

NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST

COASTLINES

LAND OF RIVERS

Oh the Places Our
Rivers and Streams Flow

The Coastal Plain of North Carolina is threaded by a magnificent system of rivers and streams. There are slow-moving “blackwater” rivers like the Waccamaw and the Lumber that begin in the low terraces of the coastal plain, and flow lazily towards the sea. We also have faster-moving “brownwater” rivers, like the Neuse, the Tar, and the Cape Fear, that

rise in the piedmont, gathering speed (and sediment) as they race towards the ocean.

Biologists understand the importance to animals large and small played by rivers and the wetlands and swamps that line the banks of rivers. Rivers are places where birds, and other wildlife forage for food, find water to drink, mate and raise their young, and use as migratory corridors.

Many species of fish come upriver to mate and spawn before heading back into estuaries or the ocean.

Botanists celebrate the diversity and abundance of plants that grow at the edges of rivers and streams where water meets land. Transitional habitats and micro-climates allow special plants to flower.

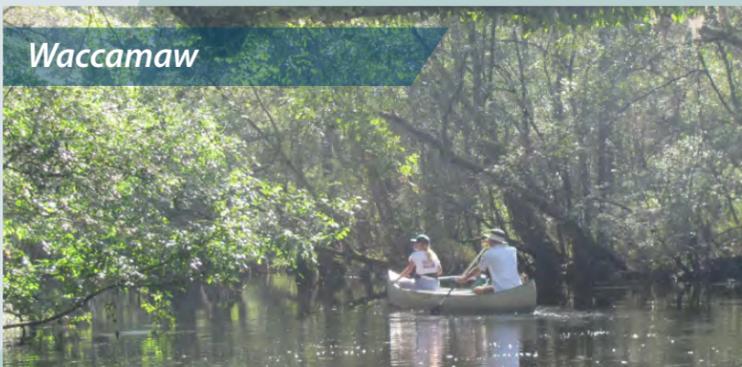
Historians point to rivers as primary transportation routes used by Native Americans and by early settlers from Europe. For the enslaved men and women brought to work Carolina’s plantations, rivers were a spiritual connector via waters that flowed to the Atlantic, and then lapped the shores of Africa.

The financial “value” of rivers and streams are almost beyond calculation. Rivers supply drinking water for cities and towns up and down the coast and water for commercial uses such as irrigation. Our seafood industry depends on estuaries, where rivers meet the ocean, as nurseries for shrimp, oysters, and other shellfish. And rivers are also places for great fun—for fishing, boating, sailing, and paddling. We all depend on clean water!

Rivers supply many of nature’s most abundant gifts, wherever they are located. From our beginning, the Coastal Land Trust has focused on saving rivers by saving the lands through which rivers and creeks flow. We’ve saved bottomland hardwood forest filled with oaks, tupelo, and cypress and sandy river banks of loblolly and longleaf pine. Protecting these river buffers is key to keeping water clean and safe for everyone.

Below we provide some news on two of our favorite rivers along the southeastern coast - the Waccamaw and Northeast Cape Fear.

Waccamaw



Above: Janice Allen and Scott Pohlman of the NC Natural Heritage Program paddle from Babson’s to Pireway landing on the Waccamaw River.

Photo credit: Christine Ellis of the Winyah Rivers Foundation of the Waccamaw

The Coastal Land Trust recently completed the purchase of 670 acres of bottomland hardwoods and cypress-gum swamp along the Waccamaw River just south of Lake Waccamaw State Park. Lake Waccamaw and the Waccamaw River, which flows south from the lake, are recognized by scientists as nationally significant because of the variety and abundance of nature that can be found there. “The Waccamaw is unique and wild,” said Janice Allen, Deputy Director of the Coastal Land Trust. “It includes some of the most beautiful and extensive cypress swamps in the state, and portions of the river and Lake Waccamaw contain fish and mollusks that are found nowhere else on Earth.”

The property was sold to the Coastal Land Trust by Campbell Global LLC, a timberland investment company based in Oregon, with offices in Wilmington. “We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with our partner, the Coastal Land Trust, so that this region of the Waccamaw is preserved,” said John

Gilleland, CEO of Campbell Global.

The Coastal Land Trust used part of its award from a 2012 court-ordered settlement of the Clean Water Act case brought by the US Attorney against Freedman Farms, a corporate hog farm, to buy the property. We raised additional funds from the North Carolina Attorney General’s Environmental Enhancement Grant program, from a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant, and from private donors Fred and Alice Stanback of Salisbury, NC.

“Acquisition of this property on the Waccamaw is exactly the result that was contemplated in the court settlement ordered in 2012,” said U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina Thomas G. Walker. NC Attorney General Roy Cooper said, “We all rely on clean water and our Environmental Enhancement Grant program works to improve water quality by funding worthy projects like this effort to protect the Waccamaw River, one of North Carolina’s gems.”

Northeast Cape Fear



Both black bears and wild turkeys are common along the NE Cape Fear.

Photo credit: Joe Hughes

The Northeast Cape Fear River flows 120 miles through Duplin and Pender Counties to its confluence with the Cape Fear River in New Hanover County. It is a shallow, slow, meandering river, with wide floodplains and rich swamp forests along its banks. Ranked as nationally significant for its ecological values, the land that drains into the river (its watershed) includes some of the state’s largest game lands, the 64,000-acre Holly Shelter Game Lands and 33,000-acre Angola Bay Game Lands. This vast landscape hosts a variety of creatures from rambling black bear to the secretive gopher frog.

In 2002, the Coastal Land Trust received the donation of a conservation easement over the 1,200+ acre Five Eagle Partners Farm by the Thomas family. Since then, the Coastal Land Trust has protected about 5,000 acres with more than \$3.7M in capital funds invested.

And stay tuned, there may be



more to come! Our partnership with the Owens Family of Pender County last December resulted not only in a conservation easement over 2,300 acres of their family holdings, but also an innovative partnership to protect another 2,000 acres or so on the Northeast Cape Fear.

The Coastal Land Trust’s successful, on-the-ground conservation work provides the community an opportunity to envision the Northeast Cape Fear River corridor as a refuge for plants, animals, and wildlife.



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Message from the President

Edward P. Norvell

I am deeply honored to serve as president of the board of directors of the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust. I have been involved in the land trust movement across the state of North Carolina from the Blue Ridge Parkway, through the Piedmont, to the outer banks working as staff member for the Land Trust for Central NC, the Conservation Trust for North Carolina and as special real property counsel for the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. I currently serve on the board of two land trusts including the Coastal Land Trust.

Being involved in the land trust movement in North Carolina for the past seventeen years has given me a deep appreciation for the work of the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust. The staff is without equal and the projects that they have worked on are the envy not only of the state but our entire region.

The North Carolina Coastal Land Trust has protected a total of 62,690 acres in 201 places,

transferring fee simple title to governmental entities of 5,821 acres and placing 35,097 acres under conservation easement. Just in 2013 we protected 12,255 acres in 16 places, including 275 acres in fee title, and 11,553 acres protected by conservation easements. That is an astounding record; and those of you who support our work are to be commended, as is the staff, the board and the many partners we work with throughout our thirty one county region.

Due to the recent elimination of the North Carolina conservation tax credits and to reduced funding from the North Carolina trust funds we may see a reduction in projects and land protected; but we still have a tremendous stewardship job on our hands to make sure that these many special places are protected "in perpetuity." Yes, that is the promise we make when we take a conservation easement: we promise to protect those lands forever. That is a long time!

This coming year will begin a new strategic

planning process, reviewing what we have done and creating a road map for the future of the organization. We may be calling on you, our supporters, to help us frame the vision for the organization going forward. But this is my observation: We have been phenomenally successful in protecting land. Now we must protect the organization of the NCCLT and its good work and make sure that it remains viable and sustainable into the foreseeable future.

We have been blessed with a handful of very generous donors and we have received generous funding from the state and federal government; but we must broaden and deepen our support so that we can keep that promise of protecting these special places and lands forever. After we create our strategic plan this year, we will need to implement it the following year. That is when we will be calling on you for your support! Thank you for your continued commitment to this incredible organization.



Message from the Director

Camilla M. Herlevich

*"However far the stream flows,
it never forgets its source." -African Proverb*

Since our beginning in 1992, the Coastal Land Trust has set out to preserve the thin lines of green, the forested riparian areas, along rivers and streams that flow through the coastal plain. The lands along our rivers feature such an extraordinary array of conservation values—from water quality to

wildlife, from recreation resources to scenic beauty. Thanks to your support, we've been able to preserve miles and miles of "thin green lines" here in the coastal plain. And while we can't protect every linear foot of waterfront (because folks do like to build on the water!), it's truly amazing how much we have saved—

miles and of miles of waterfront along rivers as varied as the Chowan River in the northeast, and Town Creek in Brunswick County. Let's keep at it!

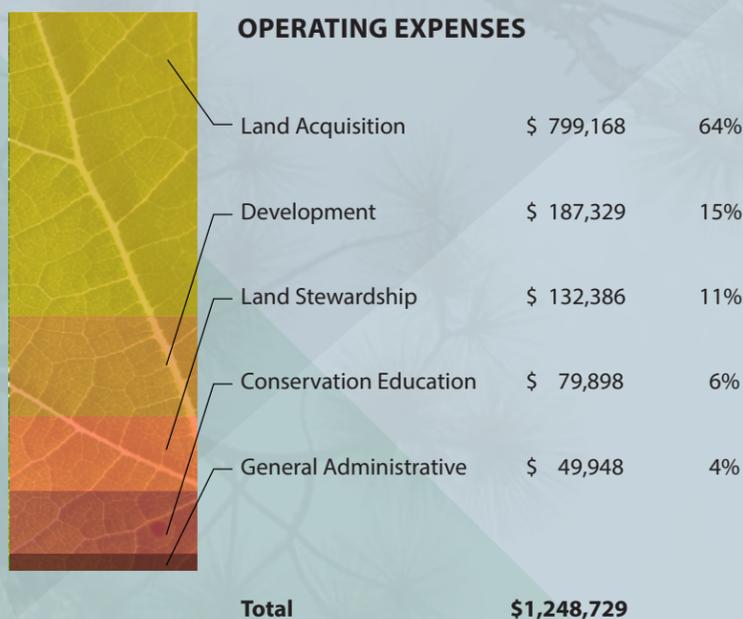


NCCLT Annual Report of Funds

October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014 *

LAND ACQUISITION

The Coastal Land Trust **RAISED \$1,275,000** for land purchases, **SAVING 11,250 ACRES** valued at **\$27,599,000**.



* Unaudited



The Coastal Land Trust preserves the forests, waterways, beaches and farms that make our coast such a great place to live, work, and play. Since 1992, we've protected more than 62,000 acres in the Coastal Plain of North Carolina.

By purchasing a specialty plate, you can fund our future by creating a new sustainable revenue stream that can greatly increase our ability to protect the beauty of the NC coast. For each plate on the road, the Land Trust receives \$20 to fund coastal conservation – the other \$10 supports tourism and highway beautification throughout the state.

Visit www.CoastalLandTrust.org/licenseplate for more information on how you can get yours today!

Scrapbook: NCCLT Events

Scotts Hill | December 11, 2014

Poplar Grove Plantation



After picnicking on the grounds at Poplar Grove, board members toured the manor house and explored the Abbey Nature Preserve. Shown from left are Camilla Herlevich, John Haley, Sadie Price, Lovay Wallace-Singleton and staff members Jen Avesing and Beth Steelman. Seated with back to camera is John Fussell.

Brunswick Nature Park | October 4, 2014

Family Fun Day



Clockwise from above: These trails are made for biking. Father and daughter leave the kayak launch on Town Creek. Gullah artist and folklorist Vermelle Rodrigues weaves a tale for a captive audience.



Wilmington | September 20, 2014

Annual Celebration Lawn Party



Far left: What's a lawn party without croquet?

Left: Table decorations for the Annual Celebration were provided by a Floral Grant from Julia's Florist. The arrangements became take-home surprises (if your chair was marked with a red dot). Shown above is Diana Corbett with Cris Point.



Left: Paul Blalock of Wells Fargo Bank teams up with Stephanie Haley for badminton. Wells Fargo was the Presenting Sponsor of the Annual Celebration Lawn Party.

Far Left: Members of the folk and progressive bluegrass band, End of the Line, are from left: Perry Hewlett (banjo, dobro), Paul Slovik (mandolin) and John Fonville (guitar).

Newport | September 11, 2014

Workdays at Brunswick Nature Park

Camp Sam Hatcher



BEFORE



AFTER

In late October, a crew working at the Brunswick Nature Park hand cut the loblolly and hardwood regrowth in the longleaf restoration area. Loblolly and hardwood compete with the longleaf seedling. Next on the agenda is a prescribed burn out at the site to clear out small trees and brush to open up the forest floor. Shown are the before and after photos.



Board members explore Camp Sam Hatcher. Shown front to back are: Paul Hosier, John Fussell with former Board member Don Hoss, Merrie Jo Alcock with Kevin Hicks (hidden behind her).

Partnership Project to Afford Easy Access to Slocum Creek



Meredith Wilson, a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, paddles along Slocum Creek near the U.S. 70 bridge. Photo credit: Drew C. Wilson/Havelock News

The Coastal Land Trust has helped the City of Havelock acquire seven target tracts - over 80 acres - along Slocum Creek and tributaries in Craven County as part of our Havelock Area Water Quality and Parks Partnership Project.

Several of the properties complement the City's Slocum Creek Waterfront Access Plan adjacent to their Tourist and Event Center and one site will become a new City park.

Katrina Marshall, planning director for the city of Havelock, is helping lead an effort to develop the Slocum Creek Waterfront Park on acreage situated on a bluff overlooking

the creek.

"The location there on Slocum Creek is beautiful," Marshall is quoted as saying in an article written by Drew Wilson for the Havelock News.

"It's right there in the heart of the city, yet you feel like you're deep in the woods. The natural environment there, the habitat, it is wildlife at its finest."

The creek is a paradise for paddlers and anglers. Slocum Creek is home for alligators, beavers and various freshwater fish like largemouth bass and bream.

In the coming year two kayak launches will be added to afford easy access to



Kayakers will notice an abundance of interesting plants along the banks of Slocum Creek like these overhanging fan palms.

Photo credit: Meredith J. Wilson/Freelance

the location. The Waterfront Park gives excellent water access to all members of the community, particularly Marines and their families who comprise approximately one third of the residents of the city.

According to city manager and former Cherry Point commander Frank Bottorff, "Clearly, when you are talking canoeing and kayaking, Marines are substantial users of those available resources." (Havelock News)

All of the properties are within noise corridors and help buffer the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point's main base in Havelock.

400 Miles of Coastal Plain Rich in Gullah/Geechee Culture



From left: Michael Allen, Community Partnership Specialist for National Park Service, Camilla Herlevich, and Navassa Mayor Eulis Willis, at the meeting of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, Calabash NC.

The Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, designated by Congress, encompasses a cultural and linguistic area along the US southeastern coast from Pender County North Carolina to St. John's County Florida and 30 miles inland. The lands and the culture of this region were shaped by enslaved Africans brought from the rice-producing regions of West and Central Africa and their descendants.

On August 8, 2014, staff from the Coastal Land Trust and the Conservation Trust for North Carolina attended a meeting of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission held in Calabash to explore ways to contribute to the goal of protecting and preserving natural and cultural resources that are significant to the Gullah/Geechee people. The Corridor Commission is administered by the US Park Service as part of the National Heritage Area program.

For more information about Gullah/Geechee culture: <http://www.nps.gov/guce/>

Herlevich Receives UNCW's Schweitzer Award



Pictured with Camilla are prior Schweitzer Award winners: Don Skinner (left), founder of Phoenix Employment Ministry, and Dr. J. Richard Corbett, physician, and education and health advocate.

Last fall, Executive Director Camilla Herlevich was recognized as an Albert Schweitzer Honors Scholar and asked to deliver a lecture to the UNCW Honors Freshman Seminar. Camilla spoke about Schweitzer's "Reverence for Life."

In her closing remarks, Camilla said "... to the extent that the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust has carried out Dr. Schweitzer's interest in protecting nature, and the plants and animals who live in the world in all their beauty and abundance, I am honored to accept this generous award."

NATURE TRIVIA - ANSWER

The Waccamaw fatmucket (*Lampsilis fullerkati*), the Waccamaw spike (*Elliptio waccamawensis*) and Savannah lilliput (*Toxoplasma pullus*) are all rare freshwater mussels known to the Waccamaw drainage.

Hoggard Senior Takes on Conservation Project



WORKDAY AT BRUNSWICK NATURE PARK

Sage McKenna, whose senior project at Hoggard is "The Importance of Land Conservation," hosted a trail work day at the Brunswick Nature Park. Classmates, family and Coastal Land Trust volunteers made up her work crew worked diligently to clear a 1/2 mile of trail.

"As we were leaving, people asked if it was open and were using it as we drove away," said Jessica Blake, the Coastal Land

Trust's Director of Stewardship. "It was so satisfying to see our work be immediately enjoyed by park users just after we'd finished clearing the trail!"

LONG LEAF PLANTING AT PINEY RIDGE

In November, Sage coordinated site preparation and planting of 90 long leaf pine seedlings on the land that is to become part of Piney Ridge Nature Park. The seedlings were planted in honor of Hugh



FAR LEFT: Back row from left: Rodney Vanek, Michael Snyder, Sydney Westmoreland, Raymond Samuel, Tiago Bland, Sage McKenna, and Meg Blake Kids in front: Wes Vanek, Sterling Scott, Reagan Vanek, Jake Vanek

LEFT: Nelson MacRae and Camilla Herlevich plant a long leaf pine seedling at Piney Ridge Nature Preserve in honor of Nelson's father, Hugh MacRae II.

MacRae, who celebrated his 90th birthday on November 20, 2014. The Coastal Land Trust holds a conservation agreement on the land, which is owned by The Oleander Company.

Cape Fear Academy students assisted with site preparation. Coastal Land Trust staff and volunteer foresters joined in for the planting.

Venus Flytraps Gain New Protection - New Law Makes Flytrap Poaching a Felony

Conservation groups are praising a new law that makes flytrap poaching a felony. Under the previous law, flytrap poaching was a misdemeanor. The new law, effective December 1, 2014 makes flytrap poaching a class H felony, punishable by up to 25 months in prison.

"We hope that by elevating the charge, people will think twice about stealing our natural heritage," said Camilla Herlevich, Executive Director of the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust. "Thanks to Rep. Ted Davis, Jr. for leading the effort to make this change, which is important for southeast North Carolina."

The Venus flytrap is a very rare, interesting plant, which Charles Darwin described as "one of the most wonderful plants in the world." Venus flytraps are found in the wild in only one tiny corner of the planet - an area roughly 100 miles around Wilmington, North Carolina.

Plants need nutrients such as nitrogen,



Camilla recognized Representative Davis at the December Board meeting for leading the legislation to make it a felony to poach Venus Flytraps.

phosphorus and potassium. Venus flytraps live in bogs with really poor soil that doesn't contain many nutrients. Eating insects provides flytraps and neighboring carnivorous plants with essential nutrients.

These native plants' habitat has been under assault from development and fire suppression, decreasing their population sharply. Plant poaching has also contributed to their designation as "threatened". Lands protected by the Coastal Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy have lost flytraps as a result of poaching.

The Nature Conservancy Government Relations Director Will Morgan and Coastal Land Trust attorney Meryl Murtagh worked with Rep. Davis and other legislators on the new law. "We appreciate Rep. Davis' persistent effort to shepherd this bill through the legislature, and his willingness to work in cooperation with the state's conservation community," said Morgan. "Thanks to his leadership, there will now be greater protection for this ecologically and culturally significant plant."

Consumers can fight poaching by buying flytraps from reputable sources that have cultivated them in green houses.

People in the News

A Conservationist for All Seasons and All Regions

Everett Bowman



"I believe that, as citizens and as human beings, our greatest responsibility and ethical calling is stewardship of the Earth," wrote Bowman. "As I see it, that means to support environmental conservation, preservation, and restoration — to preserve and protect the diversity of plant and animal species and the native habitats of those species, and to stop and reverse global warming and other deleterious effects we human beings and our civilization have had on the environment. From my informal research and investigation, I think your organizations are addressing these concerns efficiently and well."

- Everett Bowman

This summer, the directors of three North Carolina land trusts received a simple email announcing three amazing gifts. Everett Bowman, a Charlotte attorney, said he would be making six-figure donations to the NC Coastal Land Trust, Catawba Lands Conservancy and Southern Appalachian Conservancy.

Everett grew up clamming and sailing in Wilmington; he lives in Charlotte; and he enjoys kayaking and hiking in the mountains. His three donations help support conservation

efforts throughout the state. Each of the three land trusts is building an "Everett Bowman Trail" to commemorate the gift. The Coastal Land Trust has selected Camp Sam Hatcher Preserve as the site for its trail.

Bowman was recognized for his conservation efforts by business and environmental leaders in Charlotte on October 17th with the 2014 Catalyst Award, which was awarded by the NC League of Conservation Voters, on whose Board of Directors he serves.

Springer's Point Preserve & Len Skinner Two Jewels of Ocracoke

Springer's Point Preserve, a jewel of Ocracoke, shines even brighter because of the hard work, dedication, vision and talent of Len Skinner, the Preserve Steward. Len may not be an Ocracoke native, but after living on the Island for more than two decades, everyone on Ocracoke knows him – and his work. Len's artistic talent and craftsmanship are evident not only at Springer's Point, but throughout the island. In addition to serving as the Preserve Steward and crafting functional, yet exceptional, woodwork in businesses and homes across the Island, Len helps with the Ocracoke Ponies, the Ocracoke Preservation Society (OPS) Museum and other Island causes.

Paula Shramel, owner of The Flying Melon, said she could not have opened the restaurant without Len, who crafted the fleur-de-lis and shelving in the bar. "He can do anything . . . he incorporated everything I envisioned – but better; it is perfect and exactly what I wanted. He knows just what to do and how to do it for each job; he can just do anything!" said Paula.

Locals say that Len is always willing to help out, and if you need something, Len will take care of it. At the OPS Museum, Len has made benches, a hand-carved family tree for families highlighted in the Museum, and a period doll house – "everyone's favorite" – according to Amy Howard, OPS Administrator. "If you can roughly describe it, he can make it into what you want it to be," said Amy.

Springer's Point Preserve is an outstanding example



of Len's handiwork and dedication. Len volunteered at Springer's Point for years before the Coastal Land Trust could hire a Steward. From trail and shoreline maintenance, to carving dead tree stumps into critters, live oaks into signs and constructing beautiful fences using windswept remnants that washed upon the Springer's Point beach, Len has an incredible eye and knack for making the ordinary into something extraordinary. Next time you are at Springer's Point, take a moment to notice Len's touches at the Preserve, and if you run into him on the trail, be sure to thank him for his exceptional work!

New Legal / Administrative Assistant

Mary Ellen Slugg

Mary Ellen joined the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust as a legal/administrative assistant in August, 2014. She is from northern Virginia where she was engaged in private law practice for twenty-four years. After being retired for almost three years, the call of the coast was too strong to resist and she relocated to Kure Beach. Mary Ellen earned her law degree from The George Mason University School of Law in 1987 and her B.S. degree in Public Administration from George Mason University in 1984.



UNCW Fall Stewardship Intern

Justin Klein



Justin Klein is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and is soon to graduate with a degree in environmental science and a minor in geospatial technologies. Raised in Carteret County, Justin has grown up near much of the land that the Coastal Land Trust helps protect and is very eager to help them with their conservation endeavors.

Over the fall, he helped the Coastal Land Trust's Stewardship Department with restoration efforts, trail work, and annual monitoring of properties. Justin has previously worked as a GIS technician on the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, as well as volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. In his free time Justin enjoys performing music, playing sports, and of course enjoying the outdoors.

Look for us in your workplace giving campaigns!



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Coastal Land Trust Benefits From New Water Resources Fund



Pictured at Duke Energy's Grant Presentation event in Charlotte on September 24th, are (L to R): Lynn Good, Duke Energy President; Camilla Herlevich, Coastal Land Trust Executive Director; Millie Chalk, Duke Energy District Manager for Government and Community Relations; and Stick Williams, Duke Energy Foundation President.

Photo Courtesy of Duke Energy.

The North Carolina Coastal Land Trust was the recipient of one of eight seed grants from Duke Energy's newly created Water Resources Fund for waterways in the Carolinas and neighboring states.

Lynn Good, Duke Energy's president and CEO said in a news release "We are proud to be expanding our support for waterways in the Carolinas and throughout the region, and we look forward to helping local organizations have an even greater impact in protecting and enhancing our natural resources."

The Coastal Land Trust received \$60,000 to pay for site improvements that will facilitate public access at two of its projects. The two properties, a 200-acre tract on Gales Creek near Newport, called Camp Sam Hatcher, and a 250-acre tract on Everett Creek near Sneads Ferry, are each ideally suited to connect children to nature. "This grant will expand access to two wonderful pieces of land as we begin work to develop them into true nature preserves that will welcome hundreds of visitors each year," said Coastal Land Trust executive director Camilla Herlevich. "We are very grateful to Duke Energy for this generous grant."

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March 7 | **Field Day at Five Eagles Partners Farm**
Rocky Point, NC

April 25 | **Flytrap Frolic**
Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden, Wilmington, NC

March 24 | **Be Our VaLANDtine!**
Wilmington, NC
Sunset Cruise on the Northeast Cape Fear River for Tidewater, Live Oak and Bartram Society Members

June 6 | **GOPC Land Trust Day**
Support the Coastal Land Trust by shopping at your local Great Outdoor Provision Company in Greenville, NC and Wilmington, NC

April 14 | **Holt Oil CStore Golf Tournament**
River Landing, Wallace, NC

Oct. 3 | **Family Fun Day at Brunswick Nature Park**
Winnabow, NC

Oct. 10 | **Annual Celebration Lawn Party**
Wilmington, NC

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The North Carolina Coastal Land Trust expresses our gratitude to the families, foundations, and corporations who made a gift during our fiscal year (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014). Your support helps us fulfill our mission: protecting the beauty, history, and the natural treasures of the NC Coastal plain. Thanks for your support.

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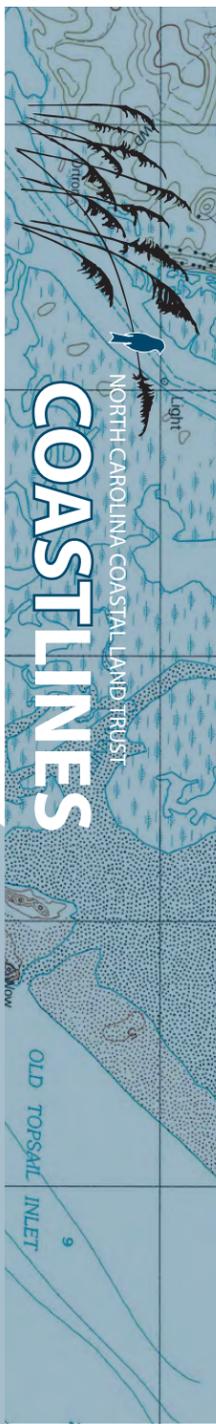
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When I started at Duke University almost 20 years ago, my world view was relatively small. This gradually changed as I moved to Washington, DC, and then to Massachusetts, and finally to Charleston, SC. One thing is clear though: my career started with a love of the North Carolina coast that

my parents instilled in me, first as day trips to Ocean Isle, later to weekends and summers there, and ultimately to living there. Other areas on the NC coast hold special memories too, from drives up the coast with my dad for camping trips at Ocracoke, progressing into family vacations, and finally resulting in extended family vacations. After I moved to Raleigh and met my wife, we made trips down to the NC coast so that I was able to share with her parts of what I loved so much. Once we moved to Davidson, our further distance from the coast forced a progression in our travels from simple jaunts to trips to the Caribbean and the Cayman islands. Here my personality as a corporate real estate lawyer with a quirky coastal background befuddled our guides on kayaking trips through mangroves and bioluminescent bays.

I have been truly blessed in this life. I have married a great wife, I have an incredible family, and my faith and friends as well as my career have all been blessings in my life. Recently my wife and I have begun having discussions

regarding end-of-life issues, such as our own wills. I feel it is a good purpose to use the resources that have been provided to me throughout my career to now help protect, preserve, and provide stewardship of the natural coastal resources that were so pivotal to me and my development.

I would like to think that many others can have the kinds of experiences at our wonderful beaches and tidal creeks that I have and be both inspired and grounded by it as I also have. For this reason we will be including the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust in our wills and estate planning.

For information on how the Coastal Land Trust can be a part of your Legacy, contact your financial advisor, attorney or Director of Development Yann Pearsall at (910) 790-4524, ext. 210.

Nature Trivia



What group of animals include the common names of "fatmucket," "spike" or "lilliput?"

- A. Mollusk (or mussels)
- B. Crustacean (like crayfish)
- C. Myriapod (arthropods with segmented bodies like millipedes)

Answer on page 4.

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NCCLT Welcomes New Board Members

RANDY BEARDSWORTH / WILMINGTON

Randy has recently moved to the Wilmington area, having served in the United States on active duty for the US Coast Guard, and continuing to serve two administrations in a civilian capacity as Director for Defense Policy on the National Security Council staff, where his responsibilities included oceans policy and deployment readiness issues. He subsequently served the Department of Homeland Security, where he oversaw the agency's counterterrorism strategic planning. He currently serves as the principal of Catalyst Partners, a security consulting firm.

Randy is interested in vibrant non-profit organizations and in coastal issues. A graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy, he received his Master's in Business Administration from the University of Colorado.



LOVAY WALLACE-SINGLETON / NEW BERN

Lovay served as an Air Traffic Controller for the US Navy for twenty years. Subsequently, after positions serving disabled veterans in Indiana, she worked for the US Department of Interior in Mississippi and Louisiana, where she managed budgeting for different agencies.

When Lovay moved to New Bern, she assisted in referral management at the naval clinic at Cherry Point. Lovay took up gardening as therapy for work-related disabilities, and has become passionate about the power of gardening to heal.

She serves on numerous community and gardening boards, including the Chamber of Commerce's Minority Business Council, Tryon Palace gardens, Craven County Food bank garden, Civitans, and the NC Community Garden Partners. She is founder and President of Veterans Employment Base Camp and Organic Garden.



NANCY BRAY / GREENVILLE

Having grown up in California, Nancy has lived and taught school (40 years total) in eastern North Carolina for more than 37 years. She has taught at the elementary, middle school and high school levels in Pitt County. She received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching Science in 1990 and was a state Finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching in 1997 and 1998. Her undergraduate degree is from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and her Master's is from Loyola.

Nancy has served in leadership positions on the boards of NC Science Teachers Association, the Regional Science Fair, the NC Student Academy of Science, and various other educational groups. She and her husband John Bray are the founders and primary volunteers at A Time for Science, located on their property in Grifton, NC.



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