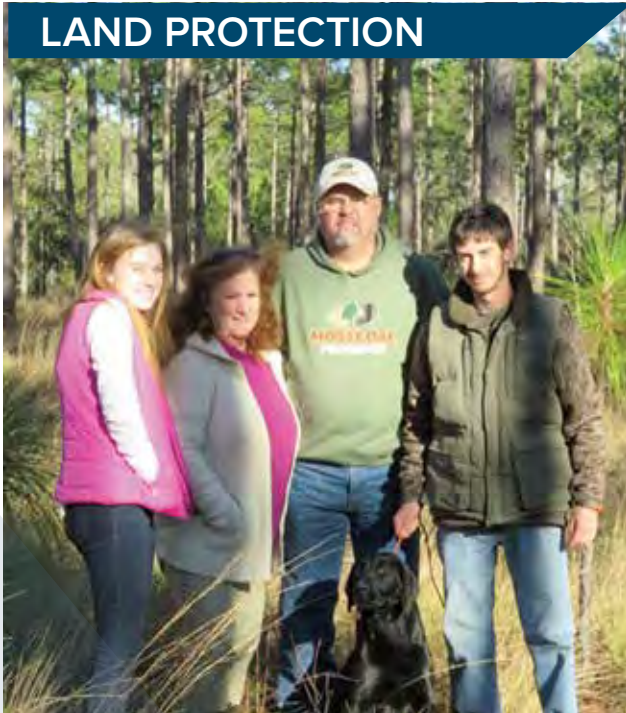




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COASTLINES

LAND PROTECTION



Marty Lanier with, from left, his daughter Amanda, wife Cyndi, son Jonathan and their dog Morgan.

Year-End Donation Conserves Working Forest Land Along Town Creek

While others hustled about shopping and preparing for the holidays, Marty Lanier was focused on completing a very important year-end gift to the Coastal Land Trust, the gift of a perpetual landowner agreement (also known as a conservation easement) over his 57+ acre property in Brunswick County.

"I grew up camping, playing, and hunting on this property and have a deep appreciation for forest land. I inherited this land from my father who took care of it, now I am taking care of it, and I plan to pass it on to my son and daughter to do the same. The longleaf pine forest is part of our southern heritage," said Marty Lanier.

Mr. Lanier's property along Slab Branch, a Town Creek tributary, is a conservation gem and fits in perfectly with Coastal Land Trust's efforts to protect a forested corridor along this alluring and ecologically significant waterway. What makes this property particularly impressive is its stunning longleaf pine forest expertly managed through the years by Mr. Lanier not only for the forest, but also for the many wildlife species that depend on it, including the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.

The Lanier family property is a perfect example of the extraordinary conservation values found in the Town Creek/ lower Cape Fear Corridor, a focus area of the Coastal Land Trust from its founding almost 25 years ago. Town Creek's headwaters rise at the edge of Green Swamp, and flow some 30 miles east to its confluence with the Cape Fear River. Its waters, wetlands and forests all supply rich habitat for wildlife, and the lands along its banks are equally rich in historic, cultural, and recreational values.

With this new project, more than 17,000

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Celebrating 25 Years!

By Camilla Herlevich, Executive Director, Coastal Land Trust

Why?

Why do we do this?

Why do some of the most thoughtful, generous and talented people give so much to the Coastal Land Trust?

Why? Because deep down, we sense that our lives are connected to—even depend on—nature

It's natural to want to be outside. Our senses are made to enjoy the light of stars, moon and sun; the scent of pine forest and ocean spray; and the feel of the wind on our skin. Our bodies have evolved for walking and running. Our spirits find serenity in the beauty of nature, and renewal as we watch birds and other wildlife as they play, call out to each other, and scamper about.

Why? Because, as children, we experienced places that were special



Perhaps it's just the vacant wooded lot in the neighborhood, where you played between school and dinnertime. Maybe it's the memory of family vacations to far-away



national parks, like the Grand Canyon or the wilds of Alaska. Your dad may have taken you hunting and fishing, teaching you about birds and wildlife all the while. If you were lucky and grew up on the water, you may have become attuned to the rhythms of wind, and surf, and tide. If so, these special places became a part of your life.

Why? Because, as adults, we've witnessed the loss and degradation of our special places

On a local level, we see forests cleared for development; streams diverted into culverts and covered up; and habitat for foxes and all manner of wildlife disappears. Wetlands are drained.

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COASTAL LAND TRUST
WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Jim Coyle
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Jim joined the Coastal Land Trust as Business Manager in October 2016. He grew up in the big city of Philadelphia and recently moved to Leland, NC with his wife and 2 dogs in April of 2016. Jim earned his BBA in Accounting at Temple University and spent many years in the accounting field before making the change to the nonprofit world. He enjoys cooking and golf.



BUSINESS MANAGER RETIRES



John Napiecek

John Napiecek retired at the end of December, 2016, after 14 years as Business Manager of the Coastal Land Trust. John brought a very sophisticated level of business planning, accounting, and financial expertise to the Coastal Land Trust. He impressed on all the staff that the Coastal Land Trust should be operated not as a charity, but as a sustainable nonprofit enterprise. His favorite question was “Yes, that would be nice, but how are we going to pay for it?”

John truly has a prolific green thumb. We miss him, but know he’s going to enjoy having more time to spend with his family, and to tend to his garden and his Venus flytrap bog in Southport.

NEW COMMUNITY ALLIES



Matt Lide
AmeriCorps Member

Matthew grew up in rural South Carolina, where immediate access to forests and rivers instilled a love of nature in him at a young age. He recently graduated from Duke University (go Blue Devils!) with a B.S. in Environmental Sciences, working in various biology labs as a research assistant during his college career.

Matt gained an interest in non-profit environmental work and environmental education after interning at another non-profit organization in Portland, Oregon. Driven by both an interest in the environment and also a desire to serve communities in need, he decided to pursue a year of AmeriCorps service with the Conservation Trust for North Carolina immediately after graduation. The Coastal Land Trust project he’s most excited to work on is the Piney Ridge Nature Preserve and its Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden.

IN MEMORY OF SCOTT CORBETT
1957-2016

David Scott Corbett of Wilmington passed away on October 16, 2016. Scott was brilliant, funny, generous, and kind. A successful scholar, businessman, conservationist, and philanthropist, he enjoyed drag racing events, opera, being in the woods and traveling. Scott was devoted to his church, his wife Diana, his family, the Corbett family businesses, and a variety of nonprofits, including the Coastal Land Trust. His loss to the community is deeply felt.



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Rayburn Farm Certified

Walker and Marjorie Rayburn on Rayburn Farm, located outside of Hertford in Perquimans County, received their Tree Farm certification. Their farm is protected by two conservation easements that are held by the Coastal Land Trust.



Janice Allen, right, with Camilla Herlevich, Coastal Land Trust Executive Director.

Janice Allen Receives Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Janice Allen, deputy director of the Coastal Land Trust, received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the Governor of North Carolina, Pat McCrory, in November.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is awarded to persons for exemplary service to the State of North Carolina and their communities that is above and beyond the call of duty and which has made a significant impact on and strengthened North Carolina. Janice received the award in appreciation for her role as the conservation leader of the “Encroachment Partnership” between the US Marine Corps and the Coastal Land Trust.

Janice Allen has dedicated herself to protecting North Carolina’s natural areas and conservation lands. Many of her most significant achievements have been the result of the “Encroachment Partnership,” which was begun in 2005 in response to the Base Re-Alignment Commission established by Congress. Janice joined personnel from the USMC Air Station at Cherry Point and the Navy to draw up a priority list of acquisitions that would protect our state’s coastal military bases from encroachment by incompatible development while also protecting conservation resources. Today, more than a decade later, the Encroachment Partnership can point to outstanding results, with 20 separate acquisitions completed; 8,000 acres protected; and \$31M in federal, state, and private funds invested.

Lands protected include tracts beneath flight paths, noise buffers and training routes to Piney Island Bombing Range, and tracts adjoining the main base of US Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, Bogue Field, Piney Island and US Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

Conservation resources protected include longleaf pine forests, carnivorous plant habitat, productive wetlands, and buffers along streams and creeks, a farm producing Bogue Sound watermelons, and tracts that have become city parks, greenways, and water access areas.

The benefits of the Encroachment Partnership Program for the state of North Carolina are substantial. Military basing decisions have long-term impacts on our eastern North Carolina economy. In fact, the Encroachment Partnership was cited as one of the key reasons why Cherry Point Air Station was selected to receive squadrons of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Congratulations, Janice, on receiving this much deserved and tremendous honor!

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acres along the lower Cape Fear River in Brunswick County, including 7,000 acres along Town Creek alone, have been protected by the Coastal Land Trust. Brunswick Nature Park, the 900-acre nature preserve, which is now open to the public and managed by Brunswick County, is the most well-known of the Coastal Land Trust’s projects on Town Creek.

The Lanier property, like Orton Plantation, and most of the other lower Cape Fear River’s conservation lands, is privately owned; its wildlife and conservation values are protected from development and are regularly monitored by the Coastal Land Trust. A perpetual conservation easement donation, like the one made by Mr. Lanier, can qualify as a federal income tax deduction. As noted by Mr. Lanier, “Placing a conservation agreement on my land made sense to me as it met both my economic and land use objectives.”

A grant from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund provided funds for the Coastal Land Trust’s expenses associated with this conservation transaction.

NATURE TRIVIA

The wild turkey got its name from:

- a) The biologist’s last name that first described the species
- b) The nation of Turkey
- c) A Native American word



NATURE TRIVIA
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Photo by Tommy Hughes, NC Wildlife Resources Commission

The Power of Awe

By Janice Allen
Deputy Director, Coastal Land Trust

Cape Fear McEachern Tract, Bladen County

When former Board member Clark Wright passed along an article entitled *Feeling Awe May be the Secret to Health and Happiness* by Paula Spencer Scott, we knew the first thing that came to his mind was hiking the Appalachian Trail (AT). Clark, and Board member Paul Hosier, know firsthand how a long walk in the woods—waking up to a sunrise over the mountains, reaching an overlook with a spectacular vista, falling asleep under the stars—can boost one’s spirit. They both have walked the entire AT from Georgia to Maine and report its life-changing effects due, in part, to the sense of accomplishment, the beauty of nature, and living simply in the out-of-doors.

Scott’s article suggests that true moments of wonder can actually boost your physical and mental health. She states that “awe makes us nicer—and happier.” In *The Healing Power of Awe*, Shawn Radcliffe states, “positive emotions—especially the awe that comes with a deep connection to art, nature or spirituality—are linked to lower levels of inflammation-producing cytokines.” While cytokines play an important role in the body’s immune system, stimulating it to fight disease, infection and injuries, high levels of cytokines over a long period are linked to disorders such as type-2 diabetes, heart disease and depression. University of California Berkeley



Everett Creek Preserve, Sneads Ferry, Onslow County

psychologist, Dacher Keltner, who worked on this research adds, “That awe, wonder and beauty promote healthier levels of cytokines suggests that the things we do to experience these emotions—a walk in nature. . . has a direct influence upon health and life expectancy.” While not all of us have the energy or time



Photo by Phillip Howard

Snowfall at Coastal Land Trust’s Springer’s Point Preserve, Ocracoke Island

to hit the AT, we can experience the awe of nature if we choose to look. It can come in the simplest form. When I learned that Kendall Smith of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service found Monarch butterfly caterpillars this past summer on the milkweed plants that Coastal Land Trust staff had just planted earlier that spring at our Everett Creek Preserve, I was awestruck. Amazingly, this beautiful butterfly with the most remarkable life cycle had found our small patch of host plants in a relatively short period of time. It made me feel good, and solidified a commitment to expand our pollinator garden project. And it was awesome when Coastal Land Trust members, Diane and Mike Foster, joined me for a walk at our Gales Creek Preserve and we found Venus

flytraps in a brand new location on the Preserve. Surely, anyone who has attended the annual Flytrap Frolic at the Piney Ridge Nature Preserve can attest to the power of joy, and sometimes hysteria, that children experience seeing and learning about flytraps.

In 2017, the Coastal Land Trust will offer all sorts of field trips, events and workdays to celebrate our 25th Year Anniversary. We hope you will join us and get outside in nature and experience the power of awe! For an updated list of events, visit www.CoastalLandTrust.org/events.

LAND PROTECTION

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property to the Chowan Swamp Game Lands which will be available to hunters, anglers, wildlife watchers, and others to enjoy for many years to come.”

In addition to providing habitat for wildlife, this 950-acre property hosts over 7 miles of forested land along the Chowan River and Somerton Creek, over 430 acres of wetlands and a significant natural heritage area, the Wyanoke Sandhills, a longleaf pine-scrub oak forest along an ancient dune ridge.

Funding for the project was provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Fred and Alice Stanback donor advised fund, and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Save the Date:
Coastal Land Trust
25th Anniversary Events

March 13, 2017
Full Moon Cruise
for Tidewater,
Live Oak, and
Bartram Society
Members

March 18, 2017
Party on the Pier
in Kitty Hawk
at the
Hilton Garden Inn

April 22, 2017
Flytrap Frolic at
Stanley Rehder
Carnivorous
Plant Garden,
Wilmington

April 24, 2017
Holt Store Golf
Tournament at
Landfall Country
Club, Wilmington

April 30, 2017
Birding at
Seagate Woods,
Carteret County

May 20, 2017
Pollinator
Planting at Everett
Creek Preserve,
Sneads Ferry

May 26, 2017
Hike and Georgia
Sunrose Garden
Dedication,
Springer’s Point
Preserve

June 3, 2017
Wind Down the
Waccamaw,
Paddle Trip
on the River

June 3, 2017
Take a Hike
at Everett Creek
Preserve,
Sneads Ferry

September 23,
2017
Annual
Celebration
Lawn Party at
Historic Poplar
Grove Plantation,
US- 17,
Wilmington

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Places where you once could put in a canoe are turned into housing. A family farm is sold. Then, there is the larger loss that extinction represents—the Carolina Parakeet is now extinct, and the Atlantic sturgeon’s numbers are crashing.

And finally, there are losses to entire ecosystems—the iconic longleaf pine forests, which once covered the coastal plain, maritime forests which graced barrier islands, and productive estuaries and marshes where tides flowed freely.



Springer’s Point Nature Preserve, one of the most visited places on Ocracoke Island. We’ve saved nature parks and land around military bases. We’ve showed children the wonders of the Venus flytrap, and the history of the Gullah-Geechee culture.

Why? Because saving
coastal land is fun and
it is empowering

Choose Land!
If the choice is, on the one hand, to watch silently, as forests are converted and wetlands are lost, or, on the other hand, to join the fight to save coastal lands, it’s really no choice at all!

Why? Because,
as a community of
conservationists, we are
making a difference

We’re not just tilting at windmills here at the Coastal Land Trust!
In 25 years, the Coastal Land Trust has saved more than 68,000 acres. In some cases, like Bird Island and Airlie Garden, we were a part of many groups who came together when development threatened a coastal treasure, and helped save the day. More often, we worked behind the scenes, tract by tract, acre by acre, saving working farms and forests, barrier islands, beautiful streams and rivers, and wildlife habitat by the mile. We’ve opened

What’s ahead for the
next 25 years?

The best is yet to come! Because the Coastal Land Trust could save even more land, in even more places, if only it had the resources on a scale of other, larger, organizations! And since the Carolina coastal plain is a “hotspot” with more than its share of special plants, animals, and habitats, the more land saved by the Coastal Land Trust, the more we contribute to saving a true “Global Biodiversity Hotspot”.
We have a list of Top 40 List of priority projects sites that will know your socks off! To really go after it will require that we raise our sights, raise our profile, and raise more money.



Thank you for getting us
where we are today! And please
help us grow to meet the challenges
of the next 25 years!

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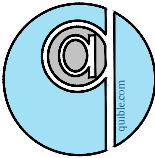
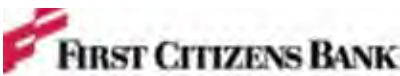
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SLOCUM CREEK WATERFRONT ACCESS PARK RIBBON CUTTING: Havelock, November 17, 2016



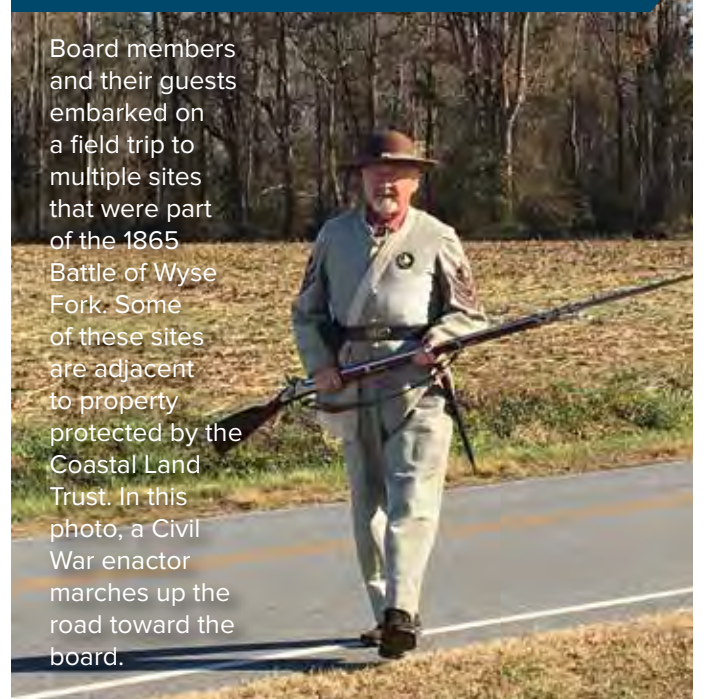
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BACK ROW: Danny Walsh (City Commissioner); George Liner (County Commissioner) and Penelope Lewis (Mayor's daughter).

25th ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF: David Gessner LIVE! Waterline Brewing Company, Wilmington, January 26, 2017



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND FIELD TRIP: Kinston, December 1, 2016

Board members and their guests embarked on a field trip to multiple sites that were part of the 1865 Battle of Wyse Fork. Some of these sites are adjacent to property protected by the Coastal Land Trust. In this photo, a Civil War enactor marches up the road toward the board.



NATURE TRIVIA

Answer: B. According to National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology, this is the explanation for the unusual name for this striking bird. This is likely a common breeding bird at the Coastal Land Trust's new Northeast Cape Fear River Preserve!

CABALLO STABLES TRAIL RIDE: Magnolia Preserve, December 11, 2016



Caballo Stables (who is leasing the Coastal Land Trust's Magnolia Preserve adjacent to Cherry Point) hosted a trail ride on the preserve on December 11, 2016 for the Backcountry Horsemen of the Croatan group.

SHOW ME DAY, Everett Creek Preserve, September 10, 2016



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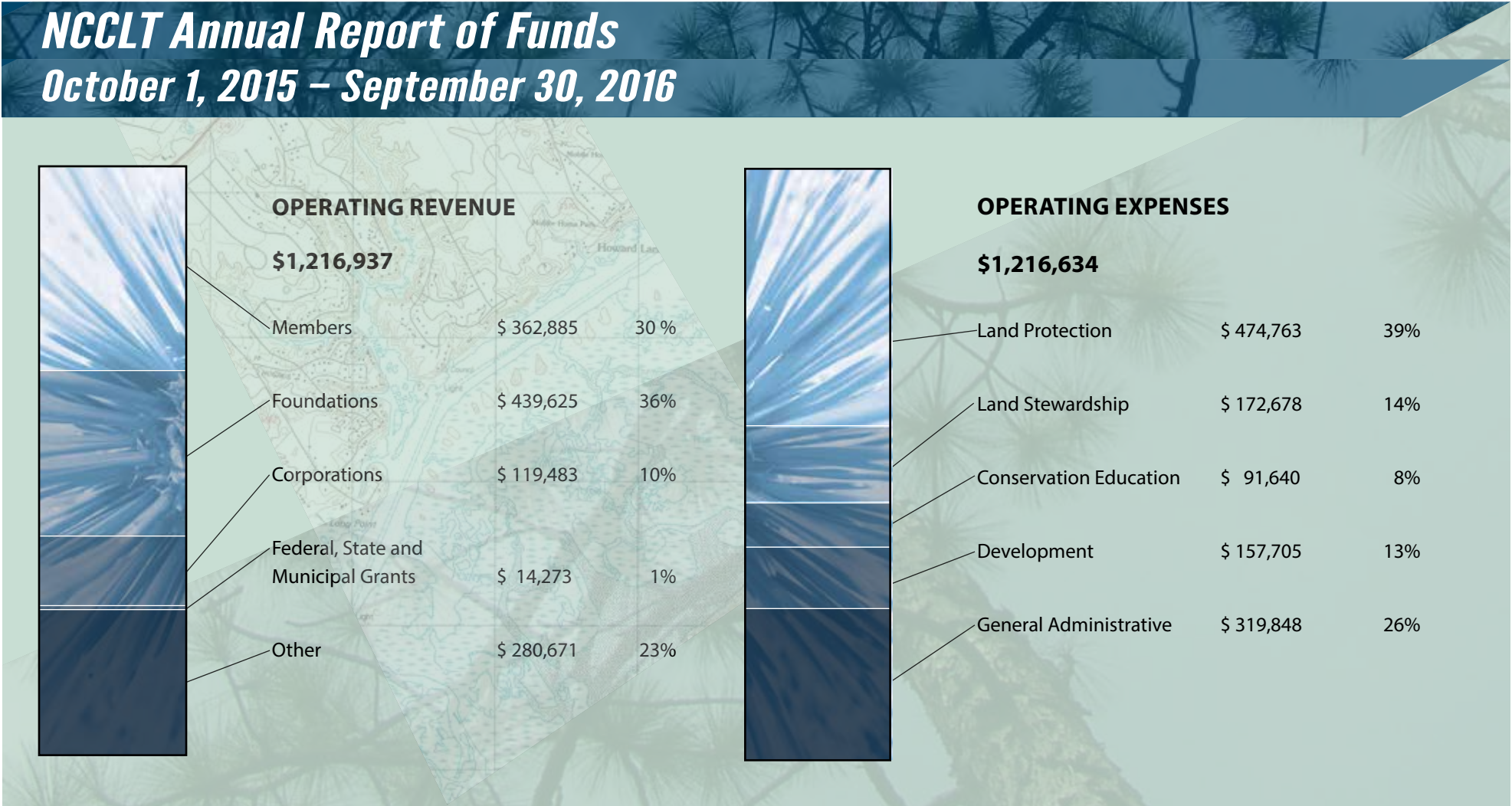
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Recent Acquisition Links Conservation Lands in Two States

Black bears don’t know when they’ve crossed from Virginia to North Carolina—they just know there’s a wildlife corridor of forested land where they can roam freely. In December, the Coastal Land Trust purchased a 950-acre tract on the Chowan River in Gates County, situated between 30,000-acres of the Chowan Swamp Game Lands owned by the State of North Carolina and 3,100-acres of the South Quay Nature Preserve owned by Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Thus, this recent acquisition links conservation lands between two states in a vast green corridor along the Chowan River. The property has been transferred to the state of North Carolina, and will be managed by the Wildlife Resources Commission to benefit its diverse wildlife from black bear and bobcat to barred owl and bobwhite quail.

The property was sold by its owner, International Paper Company, to the Coastal Land Trust for a price considerably less than its market value. The Coastal Land Trust raised a majority of the necessary acquisition funds, negotiated and closed the deal on December 16, 2016. “This project exemplifies the ABC’s of the Coastal Land Trust’s land conservation strategy which is to Assist, Buffer and/or Connect existing conservation lands along our coast. We thank International Paper Company and the Wildlife Resources Commission for working with us to acquire this ecologically significant property,”



The Chowan River in Gates County.

said Janice Allen, Deputy Director of the Coastal Land Trust.

Tommy Hughes, Coastal Ecoregion Supervisor of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, added, “Partnering with Coastal

Land Trust works to each of our strengths—theirs is to write grants and conserve land, and ours is to manage lands for wildlife and public use. With this project, we have added another valuable

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