



Undisturbed Stillhouse Bottom forest provides a safe haven for flora and fauna, including migratory birds. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

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This past Saturday was a very special day. Botanical Garden Assistant Director Johnny Randall held a press conference on the site to announce the purchase of 5.6 acres of undisturbed forest, bringing the Botanical Garden Foundation's Stillhouse Bottom Nature Preserve to 23 acres.

This special purchase was made possible through the generosity of local landowners, an Orange County Lands Legacy Program grant, a Town of Chapel Hill contribution and more than two-thirds of the funding from private donations.

It was a magical moment, as officials from Orange County and Chapel Hill, Botanical Garden staff, Botanical Garden Foundation volunteers and several biologists joined Randall, in the midst of a dramatic passing snow shower, to express their enthusiasm for the preservation of this significant natural site.

The story continues. Randall described ongoing efforts to secure additional

adjacent lands, enlarging the preserve to 100 acres. Folks interested in supporting this effort are welcome to contact him at the Botanical Garden.

There are no established human pathways in the preserve. Human impacts are limited to occasional seasonal walks scheduled by the Botanical Garden.

One of those present on Saturday expressed a feeling

of quiet jubilation "simply knowing that Stillhouse Bottom Nature Preserve exists primarily as a sanctuary for native flora and fauna in an undisturbed forest."

For more information on Stillhouse Bottom and updates on scheduled walks, visit the Garden's website: ncbg.unc.edu.com

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Johnny Randall (front left) faces local officials to record comments celebrating the preservation of Stillhouse Bottom. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



Harry's 1959

The news of the closing of Harry's in White Cross stirs thoughts of another Harry – one that is indelibly fixed in the memories of students and townsfolk from the '50s and '60s. "My Father Standing In Front Of Harry's in 1959" comes from his son, the redoubtable Ralph Macklin (he of the many hats), who notes that this Harry's was located on Henderson Street from 1954-61, before moving to its iconic location (present-day Four Corners), where it served as a home away from home for me and a faithful crowd of lefties, hippies, free-thinkers and struggling journalists, who to this day mourn its passing. It's the only restaurant I know of that actually has its own alumni association. And as for trivia: Ralph notes that Harry's was NOT named for Harry Macklin, but rather for its original owner, Harry Macklin's brother-in-law, Harry Stern, who started the place in '29 and sold it to Macklin in '39. Amazingly, there are folks around who still remember their favorite menu item. For Citizen office manager Anne Clark Billings, it was Harry's signature cream cheese with bacon and tuna on rye.



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