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CRLC WORKS CLOSELY TO SECURE ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACES FOR CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY'S FUTURE ACCESS

Capital Region Land Conservancy (CRLC) strives to have strong partnerships with all of the localities in the area. Yet its relationship with Chesterfield County has a storied history that continues today.

Land conservation has been a primary objective for many residents in Chesterfield County, which boasts the region's largest population. In 1997, the Chesterfield County Riverfront Plan identified protection areas along the James and Appomattox Rivers. The Brown & Williamson Conservation Area was thus donated in 2001 and joined the Dutch Gap Conservation Area and Radcliffe Conservation Area. Shortly thereafter in 2003, Chesterfield County approved a conservation easement on the 262-acre Brown & Williamson property held by the Friends of Chesterfield's Riverfront that later merged with CRLC in 2014.

In 2011, Anna Atkins bequeathed 113 acres to Chesterfield County for the future development of Atkins Acres Park. While not under a conservation easement, the gift of Atkins Acres was facilitated by CRLC and deed restrictions on the property behave similarly. In fact, Mrs. Atkins believed in the importance of third party annual monitoring and ensured that CRLC would look over Atkins Acres by designating her estate to donate to CRLC's Stewardship Fund.

Last month, CRLC's Land Conservation Manager, Jane Myers, conducted the legally required annual monitoring of the Brown & Williamson Conservation Area. She was joined by Mark Battista, Naturalist with Chesterfield County, who offered a guided hike of the property for more than 20 outdoor enthusiasts. This unique opportunity opened the property to the public to enjoy. The above photo exhibits the sweeping views of the James River from one of the bluffs at Brown & Williamson looking toward Curls Neck in Henrico County.

This guided hike also gave the public a sneak peak at the possibility of future trails and parking access to the Brown & Williamson site. CRLC received a grant from the Dominion Foundation to assist in the development of these plans with Chesterfield County. As the steward of the conservation easement, CRLC will coordinate the design of the trails to mitigate any negative impact on the land and wildlife habitat. This includes protection of riparian buffer and wetlands as well as overseeing permits under "Waters of the United States" Clean Water Act.

CRLC is excited to make this site available to the public in the future. Our experience managing the conservation easement on the James River Park System has provided

a strong understanding of how to balance access with preservation. We look forward to continuing our work with Chesterfield County at the Brown & Williamson Conservation Area and Atkins Acres Park.

CRLC is also proud to be facilitating the acquisition of 109 acres with one mile of frontage along the James River at Falling Creek in Chesterfield County. After being approached about conservation easement options on this site, CRLC connected the County with the Trust for Public Land. In November 2015, Chesterfield County received \$302,000 from the Virginia Land and Water Conservation Fund to acquire the property that was once slated for a luxury condominium development. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to acquire the property as open space to include hiking and walking trails as well as a public boat launch. While CRLC will not hold a conservation easement on this property, our effort was essential in protecting it.


Capital Region Land Conservancy appreciates our strong partnership with Chesterfield County and looks forward to working together for future access and protection of the lands in Virginia's capital region. 



Photo: Tara Quinn



MESSAGE FROM CRLC'S PRESIDENT

I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME PARKER AGELASTO AS OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. HE STARTED IN HIS NEW ROLE WITH CRLC IN SEPTEMBER AND BRINGS WITH HIM A LIFELONG COMMITMENT AND PASSION TO LAND CONSERVATION. HE JOINS US AS WE CELEBRATED OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2015. AS WE LOOK BACK OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS AND NOTE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WE ALSO ARE THINKING DILIGENTLY ABOUT HOW CRLC CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF THE CAPITAL REGION FOR THE NEXT DECADE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO PROTECT LAND IN WATERSHEDS THAT SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND ALSO EXPLORE DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL URBAN CONSERVATION STRATEGIES TO CREATE AND PROTECT MORE LAND WITH PUBLIC ACCESS IN THE RICHMOND AREA. THE BOARD OF CRLC LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH PARKER TO FURTHER THE WORK OF CLRC IN 2016 AND BEYOND.

BILL GREENLEAF


NEW MAPS HIGHLIGHT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS BY LOCALITY

PROTECTED LANDS VISUALIZED

Thanks to grant funding from the Virginia Environmental Endowment, CRLC has been developing a strategic conservation plan for Virginia's capital region. This work will assemble the exhaustive work previously completed by national, state, and local agencies and non-profits. It will reference existing resources such as VA Department of Conservation and Recreation's Virginia Outdoors Plan, VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries's Wildlife Action Plan, Richmond Region Plannind District Commission's Green Infrastructure Project, as well as local comprehensive plans and Parks & Recreation master plans. Once completed, this strategic conservation plan will be used to inform CRLC's conservation efforts and assist planning staff of the nine localities.

As part of the early development of the strategic conservation plan, CRLC worked with the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission to develop new maps that highlight the protected lands in the Counties

of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan and the City of Richmond. Now available on CRLC's website, these new maps show land that is protected by private conservation easements as well as public land at the federal, state and local level.

These maps provide a visual tool that not only highlights earlier work but identifies areas that may add future value by connecting new property to existing conservation easements that are adjacent. For example, there is great opportunity to protect additional land near the James River Park System in Richmond. 



RVA ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 1 - 7



With other local organizations, CRLC is proud to sponsor the Sixth Annual RVA Environmental Film Festival. The festival will showcase local and national films selected to raise awareness of environmental issues relevant to the Richmond region, our nation, and our planet. This event is free and open to the public.

While the schedule has not been released, the 2016 RVA EFF will include a children's portion at the historic Byrd Theatre in Carytown beginning at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 6, with a showing of *The Lorax* (1972) followed at 10:30 am by Disney's *Monkey Kingdom* (2015).

For more information about the RVA Environmental Film Festival please visit www.rvaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com.

OUTREACH EVENTS - JAN 29 & FEB 16

On Friday, January 29, from 10:00 until 2:00, CRLC will host a public workshop entitled "Conservation Resources for Landowners" at the Powhatan Rescue Squad Building (3920 Marion Harland Lane). \$5 cost to reserve your seat. Lunch will be provided.

On Tuesday, February 16, at 6:00 pm, CRLC will host a "Conservation Easement Information Session" at Luck Stone (515 Stone Mill Drive). This is FREE and open to the public to attend.

Contact Jane Myers at (804) 745-3110 or jane@capitalregionland.org for more information.

- Conservation easements are voluntary legal agreements by which landowners forego certain development options in order to safeguard the land's natural resources and ecological benefits.
- All easement donors retain the right to use, manage, sell, or pass their property on to heirs.
- Donors may qualify for state tax credits and federal tax deductions because of the public benefit of qualifying easements.
- Land conservation is a primary strategy for restoring the Chesapeake Bay.
- Protecting land in our watershed ensures clean drinking water for our families as well as healthy rivers and streams for recreation and fishing.
- Conservation easements help to buffer historic places from encroaching development, preserve viewsheds along rivers and scenic byways, and maintain the diversity of our rural and urban communities.
- Protecting our region's most productive agricultural lands is essential to the region's economy and demand for locally produced food.

CRLC's 10th Anniversary at Tuckahoe Plantation



Enjoying delightful fall weather, nearly 100 guests celebrated CRLC's 10th Anniversary at Tuckahoe Plantation on October 25. Guest speaker Joseph Maroon, Executive Director of the Virginia Environmental Endowment, challenged CRLC to continue its important work, expand and create new partnerships, and identify "two-for" opportunities that enhance water quality while conserving land.

CRLC is grateful for the generous support of our event sponsors Luck Stone, Resource Environmental Solutions, Troutman Sanders, and Tuckahoe Plantation, as well as the food and beverages donated by Ellwood Thompson's and Lickinghole Creek Craft Brewery.

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