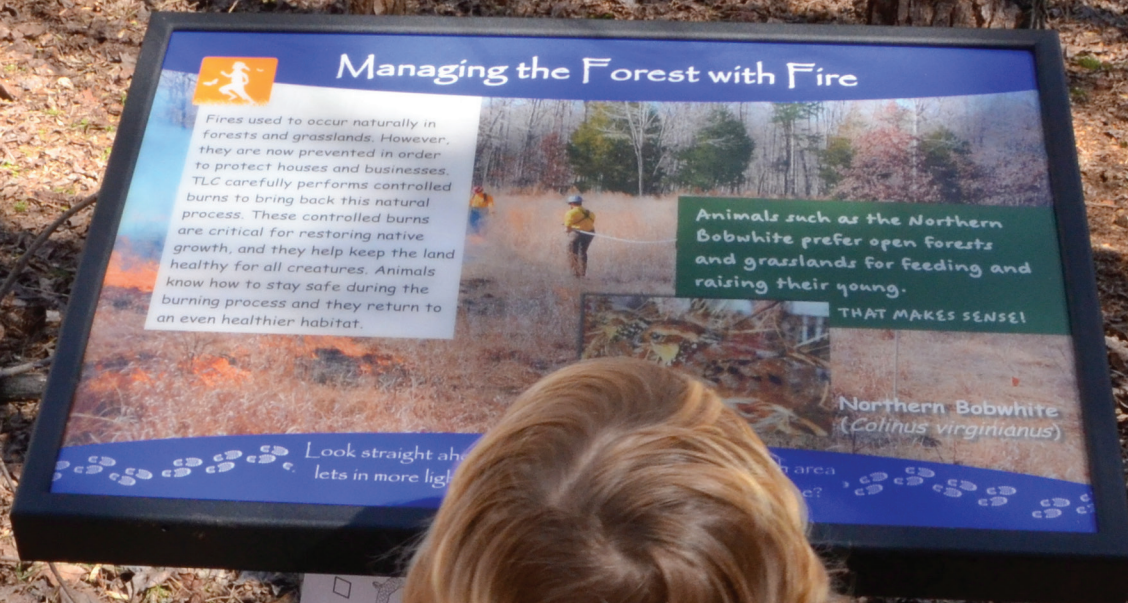


Connections



Managing the Forest with Fire

Fires used to occur naturally in forests and grasslands. However, they are now prevented in order to protect houses and businesses. TLC carefully performs controlled burns to bring back this natural process. These controlled burns are critical for restoring native growth, and they help keep the land healthy for all creatures. Animals know how to stay safe during the burning process and they return to an even healthier habitat.



Animals such as the Northern Bobwhite prefer open forests and grasslands for feeding and raising their young.

THAT MAKES SENSE!

Northern Bobwhite
(*Colinus virginianus*)

Look straight ahead
lets in more light

Executive Director's Note

Land connects us all. Our water, our food, and our economy all come from nature. Undeniably, we have done much to stress and, in some places, break this fragile bond. But thankfully, our connections enable small actions to radiate outward, magnifying their impact to create significant change in the world.



This Ripple Effect (also the theme of EarthShare NC's Corporate Earth Day Challenge) illustrates how TLC has accomplished so much in 33 years with the limited budget and staff we have. Consistently, TLC tapped into our available resources to leverage funding, form partnerships, and find creative solutions for the region's most pressing conservation issues.

TLC's tenacious spirit can be traced back to the early 80s when a small group of people had the moxie to take action at a time when land protection was really critical. We want to recognize those early leaders for their dedication, especially a few who recently passed on (*page 9*). They left an indelible impression on the Triangle that will endure for many, many generations.

Early on, TLC faced several challenges, including growing a membership base from the ground up. The founders enlisted people they knew personally and then asked those recruits to solicit new members, spreading their passion person by person.

Most new members still seem to find their way to TLC

through personal connections and conversations. Board member **Jack Clayton** is an excellent example of how one simple ask can turn into a robust relationship, so much so that Jack and his wife Mary are hosting this year's River Society Celebration (*page 4*)!

Another fine example of the ripple effect are conservation easements. If we can find one landowner in an area willing to conserve their land, it often piques the neighbors' curiosity enough to start the next conversation. Our Chatham Working Land Initiative first led us to Lin Andrew (Chestnut Hill Farm), a Silk Hope neighbor and distant cousin of Neill and Cori Lindley, owners of the recently conserved Lindale Farm (*page 5*). Altogether, we've now conserved over 565 acres in this community!

Now, it's your turn to make a splash. We're celebrating Earth Month this April with a fundraising challenge. Thanks to one generous member, every dollar you donate in April will be matched up to \$25,000! Learn how your money goes further and what you could win by participating on *page 10*. Help even more by spreading the word - **every donor and every dollar makes a difference.**

Thank you. Your support creates ripples that make a difference far beyond your immediate reach!

Sincerely,



Sandy Sweitzer
Executive Director



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On the cover: Over 30 families celebrated the opening of TLC's *That Makes Sense* interpretative trail for kids this January. Explore the trail anytime by following the Holman Loop at Horton Grove Nature Preserve. Photo by Caroline Gilmore.
Behind: Brumley Forest Nature Preserve. Photo by Diana Hackenburg.



wildideas
 a Triangle Land Conservancy series

Over 225 people and 30 outdoor organizations and businesses participated in TLC's *Wild Ideas for Getting Outside* on March 9th at The Frontier. Clockwise from top left: Piedmont Wildlife Center's Otus the Eastern Screech Owl served as the evening's wildlife ambassador, Durham Parks & Rec Adventure Program, featured speaker Allison Martin-Attix, Folding Boat Company representatives, TORC representatives, participants enjoying the Expo, volunteers helping with check-in, a participant and his faithful outdoor companion.



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Outdoorsman and TLC Board Member Jack Clayton

When Jack Clayton was deciding on his career, he took a test. The result fell equally between forest ranger and banker. Clayton is now a Regional President with Wells Fargo; he is also an avid outdoorsman and sits on the Triangle Land Conservancy's Board of Directors.

Clayton was born and grew up near Duke Forest in Durham where he got into scouting and worked his way up to Eagle Scout. He spent a lot of time outside and camped regularly. As an undergrad at Wake Forest, Clayton was in the Outings Club, which hiked and even did a spelunking trip in Virginia. He completed his MBA at University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Clayton has three grown sons, Zach, John and Will, all of whom were also Eagle Scouts. His family, along with his wife Mary, enjoyed camping together - especially in the mountains of North Carolina.

Not far from their Raleigh home, the Claytons purchased an old farm and forested area last year on the Cape Fear River. It's enough land for a good hike and not too far from home to enjoy frequently. Closer to home, Clayton says his favorite TLC preserve is Brumley Forest Nature Preserve. It will open later this fall and he likes seeing it evolve. It's also very close to where he grew up.

During his years in the Triangle, Clayton has seen the explosive population and infrastructure growth, and he knows that more is coming.

"That is why it's so important to have TLC," he said.

Open space preserves air and water quality for the area. And as the area becomes more urban, in order to attract bright, young, energetic people, Clayton believes we need parks and greenways for those individuals. "New York would not be great without Central Park," he argued.

Clayton has helped steer Wells Fargo's philanthropy in recent years to include North Carolina conservation organizations. This is why Wells Fargo was awarded the 2015 **Corporate Conservation Partner of the Year** by the NC Land Trust Council after being jointly nominated by TLC, Sandhills Area Land Trust, and NC Coastal Land Trust.

Wells Fargo employees also volunteer for conservation projects as team-building exercises. In the past year,

employees have helped with reforestation and planting butterfly-friendly plants across the state.

Clayton's relationship with TLC began when Wells Fargo was approached for a corporate donation.



Will, Mary, and Jack Clayton with their dogs.

That gift happened, but then his involvement became much more personal: "It's kind of selfish...I want to make sure that I have some good land to go hiking on," he said with a smile. Clayton also enjoys running, shooting and hunting, kayaking, canoeing and camping. "Even golf is an excuse to get outside," he said.

"There are not many things you can do that are lasting. This will create a legacy for the next generation and improve the quality of life here."

"There are not many things you can do that are lasting," he said about giving to land conservation, "This will create a legacy for the next

generation and improve the quality of life here."

Clayton joined the TLC board in 2014 sits on the Conservation Strategies Committee, which considers approval of land and easement acquisitions. He has been most impressed with the passion of TLC employees and other board members who seem to love the work that they do. Ultimately, he says, he wants the Triangle to be a place that all of his kids would want to move back to because of the excellent quality of life. 🌳

*We are excited that Mary and Jack Clayton will be hosting our annual **River Society Celebration** in late April. Current River Society members will receive an invitation in the mail. Become a River Society member with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more by April 8th and receive an invitation to join us at the Claytons' home in Raleigh! You can donate anytime online at triangleland.org/give/donate.*

Organic Dairy Conserved in Chatham County



Neill II, Neill, TLC's Leigh Ann Hammerbacher, and Cori with the dairy goats at Lindale Farm.

Lindale Farm, a certified organic dairy in the **Silk Hope** area of Chatham County, is now permanently conserved by an easement with TLC. That means TLC brought together multiple funding sources to purchase the development rights to their land.

The fifth generation dairy and poultry farm is owned and managed by **Neill and Cori Lindley** along with help from their son, **Neill II**, and Neill's father, **Darryle**. They can trace the family's ownership of the farm back to at least Neill's great-great-great-grandfather, and many of the surrounding farms are owned by relatives.

"We have a long history of family trying to farm," explains Neill. "This was a good way to keep the tradition rolling along. We didn't see any reason why not."

The Lindleys chose to permanently conserve the property through a conservation easement designed to shield it from incompatible land uses and excessive development. The 182-acre conservation easement allows for farming and agricultural related structures, but prohibits future subdivision of the property. TLC holds the

easement and is responsible for making sure the easement's terms are followed into the future. Funding for the project was provided by the **NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund** and the **USDA's Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)**.

The property includes mostly open pastureland and fields with several acres of woodlands. The easement protects several acres of floodplain, over 1.8 miles of streams that feed into the **Haw River**, and prime agricultural soils. Lindale Farm participates in several conservation best management practices, including livestock exclusion from streams and stream buffers.

Lindale Farm is Chatham County's first and only certified organic dairy. They produce milk for the farmer-owned cooperative **Organic Valley** whose products are sold through local grocery stores. Since producing their very first batch of organic milk in 2007, it's been a learning curve for the whole family.

"What I've learned over the past seven

years is that everything we need to grow a crop of corn, wheat, or sorghum, 100 percent of it's in your soil already," reveals Neill. "I was told I had to till, till, till to get the right Calcium and Zinc for alfalfa. Really, all that's already out there. You don't have to till. You need the right biology to make it work. I destroyed a lot of that by tilling when I could have gained it sooner."

"Hats off to the consumer. They vote with their pocketbooks and they are doing that even now."

It's not just the reduced need for soil amendments

that has Cori and Neill excited about organic farming; there are other costs savings too. "Our cows are healthier and we rarely need a veterinarian," says Cori.

Neill continues, "We work on immunity. We treat the cause from the ground up so we don't have to be treating cows and staying out there all night. I want to go home and I want the cows to go back to the pasture."

Speaking of pastures, you can't miss the white and purple teardrops strung together between the fields and the barns. "Purple Martin houses," Cori points out. "They come out about February or

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March. They are everywhere. They are our only 'pesticide.'"

Even with cost-saving measures like these, farming can still be a struggle. "Most milk prices fluctuate with supply and demand, corn prices, etc.," cautions Neill. "But since we've been organic, our prices have been fairly consistent."

Neill continues: "Hats off to the consumer. They vote with their pocketbooks and they are doing that even now."

Having transformed their business literally from the ground up, the Lindleys are proud to see their farm thriving and growing. They envision a future where their son, and maybe even one of their two daughters, keeps the family's and the community's farming traditions alive. Knowing the land they've invested so heavily in is forever protected clarifies that vision, at least for Cori and Neill.

"We love it," declares Neill simply and earnestly. 🌱

Farm-In-A-Bucket

Christmas morning, Rye, New York 1978 – my family sits before a richly decorated tree, underneath it a mountain of presents. We start opening – lots of gifts for us children and our father, but oddly enough, nothing for Mom. We keep opening.

Finally, at the back of the pile underneath everything else, we find an old bucket with mom's name painted on it, "NAN", filled with red dirt and a piece of paper. Not just any dirt, but clearly the red clay soil of eastern North Carolina; and not just any piece of paper, but the deed to a 75-acre farm in Johnston County, NC. The look on my mother's face was magical. My father, the inveterate New Yorker who had organized the purchase, knew one thing for sure: you can take the girl out of North Carolina, but ***you'll never get the yearning for North Carolina out of the girl.***



Nan Ogburn Cullman

The almost 75-acre Nan Ogburn Forest fronts approximately 1,300 feet of Middle Creek in Johnston County. This easement, along with the 160-acre Middle Creek Bottomlands II property owned by TLC, creates 230 acres of contiguous conserved land along an ecologically important section of Middle Creek.

And that was how the **Nan Ogburn Forest** came into our family. Over time, my mother became increasingly protective of her land as she saw the inevitable impacts of change and development. Yet coming from practical farming stock, she realized that growing timber was both good protection against soil erosion and a crop that, with the help of a good forester, could still be managed from New York. And so she had the property planted in

BY KATE HEDGES

DAUGHTER OF NAN OGBURN CULLMAN

pinetrees. The fact that she forgot to tell my father that the planting would take place while she was 'incommunicado' somewhere between Kathmandu and the Everest base camp in Nepal meant that dad was called upon to make some seat-of-the-pants farming decisions that have become part of family lore.

When my mother died unexpectedly last year following a short illness, we needed to make decisions about the future of her property. The answer seemed obvious. The best way to honor her and her wishes was to protect the land with a conservation easement. But the selection of a conservancy to work with was concerning. After all, this was like a marriage and we wanted to get it right. We were looking for an organization robust enough to be around in perpetuity yet flexible enough to work with us to achieve our aspirations for our mother's land. After talking to many friends and associates in eastern NC, we selected Triangle Land Conservancy and began the process of establishing an easement which was completed this January.

Next June, our family will gather once again at the Nan Ogburn Forest, this time to spread my mother's ashes across her land. We miss her profoundly, of course, but take solace from the idea that she would be very proud of what we have done and how, with the help of the TLC, we have protected her beloved farm-in-a-bucket for generations to come. 🌱

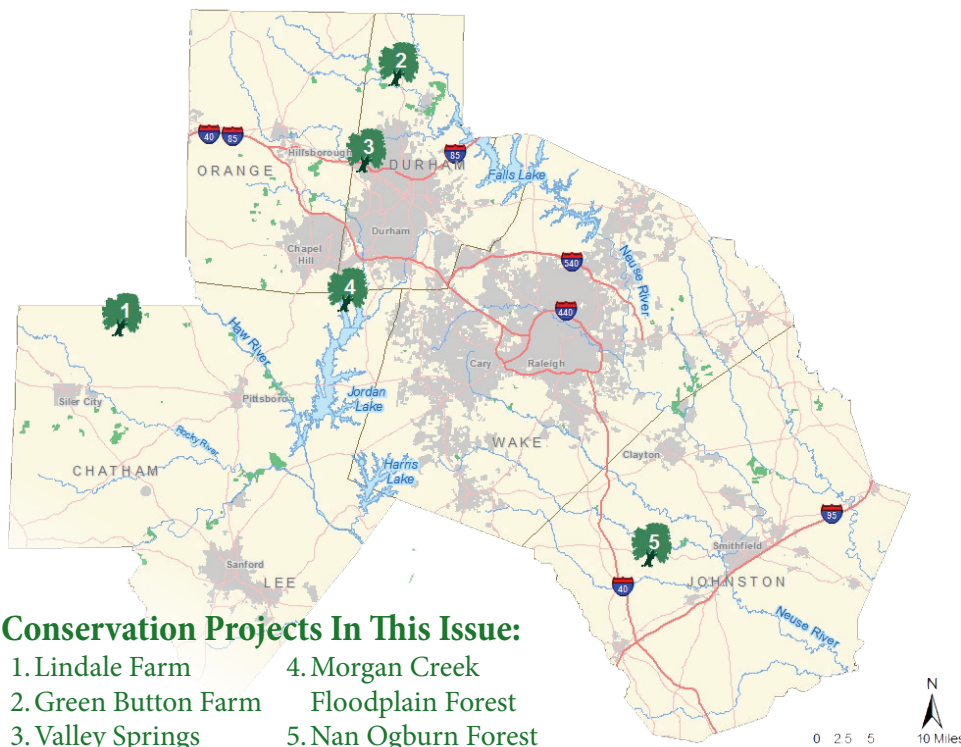
Conservation Updates

TLC, in collaboration with Ryan and Alicia Butler, have protected the 37-acre **Green Button Farm** in northern Durham County. This sustainable family farm provides chemical-free produce, pastured chickens, pork, beef, and eggs to local households and restaurants like the newly opened Picnic. Located along Mountain Creek, a tributary of the Little River, this land safeguards water which flows into Falls Lake, a drinking water source for the City of Raleigh.

In December, TLC received ownership of the 70-acre **Valley Springs** property in Durham County as well as the remaining 20 acres of the **Morgan Creek Floodplain Forest** on the boundary of Durham and Chatham Counties. Both properties were previously protected by easements with TLC beginning in 2009.

At that time, Durham's stormwater ordinance required the mitigation of stormwater impacts from development. For developments that could not mitigate on-site, Durham's ordinance allowed for "land banking," the use of alternative conserved sites for mitigation. Landowners were able to conserve ecologically important land in the bank and sell credits to other development projects in the Neuse River Basin. Conservation easements were placed on both of these properties with the option for TLC to purchase the lands after the credits were used or expired.

TLC worked with local businessman **David Beischer** and his family to conserve the Valley Springs site which



Conservation Projects In This Issue:

1. Lindale Farm
2. Green Button Farm
3. Valley Springs
4. Morgan Creek Floodplain Forest
5. Nan Ogburn Forest

is located adjacent to the City of Durham's Valley Springs Park and across the road from Eno River State Park. The property protects a tributary of the Eno River and includes important floodplain forest.

The Morgan Creek Floodplain Forest, previously owned by **Kirk Bradley**, Developer of the Governor's Club and former TLC board member, connects to a larger parcel already donated by Bradley to TLC. Surrounded on three sides by other conserved lands, the 123-acre parcel now owned by TLC is also located near an active Bald Eagle nesting area on Jordan Lake.

Read more about these and other conservation projects on our blog, *The Dirt* - triangleland.org/blog.

Protecting 30,000 Acres In 30 Years: Goal Set By Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative Partners

BY LEIGH ANN HAMMERBACHER

Helping safeguard clean water for over half a million people, including the City of Raleigh, the Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative is a coalition of nonprofit conservation organizations, including TLC. In the initiative's first 10 years, UNCWI partners have already protected 90 properties, 84 miles of stream buffers, and 7,698 acres in the Upper Neuse Basin.

UNCWI recently released its **2015-2045 Conservation Strategy**, which demonstrates the value of land conservation as a key investment to protect drinking water supplies in North Carolina's Upper Neuse River Basin. The Conservation Strategy serves as an update to UNCWI's original

2006 plan and provides a blueprint for future land protection activities. It identifies the most important areas to conserve to ensure water quality downstream, and sets a goal of protecting 30,000 acres over the next 30 years.

The initiative's efforts, including land acquisition, landowner outreach, monitoring, and stewardship, have been funded by the City of Raleigh through its Watershed Protection Fund. Revenue is generated from volumetric charges on water utility customers, averaging about 60 cents a month per household in Raleigh. Significant additional financial support from local governments in the basin, including Durham, Granville, Orange, and Wake Counties, and the

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UNCWI Partners Set Goal of Protecting 30,000 Acres...continued from page 7

cities of Durham and Creedmoor, and the state's **Clean Water Management Trust Fund** has been critical to the initiative's success.

"Conserving land along streams is a cost-effective way to protect drinking water quality because it prevents polluted runoff from entering the water supply," said Reid Wilson, Executive Director of the Conservation Trust for North Carolina (CTNC). "This reduces the cost of water treatment, so investing in strategic land protection is a win-win -- it safeguards drinking water quality and saves money for customers."

CTNC coordinates the many initiative partners including The Conservation Fund, Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, Eno River Association, Tar River Land Conservancy, Triangle Greenways Council, local governments, state agencies, and TLC.

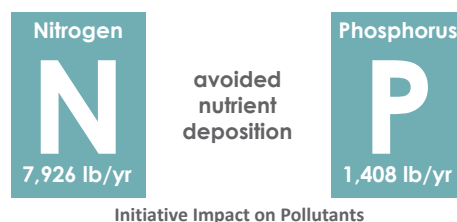
The initiative partners along with the City of Raleigh have been recognized nationally for this pioneering effort. The program is one of the only efforts in the southeast to take a proactive, voluntary approach to land protection to safeguard public drinking water supply resources. The result will be clean drinking water at lower cost for decades to come.

The initiative's updated planning process produced an enhanced GIS-based Watershed Protection Model, which uses the best available science and geographic data to map the most important areas for land conservation, based on four main goals: protecting water sources, preserving upland forests and farms, protecting wetlands and floodplains, and protecting vulnerable areas with steep slopes and wet soils.

"The original plan has helped guide TLC work for the past 10 years, the

updated strategy provides a means to incorporate the latest science and data to really focus our land protection efforts on areas that provide the greatest impact for water quality protection," said Associate Director of Conservation and Stewardship, Leigh Ann Hammerbacher, a main contributor to the strategy.

INITIATIVE RESULTS – 2007-2015



The nutrient avoidance calculations above are drawn from preliminary research by Cardno and the Center for Watershed Protection for the Upper Neuse River Basin nutrient credit program.

Thirty-six percent of the Triangle area is projected to be covered by impervious surfaces by 2040, and the City of Raleigh alone expects its water customer base to increase by 290,000 to about 800,000 by 2030. In the face of increasing development, protecting land around drinking water

sources is one of the most effective ways to protect water quality. Forests, wetlands, and open fields absorb rain and runoff and help trap sediment and pollutants before they enter streams and lakes. Land conservation also results in added community benefits such as new parks and greenways, air purification and flood protection.

The model identifies more than 17,000 parcels of land totaling more than 260,000 acres in the Upper Neuse watershed that are eligible for funding from the City of Raleigh's Watershed Protection Program. With this model, Upper Neuse Initiative partners have set a goal of protecting 30,000 acres over the next 30 years by working with willing landowners.

Land protection efforts are a key part of a comprehensive strategy for clean water and pollution reduction that highlights gray and green infrastructure investments needed for clean drinking water. The City of Raleigh, already a national leader in protecting water quality, will use the Watershed Protection Model to help direct water quality investments to the highest priority projects.

Together with willing landowners, your support, and our partners, we can all work to protect critical natural areas to ensure the long-term health of drinking water in the Upper Neuse River Basin. If you are a landowner located in the Upper Neuse River Basin or Swift Creek watershed and are interested in conservation options, please contact Leigh Ann Hammerbacher (919-908-0060 or lhammerbacher@triangleland.org) or Bo Howes (919-908-0052 or rhowes@triangleland.org) for more information.

Visit triangleland.org/upper-neuse-clean-water-initiative to view the complete conservation strategy.

People of Extraordinary Vision BY KATE DIXON

Honoring Brad Barker, Norm Gustaveson, Robert Mackintosh, and Manny Stein

One of the things I am most grateful for in my life is that I had the opportunity to work with many of the founders of Triangle Land Conservancy during my years as Executive Director from 1992 to 2003. They were people of extraordinary vision, good sense, and passion for land, the environment, and for the future of this special place we call home. Two of those charter members were **Norm Gustaveson** and **Brad Barker**, who both passed away in February 2016.

Brad helped to found TLC when he served as Executive Director of the Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG). The formation of a land trust was one of the recommendations that came out of a visioning study for the Triangle organized by TJCOG, and Brad always considered the development of TLC one of TJCOG's most important accomplishments during his tenure.



Sindy and Brad Barker, 1999.

After his retirement, Brad joined the TLC Board, and it was great to have his broad knowledge of the Triangle and its leadership in our day-to-day work. He was thoughtful and considered in all his recommendations, and they were always made with a Scottish twinkle in his eye and a true interest in other's opinions. Brad remained deeply interested in TLC's work even after he left the Board, and he and his wife Sindy continued as active TLC members.

Norm Gustaveson participated, as an Orange County Commissioner, in that same TJCOG visioning study that recommended the formation of TLC, and he went on to become a charter board member. For more than 10 years, he served as TLC's Treasurer, carefully keeping the books as we undertook increasingly complex projects – including the purchase of White Pines, Swift Creek Bluffs, and Flower Hill – which remain some of TLC's most significant and popular preserves.

But Norm wasn't just about numbers. He was bold and passionate about land and the Triangle and about the potential of TLC to take on big, important projects. I remember many great Board discussions about strategy and direction, and Norm was always in the thick of the

conversation, avidly encouraging TLC to take on new initiatives to protect land. Norm and his wife Nancy have continued to be involved with TLC and the Eno River Association, which they also helped found.

Just three years ago, Norm helped organize a gathering of everyone who had ever served as a TLC board member.

Brad and Norm's deep commitment to land and the Triangle and to TLC is demonstrated by their families' decisions to encourage donations in their memory to be made to TLC. It is a great way to honor their work to make TLC what it is today.

*Thank you to Kate Dixon for her tribute to two of the people at the heart of TLC. Thank you also to **Audrey Booth** and **Sindy Barker** for sharing their stories of Brad and Norm's passion as well as for their own commitment to TLC. You can read some of their stories online at triangleland.org/blog/in-memorialum-february-2016.*

TLC would also like to recognize Emanuel "Manny" Stein and Robert Mackintosh, two strident supporters who also passed away this February. Mr. Stein was a charter member and long-time donor. Mr. Mackintosh was an avid plant collector and owner of the Margaret Reid Wild Flower Garden in Raleigh which is protected by an easement with TLC.



Robert and Julia Mackintosh with two of their daughters receiving the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Community Appearance in 2001.

Do you have insight into TLC's history or have a story to share with us? We'd love to hear from you and add your voice to our archives. Please contact Christine Wilson at 919-908-0059 for more details.

Celebrate Our Earth, Our Home this April

You can help us meet a \$25,000 Matching Challenge!

Double Your Impact! Our members are always going the extra mile to improve lives through conservation. Case in point: one generous, long-time TLC member challenges you to join her in celebrating Earth Month with a special donation to TLC! **She will match every dollar donated during the month of April up to \$25,000.**

Your \$50 donation becomes \$100; your \$100 becomes \$200; your \$1,000 means \$2,000 dollars to forever protect the wild and working lands of the Triangle.

With your help, we can raise \$50,000 by Earth Day. That's enough for us to build 3 miles of trail, restore 50 acres of habitat, or build a new event space or children's play area at Brumley Forest Nature Preserve.

Doubling your donation is *music to our ears*, so **donate \$30 or more by Earth Day on April 22nd** and you will be entered to win a pair of passes to the **Shakori Hills Grassroots Festival**. The festival (May 5-8) is a family-friendly celebration of music, dance, art, & education featuring over 60 bands in beautiful, green Chatham County! We have two sets of festival tickets to give away. Additionally, if you give **\$30 or more anytime in April** you will be entered to win a pair of passes to the **North Carolina Symphony**.

Celebrate Mother Earth with us this year by showing the land of the Triangle some TLC!

Give now online at triangleland.org/give/donate or send a check using the remittance envelope included with this newsletter.



Events & Outings

APRIL

2 WakeWonder Hike

2-4pm at TLC's Swift Creek Bluffs Nature Preserve | FREE

Explore the spring wildflowers at this WakeWonder with Michael Schafale of the NC Natural Heritage Program. Hike held in partnership with the WakeNature Preserves Partnership.

16 Get Wild! Family Earth Day Celebration 2-4pm

at TLC's Horton Grove Nature Preserve, 5000 Jock Road, Bahama 27503 | FREE

Families with children of all ages are invited to join TLC for some outdoor fun in celebration of Earth Day. We will have nature scavenger hunts, supplies for making leaf and bark rubbings, and a recycled planter craft table. Every child will go home with a planted seed! Please bring a recycled jar, can, or plastic container to create your own planter. TLC partner organizations like

Learning Outside will have tables set up with children's activities. While you're at the preserve, you can also explore our interactive ***That Makes Sense*** children's trail.

17 Plein Air Watercolor Workshop w/Durham Arts Council 1-3pm at TLC's

Johnston Mill Nature Preserve | \$35* This workshop concentrates on Plein air watercolor painting in the landscape.

23 Earth Day Trail Crew 9am-noon at TLC's Flower

Hill Nature Preserve, 8954 Flower Hill Road, Middlesex 27557 | FREE

Celebrate Earth Day by giving one of NC's most unique nature preserves some TLC! Volunteers should be 6+ and minors must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

28 Horton Grove Nature Preserve w/Sarah P. Duke Gardens 6:30-8:30pm |

\$12-\$15 Explore Horton Grove Nature Preserve at twilight with Ken Moore in this course which counts as credit towards the Sarah P. Duke Gardens' Home Horticulture and Nature Photography Certificates.

30 Brumley Sneak Peek for TLC Members 9am-

noon at TLC's Brumley Forest Nature Preserve | FREE Join Bo Howes and Matt Rutledge on an exclusive members-only hike to learn about the rich biodiversity found at Brumley, the threats it once faced, and how it came to be permanently protected by TLC.

Welcome New TLC Staff

TLC welcomes three new people to its team, left to right: **Barbara Goldentyer** will serve a nine-month term with TLC as an AmeriCorps member through CTNC's AmeriCorps GEOS program. A Cary native, Barbara previously worked at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve and will help TLC develop environmental education efforts to benefit underserved communities. **Margaret Sands** joins TLC as the Membership and Community Outreach Coordinator.

Originally from South Carolina, Margaret most recently worked as Project Manager for the South Carolina Environmental Law Project. **Christine Wilson** started in February as Director of Development. Christine previously worked with The LandTrust for Central NC on their development team. She recently moved back to the Triangle with her husband Geof and their two daughters. Learn more about the TLC team at triangleland.org/team.



New Mobile Fundraising App

Envested, a new technology platform, enables nonprofits like TLC to connect with donors in the Raleigh-Durham area through their mobile phones. We are thrilled that Envested has selected us to be one of their launch nonprofit partners. This is also a great deal for us as TLC is charged **zero payment processing fees** on the first \$15,000 we raise through Envested and has a discounted payment processing fee after we hit that threshold.

How do you use Envested?

Follow these steps:

1. Sign up for the Envested app at www.envested.org.



org. The app is available for iPhone with Android and web browser apps coming soon.

2. Support our challenges! You can find them in the **Environment & Animal Welfare - Nature Conservation** impact area.
3. Spread the word about TLC's challenges to your friends and family! You can share challenges with friends through the App or on Facebook and Twitter.

If you try the app, let us know what you think of this new giving option!

MAY

4 Nighttime Frog Walk

7:30pm Location TBA | FREE

Join local herpetologist Ed Kabay to follow the calls of springtime frogs through the woods and along the wetlands. This event is being held in conjunction with the **Disappearing Frogs Project**.

7 Beginner's Outdoor Photography w/Durham Arts Council

9am-3pm at DAC Qualex Photo Studio & TLC's Johnston Mill Nature Preserve

| \$100* For beginners and intermediate level photographers, teens and up, this class will cover outdoor photography techniques, composition, and many more topics. At the end, participants will practice with a photo shoot at TLC's Johnston Mill Nature Preserve.

7 Annual Rhodo Ramble

10:30am-12:30pm at TLC's Flower

Hill Nature Preserve | FREE Learn how Flower Hill Nature Preserve got its name on this one-mile hike! View the magnificent blooms of Catawba rhododendron and other wildflowers, and learn from two local botanists about what makes them so special.

8 Mother's Day Hike 3-4:30pm

at TLC's Johnston Mill Nature Preserve | FREE Join members of Hike It Baby for a two-mile hike perfect for those carrying newborns or little ones able to walk on their own (suggested for ages 0-5 years).

14 Walnut Hill Sneak Peek for TLC Members

10am at TLC's Sarah and Bailey Williamson Preserve at Walnut Hill | FREE Join Leigh Ann Hammerbacher, Associate Director of Conservation and Stewardship, for a hike to learn the long history of TLC's acquisition of Walnut Hill - soon to be the largest greenspace destination on the 26-

Mile Neuse River Greenway in Wake County. This special property has lots to offer Wake County residents, and we want our members to be the first to experience it!

28 Deep River Paddle w/Frog Hollow Outdoors

10am meet time at Deep River Park | \$50 (\$40 for TLC members!) Paddle the Deep River with Frog Hollow Outdoors and TLC. Flowing water and a single Class I rapid await on this paddle through what was one of NC's more active mining areas. Paddle participants will also be able to hike to Endor Iron Furnace, a Civil War relic.

** TLC members receive a 10% discount. Just enter TLCMEMBER! at checkout.*

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Connecting People with Nature



Over 60 volunteers joined TLC at Brumley Forest Nature Preserve for the first Trail Crew workday of 2016. They built an incredible 1,500 feet of trail in less than 3 hours! You too can volunteer with TLC - learn how at triangleland.org/give/volunteer.

