out of the banks of the river. The rest of the group paddled out into the cove as Nicky demonstrated the necessary skill of kayak reentry. This was the highlight of the day. While many folks would shy away from swimming in the “Mighty Muddy”, a nickname for the Yadkin River, these students loved it! They flipped in and out of their kayaks for the next two hours. The day ended with a team building dragon boat style group paddle across the cove.

While these children spent the day having fun, they also learned about conservation. It is one thing to read about natural spaces, but it is much

more memorable to hear the call of a great blue heron, feel the mud between your toes, and get your first taste of a new outdoor hobby. Kayaking with Three Rivers offered each of the children the chance to experience public access to outdoor recreation first hand. Each of the students and their families were given a membership to TRLT and will be invited to participate in our hiking and paddle club events for free. It is the mission of Three Rivers Land Trust to connect people to conservation and BRIDGE Camp was truly the perfect opportunity to do just that.



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It's Christmas

All Year Long at the Almond Farm

By Sam Parrott,
Stewardship Director



In 2014, Earl Almond of Stanly County, along with his brothers and sisters, worked with Three Rivers Land Trust to conserve his family farm in Albemarle, North Carolina. “My dad worked and bought this farm many years ago, so it just seemed right to protect this place. I wanted it to be there for our family and for anyone else who may farm on this land in the future,” stated Mr. Almond.

Back in 2014, around the time that Mr. Almond was working with Three Rivers to permanently protect the property, he was developing a unique business model for the future of the farm. Earl converted a section of his father’s beef cattle operation into a Christmas Tree operation, creating the family owned and operated Almond Christmas Tree Farm.

The first Christmas Tree lot in the United States was located in New York City in 1851. However, it took until the mid-20th century for Christmas Tree farming to catch on in North Carolina. Noted in an article written by Jill Sidebottom, a former specialist from NC State’s forestry extension, “four out of every five Christmas trees sold in the South in 1964 were

from northern states and Canada. With an average retail price of \$3 per tree, that was a \$36 million industry lost to southern producers.” However, today, North Carolina produces over 20% of the nation’s Christmas Trees which equates to a wholesale value of approximately \$100 million.

When you think of North Carolina Christmas Trees, you’re probably envisioning a Fraser Fir from the mountains. As a matter of fact, 96% of our state’s production is the Fraser Fir, but Christmas Tree growers east of the mountains rely on traditional or creative solutions to provide local trees to local buyers. Trees such as the Carolina Sapphire, White Pine, Virginia Pine, Leyland Cypress, and even genetic hybrids developed to provide that perfect conical shape and “Christmas Tree smell” that consumers desire are grown by Christmas Tree farmers in the east. On the Almond Farm, Earl and his family provide all of those options as well as pre-cut Fraser Firs from other parts of North Carolina.





business is her brain child. “It’s something new we’re doing on the farm. I always wanted to have a flower garden that I could share with others. We’re obviously big on local here – so its just anther way that we can provide a local product and family experience here on the farm.”

Alicia, when asked about living on a conserved farm, said “I think that decision [to permanently conserve the property] shows the value of the land and the farm to our family. I am so thankful to have grown up here and that my children can grow up here as well.”

As the “shop local” movement continues to gain steam and North Carolinians actively seek to purchase products in their own backyard, Earl has seen the Christmas Tree market boom on his own farm. “This is the 6th year selling trees on our farm. The first few years were slower, but now we sell out in about two weeks. The first Saturday of November is ‘tagging day’ where families can come out and reserve their tree while spending a day on the farm. “Opening day is Black Friday,” stated Mr. Almond.

But trees aren’t the only commodity available at the Almond Farm. Three varieties of blackberries and elderberries can be picked by hand. The Almonds sell honey from hives located on the farm, elderberry syrup, blackberry jelly, and even choose-and-cut your own wildflowers.

Alicia McCall, Earl’s Daughter, also lives on the family farm with her husband and children. The choose-and-cut your own flowers

With the holiday season right around the corner, visit the farm (*located at 20560 Biles Road, Albemarle, NC*) or head over to almondchristmastreefarm.com to learn more about a local, family business dedicated to conservation!



MAKING A Splash ON THE UWHARRIE



Alongside the Uwharrie River lies 84 acres of mature hardwood forest, all of which are now conserved by Three Rivers Land Trust. With almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of frontage along the Uwharrie River, a high-quality watershed, this property is full of scenic views and even has rare mussels on site. The section of the Uwharrie River that the Cranford property is located along is a popular stretch of water for paddlers, as there are rapids and rocky outcrops that are fun to navigate. Fishermen also utilize this section of river, as it is well known as a great place for catching smallmouth bass.



This property is located on Lou Cranford Road, a longtime family-owned area. Linda, David, and Christi Cranford wanted to ensure that the property would be around for future generations to enjoy, which is why they went to Three Rivers Land Trust. Christi Cranford remarked, “It has been a pleasure working with Three Rivers and I am happy that I can put the land in conservancy so it can be around for generations to come.”

“We are elated to be able to conserve this property with the Cranford family,” stated Director of Conservation Crystal Cockman. “This conservation easement is also located near another 202 acres of property conserved by TRLT. Protecting the Uwharrie River and providing public access to it has been a long-term focus of our organization. We have worked hard to conserve land in the Uwharries, one of the most biodiverse areas left in the Piedmont.”

“Permanently protecting almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of stream frontage on the Uwharrie River is a fantastic accomplishment. This was able to be accomplished because of generous, conservation-minded landowners,” said

TRLT Executive Director Travis Morehead. “We are so glad to have worked with the Cranford family to conserve this property’s amazing hardwood forest and help the Cranford’s achieve their conservation goals.”

Special thanks to Fred and Alice Stanback, who contributed funding towards making this project possible.

FRIENDLY COMPETITION IN 15 COUNTIES

BY ADDISON WATSON,
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE

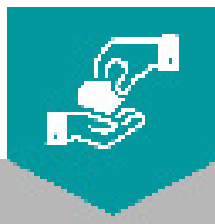


Today's society is so interconnected; interconnected through television, computers, and smartphones. Granted, technology has made our lives easier in ways unimaginable 50, 20, even 10 years ago, but there are still ways to connect with others. One way that we often forget about is through nature. By getting outside, we have the opportunity to connect with other people and to the land that sustains us in more ways than one. Providing us with food and water are the obvious things, but what about natural landscapes that feed our bodies, minds, and souls? The land does that for us by giving us places to walk, hike, bike, and paddle- in solidarity or with others!

We can't deny the sheer power that technology has in keeping us interconnected, but we also cannot avoid the way that getting outdoors does the same in a more grounding way. At Three Rivers Land Trust, we recognize that and have developed a solution that enables both methods to appease the desire of many to get outdoors, stay connected, and even have a little competition: that solution is the Outdoor Challenge (threeriverslandtrust.org/outdoorchallenge_2021).

Introduced in 2020 in response to the pandemic, Three Rivers Land Trust aimed to keep people active, but still interconnected in a way that was safe for everyone. Across our 15-county reach, we worked with each county to select three different locations to get outdoors, including a place to hike, bike, or paddle. On our website, participants are able to log their miles travelled and compete for various prizes. Last year this challenge only lasted a month, but with the success of last year, we decided to make this year's competition 3 months long!

Participants compete for the most miles traveled, and each county competes to have the most participants involved. This challenge is the perfect way to explore your region, and surrounding regions, all while connecting with others and the outdoors. If you missed this year's challenge, be on the lookout for next year's competition! See you outside!



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planting the seeds of conservation



By Nicky Black, Membership and Events Coordinator

What do you think it would take to motivate a group of college students to wake up at 8AM on a Saturday? At Campbell University, the answer is simple: the opportunity to work with their favorite professor, planting native species to attract pollinators, which will enhance wildlife habitat.

Dr. John Bartlett is a professor of Biology at Campbell, as well as a TRLT Board Member. His passion for conservation motivated him to start the very first collegiate chapter of Three Rivers Land Trust, where undergraduate students in Environmental Science and Biology can share an appreciation for conserving unique ecosystems. “Campbell University is partnering with Three Rivers Land Trust to support and encourage land preservation in Harnett County and surrounding rural areas. Our partnership includes the development of community and campus chapters of TRLT, including a C.U. student chapter, The Campbell Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Club. Together, through events, excursions, and community service, we are showcasing the natural beauty of conserved, local spaces and building a greener tomorrow for North Carolina!”

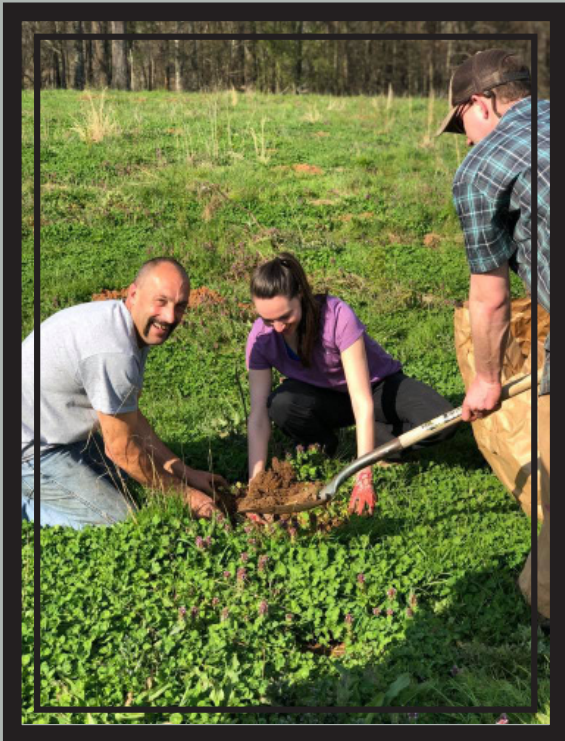
This spring, Dr. Bartlett and his wife Mary Jane invited TRLT staff to join the Campbell Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Club in a pollinator planting event at Campbell’s Pollinator Meadows & River Park. Often called the “Back Nine”, this park is an extraordinary assemblage of meadows, trails, camping areas, and beautiful riverside views of the mighty Cape Fear River. The group kicked off the event with a morning hike as Dr. Bartlett led the group on a bird watching tour of the park. They discovered countless birds, native flowers and even a tiny ring-necked snake.

After enjoying the bird watching event, they planted hundreds of plants for pollinators that the Bartletts had sourced from local nurseries for the event. Pollination is an essential ecological survival function, and the students and volunteers were driven to do their part to assist in the pollination process. Even the President of Campbell University and TRLT member, Dr. Brad Creed, came out to lend a hand in the effort.

Next time you are out in the Sandhills, take a trip up to Campbell’s Pollinator Meadows & River Park. While you are camping and hiking along the banks of the Cape Fear River, “bee” sure to keep an eye out for our precious pollinators!

SPORTSMAN SPOTLIGHT

By Steely Russell, Sportsman Access Coordinator



The Sportsman Access Program (SAP) was started in 2017 with a goal of connecting sportsmen and women to conservation. With land being subdivided and developed every day, many hunters have lost their private leases or are being priced out. By allowing SAP members to access property that has been permanently conserved and managed by Three Rivers Land Trust, staff hoped that these hunters would develop a renewed appreciation for conservation and perhaps find other ways to get involved with the organization.

One such member who has demonstrated his commitment to conservation is Patrick Murphy. If you've ever attended a tree planting at the Point Property or Low Water Bridge, chances are you've seen Pat hard at work and getting his hands dirty. Originally from St. Petersburg, Florida and later moving to Vermont followed by upstate New York, Pat now resides in Statesville, NC and is an avid outdoorsman. Pat was kind enough to answer a few questions about his experience with the SAP and why he's stuck with us for four years.

You were one of the very first members to sign up for the SAP. How did you first learn about the program?

Pat: I attended the 1st Annual Shed Hunt at the Point Property in February of 2017, hosted by Executive Director Travis Morehead. I learned about the program and after walking the property looking for sheds I knew I wanted to join for a chance to hunt it. And the rest is history!

There are 17 blocks across the 5 properties enrolled in the SAP. Do you have a favorite hunt block?

Pat: My best block is Block 3 at the Point. I love the ridgelines along the South Yadkin River, the open ag fields, and the thick cover on the south end of the block.

You've had several successful hunts over the past four years.

What's your most memorable hunt on SAP land?

Pat: My most memorable hunt was on block 5 during my first year in the SAP. I had already taken a hog so the week was considered a success, but I wanted to get another deer. It was the last weekend of December so time was running out. At first light that morning, a group of three mature does came walking out. Safe to say I filled my freezer that morning and finished off the season strong!

What are your reasons for renewing your SAP membership each year?

Pat: The SAP is a fantastic way to get out and enjoy the land, and of course all the money goes back to conserving even more land for generations to come. From the tree plantings to the shed hunts, I just love being outdoors and meeting new people through the Land Trust!



“MUSSEL”-ING THE WAY TO OUR MISSION

Farmland conservation is central to the mission of Three Rivers Land Trust, and this past June, TRLT was able to achieve just that with the conservation of 195 acres of farmland located in Randolph County.

The beef cattle farm is located along NC Scenic Byway Hwy 49 near the community of Farmer. This conservation easement is the second project Three Rivers Land Trust completed in partnership with the Randolph Soil and Water Conservation District.

Randy Freeman, Soil and Water Engineer for Randolph County stated, “We were happy to work with Three Rivers Land Trust again on this new farm conservation easement. Randolph Soil and Water will continue to help our local farmers and community anyway we can.”

The conservation easement is also located along Second Creek which feeds into the Uwharrie River. “This stretch of Second Creek is known to house several species of rare mussels and other unique aquatic species,” said Director of Conservation Crystal Cockman. “These landowners are committed to conserving this property to protect all the agricultural and natural resources it provides.”

The primary purpose of the conservation easement is to keep land in agriculture and to protect the land from permanent development. According to a recent study by the American Farmland Trust, North Carolina has the second most threatened farmland in the country, behind Texas. Both nationally and locally the primary threat to farmland is low density residential development. Three Rivers Land Trust plans to change that. For 26 years, the Land Trust has focused on farmland preservation and ensuring family farms remain on the landscape. Going into the future, the Land Trust plans to increase those efforts across their 15-county footprint.



Ongoing Projects that Need Your

By Crystal Cockman
Director of Conservation

SUPPORT

Morrow Mountain State Park Expansion

Three Rivers Land Trust is currently working on a 216-acre addition to Morrow Mountain State Park, and we are fundraising for this purchase. Your contribution can make a huge impact on our ability to protect this unique natural area. This property will connect the town of Badin to the existing park, making it possible for town residents and visitors to enter the park directly from the town. The acquisition will buffer tributaries to the pristine Little Mountain Creek.

This land contains most of the East Badin Basic Forest natural area, and according to Scott Pohlman with the NC Natural Heritage Program this property is significant for one of the best populations of Ringed Witch Grass in North Carolina. Other elements of biodiversity known from the natural area include Dry Basic Oak - Hickory Forest and Piedmont Monadnock Forest natural communities. Conserving these properties will permanently protect these unique plant

communities. The anticipated purchase price for this property is \$660,000. We already have contributions from a private donor and the N.C. Native Plant Society in the total amount of \$88,100. We also have a grant into the N.C. Land and Water Fund to go toward this purchase. Every contribution to this project will go directly toward the acquisition of this land – just mark your donation as the “Morrow Mountain Expansion Project.”

Panther Branch Inholding

We are also working on the acquisition of a critical inholding in the Uwharrie National Forest. This 92-acre property is almost completely surrounded by U.S. Forest Service land, and has frontage on both Barnes Creek and Panther Branch, both outstanding resource waters, the highest water quality designation that the state of North Carolina gives any stream. In fact, this property is the only private land on the entirety of Panther Branch stream, and by conserving this site we would protect this complete water resource. There are numerous species of rare mussel found in this stream, including a species previously believed to be extinct, the Carolina elktoe. This site is also located close to the Uwharrie National Recreational Trail, and its protection will buffer the viewshed of the trail. We are seeking

\$120,000 towards this acquisition. Every dollar that is given will bring us closer to the goal of protecting this one-of-a-kind site. Just mark your donation as “Panther Branch Inholding” to be sure your contribution goes towards the protection of this remarkable property.

McLendons Creek Bottomlands

This project involves the purchase of 168 acres of riparian area along McLendons Creek in Moore County. The stretch of McLendons Creek adjacent to the property is within the “Deep River below High Falls Aquatic Habitat,” an ‘exceptional’ Natural Area as designated by The North Carolina Natural

Heritage Program. The Land Trust has done a tremendous amount of conservation work in Northeastern Moore County and owns 2900-acres within four miles of this site. To purchase this property, we will need to raise \$440,000. We have a grant in to the N.C. Land and Water Fund for half of this purchase amount, but must raise the remainder from private funds. We have a two-year option to purchase this tract that expires in April of 2022. Your contribution will make the acquisition of this beautiful tract a reality. Simply mark your donation as going towards “McLendons Creek Bottomlands.”



In the works...

Cape Fear Paddle Trail

By Emily Callicutt, Land Protection Specialist

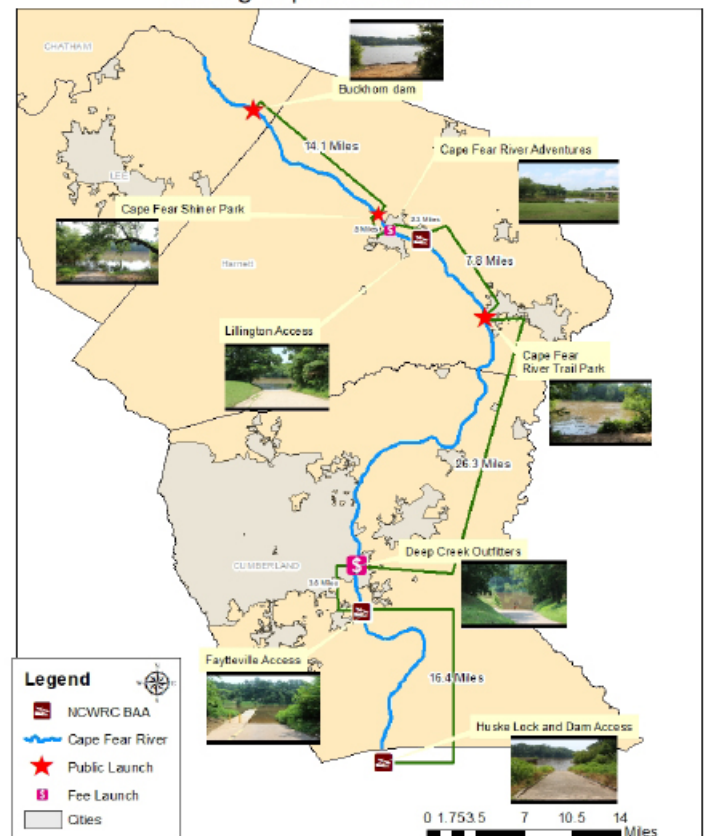
The Cape Fear River spans from the Lee and Chatham county line and flows through central and coastal North Carolina until it reaches the Atlantic Ocean. The river is home to several unique species, including the federally endangered Cape Fear shiner (*Notropis mekistocholas*). The Cape Fear shiner is only found within the Cape Fear river basin in the piedmont of NC. In addition to its benefits to wildlife, the river provides drinking water to one and a half million North Carolinians.

The Cape Fear River is a popular spot for paddlers because of the variety of options to paddle flat or whitewater. Recreation on the Cape Fear, including fishing, boating, and paddling contribute millions of dollars to the local and state economies. When Three Rivers Land Trust merged with the Sandhills Area Land Trust, the Cape Fear became part of our conservation footprint and we have been working to expand conservation efforts along the river ever since.

Three Rivers Land Trust is in the early stages of planning a paddle trail along the Cape Fear River in Harnett and Cumberland Counties. The paddle trail will provide kayakers and canoers easy access to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Cape Fear through strategically placed launches. Currently, there are nine launches along the river, stretching from Chatham to Cumberland Counties. Of those nine, only seven are free to the public. The goal of TRLT's Cape Fear Paddle Trail is to have a free and publicly available canoe and kayak launch every 7-10 miles to allow for easy access to shorter day-long paddles in addition to safe places to pull off the river for those on longer paddling trips.

Through the creation of the Paddle Trail within Cumberland and Harnett Counties, TRLT hopes to increase outdoor recreation and tourism within those counties, which will continue to boost local and statewide economies. We hope those who enjoy the paddle trail will understand the important role conservation plays in ensuring access remains available and maintains the river's scenic beauty.

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NEW FACES AT TRLT

Emily Callicutt

LAND PROTECTION SPECIALIST

Emily Callicutt began working as the Land Protection Specialist for Three Rivers Land Trust in February 2021. She attended North Carolina State University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology. Her studies included ornithology, herpetology, and field work throughout North Carolina. She is also a Certified Associate Wildlife Biologist. As a Montgomery County native, Emily is passionate about conserving the natural lands she has been able to enjoy in the region. In her spare time, Emily is an avid birder and also enjoys hiking, paddling, and baking. In her role as Land Protection Specialist, Emily assists the Director of Conservation in working with landowners and completing land protection projects. Emily also assists with the hiking and paddling interest groups and is a Wilderness First Responder.



Addison Watson

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE

Addison “Addie” Watson began working as the Media and Communications Associate in April 2021 after interning for Three Rivers Land Trust. She attended Catawba College where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management and minors in Communications and Religion. Addie is from Kernersville, NC, where her love of the outdoors began at an early age- an experience she hopes to share with others through land conservation. In her free time, Addie enjoys fishing, hunting, spending time with family and friends, and hanging out with animals of all kinds- especially dogs and cows.

Nicky Black

MEMBERSHIP AND EVENTS COORDINATOR

Nicky Black began working as the Membership and Events Specialist at Three Rivers Land Trust in March of 2021. She is a Rowan County native and a graduate from the Catawba College Ketner School of Business. She has a background in event planning and media marketing. Nicky is an outdoor enthusiast, she enjoys camping, hiking, and kayaking. She is an ACA Kayak Instructor and a Paddlesports Safety Facilitator. Nicky is also a Leave No Trace Educator and is extremely passionate about sharing the beauty of the great outdoors with others, including her husband and three beautiful children.



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While many planned giving options are gifts that are meant for the future, there are several options that allow you to make an immediate impact in conservation in your community. Unlike other legacy giving vehicles, the options below are two types of gifts that you can achieve online in a few clicks, without the expense of an attorney. These approaches to philanthropy will enable you to immediately see the impact of your generosity, making you a champion for conservation both today, and for generations to come.

Commit to Conservation Through Your IRA

If you are 70½ or older with a traditional IRA, you are eligible to make a tax-free gift to Three Rivers Land Trust called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Because you are not receiving the money yourself, you will not pay taxes on the transfer, so this is a very tax-smart way to make a gift even if you don't itemize deductions on your tax return. By making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to Three Rivers Land Trust from your IRA, you are making an immediate difference and commitment to conserving our lands, in a tax-savvy way that will enable you to create a lasting legacy for future generations through your generosity.

Make an Immediate Impact Through Your DAF

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) have always been a smart way to support the conservation work TRLT does, but they've become an even more effective tool in the current economic conditions of COVID-19. For those who aren't familiar with DAFs, it is a philanthropic vehicle which allows you to thoughtfully set aside money for charity giving, obtaining a tax deduction on that money at the time you establish or contribute to the fund. Funds are even flexible in the amounts that can be donated, making it a philanthropic tool that is perfect for anyone.

In essence, a donor-advised fund (DAF) is an opportunity to put your charitable dollars to work on your own terms, giving you the flexibility to tailor your philanthropic giving in easy, cost-effective ways. You can initiate a grant directly from your DAF by using our convenient DAF Direct Widget on our website: threeriverslandtrust.org/todays-gifts/.

If you would like to learn more about planned giving options, we would be happy to answer any questions you have. Please consult your attorney and your tax or financial advisors as well. Your attorney or financial advisor can also get in touch with us. All information regarding your charitable contribution will be held in the strictest of confidence.

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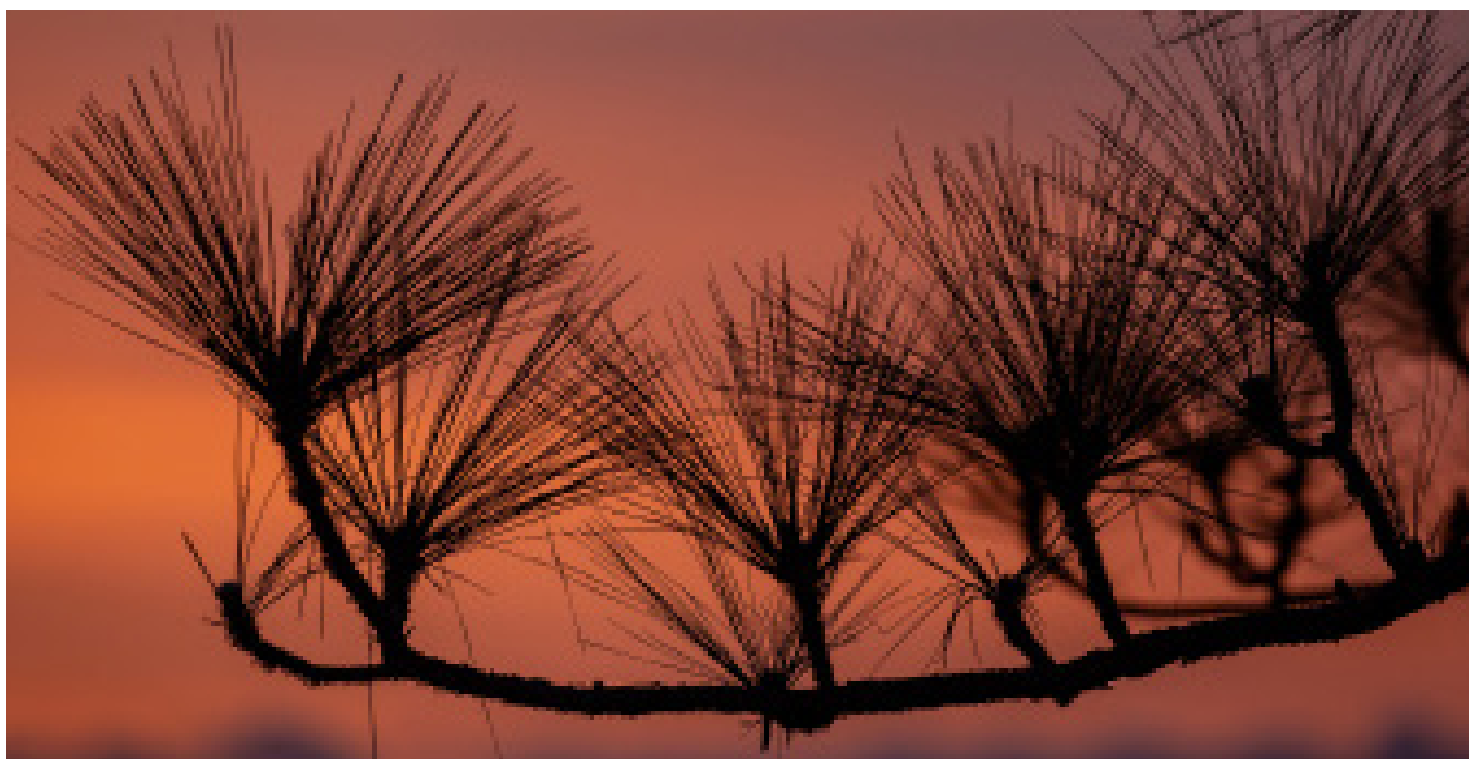
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HOMEMADE BLACKBERRY PIE

RECIPE BY TIFFANY DORN

INGREDIENTS

Pie Crust

- 2 ½ cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter (chilled and cubed)
- ¾ cup vegetable shortening (chilled)
- ½ cup ice water

Filling

- 3 cups fresh blackberries
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons corn starch
- 1/8 tsp salt
- Juice from ¼ fresh lemon

NOTE

Pre-made, store-bought crust can be used as an easy alternative to handmade crust!

DIRECTIONS

- 01** Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix dry ingredients, add butter and shortening.
- 02** Cut the butter and shortening into the dry ingredients with a pastry cutter (a fork works just as well) until pea-sized.
- 03** Using ½ cup ice water, drizzle it in the mix, one teaspoon at a time and stir. Continue adding the water until the dough begins to come together and form. *Note: you may not need the entire ½ cup.*
- 04** Transfer the dough to a floured surface. Fold the dough several times to mix it well so that you are able to form a ball. Divide the ball in half then flatten each half into discs. Wrap each disc with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1-2 hours.
- 05** Use a rolling pin to gently roll out your refrigerated dough in all directions. Press into pie dish.
- 06** Combine all filling ingredients into blackberry mixture and pour into pie, place top pie crust on, crimp edges, and bake for 50-55 minutes.



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