



FIELD NOTES

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Field Notes is a midseason newsletter used by The LandTrust to update its contributors on the progress of projects, upcoming events, and news in the office.



Scott Shaver Farm Conserved in Northern Rowan County

In April the LandTrust for Central North Carolina completed the Scott Shaver Farm Conservation Easement donation. The easement, donated by Joseph "Scott" Shaver of Salisbury, permanently conserves a 165-acre working farm in northern Rowan County. The conservation easement will protect farmland, including areas of "prime soils" and soils classified as "farmland of statewide importance." Other conservation values include water quality protection, through creation of a permanent buffer on approximately

2,100 feet along Deals Creek, a tributary that feeds into the South Yadkin just north of the City of Salisbury's water intake, and wildlife habitat protection in a forested corridor along the creek.

North Carolina's Clean Water Management Trust Fund assisted in the conservation easement donation through a \$15,000 grant that helped offset transaction costs for both The LandTrust and the landowner.

"The Scott Shaver Farm Conservation Easement is a perfect

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Morrow Mountain Park Addition Protected in Stanly County

The LandTrust for Central NC is pleased to announce its recent acquisition of a unique and naturally significant five acre property immediately adjacent to Morrow Mountain State Park. The purchase of this property provides for protection of a nationally significant and globally rare hillside seepage bog, which is home to a variety of frogs, toads, and salamanders, and a rare plant, crested coralroot.



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Letter from Our Youth “Reflections on a Land Trust in England”

By Seth Morris

Standing on the Salisbury Plain at Stonehenge, looking due West, I instantly saw the similarity. At the time, I was thirteen years old and on a Boy Scout trip. I learned that Salisbury, North Carolina, was named for Salisbury, Wiltshire, England for its similar geography. It was almost eerie how wonderfully symmetrical these two sides of the pond are, but that similarity does not end at geography.

Just as The LandTrust for Central NC exists to protect significant lands, including prehistoric sites such as Hardaway Mountain, so does there exist a protective body for Stonehenge. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is a nonprofit that protects Stonehenge, Avesbury, and many other ancient burial grounds and Holy sites I visited on my scouting trip six years ago. The agency is devoted to environmental protection and education within the County of Wiltshire, England.

The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust was founded in 1963 with the mission of protecting biodiversity and natural environments. The Trust grew slowly through the 1960's and 70's, finally acquiring its first office and staff in 1982. Through the 1980's and 90's they expanded their land acquisition program creating numerous preserves across Wiltshire. It has grown significantly recently, and now maintains 52 fulltime staff positions, involves over 15,000 members, and provides stewardship for 34 wildlife preserves.

The Trust is active not only in land preservation and stewardship, but also environmental education, energy-use reduction, and volunteer organization. It maintains two education centers, where school groups and youth organizations can learn about their region and connections with the world around



them. It promotes a smaller carbon footprint by emphasizing local foods, educating citizens about recycling and composting, and providing home and business owners with tools they need to increase their energy efficiency. The Trust organizes volunteers to maintain properties, promote environmental education, and advocate for legislation to prevent climate change and protect local habitats.

The size and success of The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust can be greatly attributed to their system of funding. The organization has received over \$5 million in grants funded by the national lottery system and \$3.5 million from the landfill tax credit system. The Trust also receives over \$300,000 annually from municipal governments within the county.

We have a lot to learn from our allies across the Atlantic in regards to land stewardship and environmental ethics. The Britons have a strong sense of environmental responsibility which translates into a commitment to protect local wildlife and the global environment. It is possible for our LandTrust to be as successful as the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, but this will take more than a greater commitment on our behalf.

Such success is dependent upon an environmental awakening across our state and nation. We must educate our youth, inform our lawmakers and engage our citizens about the importance of conservation. Each of us can take a step. We can take a child on a hike, or give our neighbor a compost bin. We can try to support local farmers by buying local food whenever possible. These small steps will eventually lead to, not only a better, more effective LandTrust, but a greener more sustainable region.

The LandTrust for Central NC and the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust are not so different. We both strive to protect the places we love, and rely on the support of strong advocates and enthusiastic volunteers to reach our goals. We can learn from what they have done, and aspire to have an even greater impact on the lives of not only this region's citizens, but also on the sustainability of this nation and world.

Seth Morris interned with The LandTrust his senior year of high school, and has a full scholarship to Sewanee: The University of the South, in the fall. Best wishes!

Scott Shaver Farm Continued...

example of the partnership that can exist between a conservation-minded landowner, a local land trust, and the State of North Carolina," says Andrew Waters, Operations Director at The LandTrust

Scott Shaver Farm, Rowan County



who was the project manager for the easement donation. "Scott came to us with a goal of permanently conserving his farm. Thanks to his patience and flexibility, we were able to take advantage of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund's mini-grant program to pay transaction expenses that otherwise would have been paid by either Scott or LandTrust donors."

Waters notes the conservation easement donation took over two years to complete. "Scott first came to us in early 2007. Over the following two years we worked together to pursue grant opportunities and carefully craft a solid, working farm conservation agreement. He has been a

pleasure to work with and The LandTrust thanks him for his generous contribution." Many easements take several years to complete, says Waters, because the landowners need to educate themselves about conservation agreements and carefully complete their permanent plans for the property.

With completion of the Scott Shaver Farm conservation easement donation, The LandTrust has permanently conserved over 6,000 acres in Rowan County, either through conservation easement donations, fee simple acquisitions, or assisting other conservation agencies.

Morrow Mountain Addition Continued...



The property also has an abundance of mature hardwood trees and large rock outcroppings and boulders, which are habitat for timber rattlesnake, a state endangered species.

Not only is this property adjacent to the State Park, but it shares two of its three boundaries with the park, and is also prominently situated in the scenic viewshed of Valley Drive, which is a North Carolina Scenic Byway. Executive Director Jason Walser comments on the significance of this property, "Although a small property, this was truly a unique opportunity. There are not many large tracts we run

across with more conservation values than this small property has, and certainly there will not be another opportunity to add a tract like this to the park in the near future. We are glad to be a part of this unique project."

The heirs who recently inherited this tract needed to dispose of the property and The LandTrust was able to raise money and make the project happen quickly. The LandTrust plans to work with the State to transfer these five acres to Morrow Mountain State Park in the near future. This project was made possible by significant funding from The Cannon Foundation, and also a private donation made in honor of Ron Bryant, an

easement donor in Stanly County and long time conservation advocate, by his son Jeep Bryant. The NC Scenic Byways grant also provided funding for some of the legal and transactional costs for this project. The LandTrust would like to say thank you to those who made this project possible.

Morrow Mountain State Park Addition



“Don’t Just Protect, Protect and Manage”

You have protected your property with the LandTrust for Central North Carolina. So, now what? Depending on easement language, your choices for commercial management may or may not be limited. However, a wide range of management options exist to improve the natural resources on your property. Surprisingly, some folks interested in preserving land have not thought about long-term management objectives and necessary funding for future management. One landowner with a very clear objective prior to protecting his property is Dr. Whitman Smith. Dr. Smith wanted to manage his property by conserving wildlife habitat, maintaining natural aesthetics; and he incorporated both objectives into the conservation easement. Soon after closing on the easement to protect his Lake Tillery property, Dr. Smith began working to meet his natural resources management objectives.

Dr. Smith sought assistance from The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) in drafting a plan to improve wildlife habitat on his protected property. The recommended practices were thinning of timber stands, prescribed burning

and converting fields from invasive exotic grasses to native warm season grasses (NWSG) and forbs. Dr. Smith worked with his forestry consultant and The North Carolina Division of Forest Resources to complete a commercial thinning in a loblolly pine plantation and to begin a prescribed burning program. The conversion to NWSG proved to be a bigger challenge.

The NRCS Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program funded Dr. Smith's proposed plan to convert his pastures to a mixture of Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Yellow Indiangrass and wildflowers. This program provides financial and technical assistance to enhance declining habitats or habitats needed by declining wildlife species. After a couple of years fighting the exotic grasses, and a mixture of NWSG and wildflowers were planted in the spring of 2008. Technical assistance for this planting was provided by NCWRC and US Fish and Wildlife Service staff. A local contractor planted the native seed using a drill that was rented from Environmental Impact Resource Conservation and Development Inc. Although the native grasses and wildflowers were suppressed by drought conditions the first summer, their presence

was significant in the spring of 2009. All three species of grass are doing well and have grown enough this spring to provide habitat for several species of grassland songbirds. The first wildflowers to bloom were the Lance-leaf



Native grasses and wildflowers.

Coreopsis, which grew with a vengeance in May followed soon after by the Plains Coreopsis.

Dr. Smith has successfully improved wildlife habitat on his property. Though establishment is completed, he is not finished with management quite yet. Periodic prescribed burning and spot treatments with herbicide will be needed to maintain early successional habitat quality by controlling woody vegetation and exotic plant species which will pop up from time to time.

If you are interested in managing your property, the first step is to decide on your primary objectives. Once you know what you want out of your property, you can involve natural resource professionals in the development of a land management plan. Make sure you utilize the professional in the field of your primary objective. With a plan in place you can more effectively begin implementation or research cost share opportunities which best fit your land management objectives.

John Isenhour is a Technical Assistance Biologist with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and a member of the LTCNC stewardship committee.



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*When you plant a tree, never plant only one
Plant three – one for shade,
one for fruit, and one for beauty.
–African Proverb*



Come share the evening with us...

**RiverDance
2009**

to benefit The LandTrust
and its efforts to preserve our heartland

Saturday, August 15, 2009
Seven o'clock until
Midnight

Southern Food & Spirits
featuring local chef Mary Berrier
of the Buttercup Café

Encore appearance by *The Risse*

Salisbury Station
215 Depot Street
Salisbury, North Carolina

LandTrust Supporters:

As many of you know, our annual RiverDance event is a very important fundraiser for LandTrust operations. In recognition of the challenges these economic times have put on our supporters, we have dropped the cost of this event by \$20 per couple, and reduced the price even further for those under the age of 30. We hope that this will make it easier for your friends to join us for this always fun event. Of course, we welcome and encourage donations beyond the entrance price, as all proceeds are matched, and these funds directly impact the number of projects The LandTrust can take on each year. Please call us at (704) 647-0302 to purchase tickets, or mail us the response card provided below. Thank you for supporting The LandTrust for Central NC as we work to save the places you love!



GUEST(S) _____
(Please print names)

ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE – Enclosed is my payment for \$_____ for _____ reservations.
 \$130/couple* \$65/individual* \$40/individual under age of 30*

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Recent Outings and Events

Morrow Mountain State Park Hike

On March 22nd, more than 50 people gathered with LandTrust staff to hike to the newly protected Speight property beside Morrow Mountain State Park. This hour long hike was led by Jeff Michael, board member and local history expert, who also spoke briefly about the natural history of the area and park. This adjoining five acres has numerous important natural habitats, including a significant wetland, large rock outcroppings, and a mature hardwood forest, and this acreage will soon become an addition to the park. Several children who attended were able to play on these large rocks and examine tiny salamanders and their egg masses. Thanks to all who came out for this fun event!



South Yadkin River Canoe Trip

The LandTrust and Boy Scout Troop 442 hosted a canoe trip on April 19th along the South Yadkin River. Despite cloudy skies, a large group of nearly 60 came out to enjoy nature and create memories with friends and families. The smooth ride along the Yadkin River presented sights of greening forests and rocky slopes. A big thanks to Tracy McFarren and Roger Laudy, who hosted a delicious cookout for attendees at the mid-way point on the trip, with hotdogs and refreshments. The 2.5 hour paddle was a huge success and we hope to do it again soon!

Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting was held at The Charles T. Hagan Sea Scout Camp in Davidson County on May 23rd. To celebrate The LandTrust's fourteenth year working to save the places you love, and the protection of 18,000 + acres, easement donors and supporters gathered for an annual report by Executive Director, Jason Walser, followed by a tour of the camp and a barbecue lunch. Attendees were able to enjoy a few of the many recreational activities that the camp provides, including canoeing, sailing, fishing, and motor-boating. The LandTrust is extremely grateful to Corky Gray for lending us his expertise on sailing history and the importance of conservation while serving as our host at the camp.



State Wildlife Action Plan Workshop

On June 1st, The LandTrust hosted an informational workshop on the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) at the Asheboro Zoo for local leaders and the press. Kacy Cook, Piedmont Conservation Biologist with the Wildlife Resources Commission, gave an overview of SWAP history and purpose, with it's focus of preserving priority habitats and species. The LandTrust supports their theme to keep "common species common" through our conservation efforts. The workshop provided important information useful for the challenging issues that we will meet in the future of land conservation. The workshop was followed by a brief hike on an adjacent property the zoo owns and manages, where some priority habitats and species were defined.

John Hart Event A Huge Success!

A special thank you to all who came out for the John Hart Pre-release fundraiser on May 10th! The LandTrust raised over \$7,000 that will go toward preserving land in our region. Thanks in small part to LandTrust supporters, John's third book, *The Last Child*, was in *The New York Times* top 10 Bestseller List. We cannot thank John enough for choosing this organization to be the beneficiary of his pre-release publicity. Critical acclaim and book sales continue to increase for John, and we encourage anyone who has not yet read *The Last Child* to buy a copy today. As with all of John's books, our Piedmont Landscape is prominently featured in this internationally published novel.



Upcoming Outings and Events



RiverDance 2009, Saturday, August 15th

You won't want to miss this year's RiverDance, The LandTrust's annual fundraising gala, on Saturday, August 15th! Join us for a night of dinner and dancing, to benefit The LandTrust and its efforts to preserve our heartland. The event will commence at 7pm with drinks, followed by Southern Food & Spirits featuring local chef Mary Berrier of the Buttercup Café, and a special encore appearance of *The Risse* band. For more information including ticket prices, visit our website at www.landtrustcnc.org, or send us the response card provided at the bottom of page 5.

Falls Lake Canoe Trip, Sunday, September 13th

Looking for a unique way to enjoy the beautiful fall colors? The LandTrust has the perfect fall outing for you — a canoe trip on Falls Lake. Boy Scout Troop 442 will again be assisting The LandTrust by providing canoes for this float, but space is limited so please RSVP early to ensure a space on this trip. You can reserve your spot by calling The LandTrust at (704) 647-0302 or by email at landtrust@landtrustcnc.org.

Nature Walk at Eagle Point Park, Sunday, October 18th

Join us on Sunday, October 18th at Eagle Point Park and Preserve in Rowan County for a fantastic nature walk, complete with interactive hands-on animal and plant exhibits! Staff from Dan Nicholas Park, will be assisting with this unique event. Exhibits from the park will be set up along the trail at stations where kids can learn more about these fascinating creatures.

Land Management Tour, Sunday, November 8th

The LandTrust is hosting a land management tour on Sunday, November 8th. If you have property that you'd like to enhance for wildlife habitat, or if you're just interested in land management, this is the event for you. Join us on our Bittinger Property, located in Davie County in the heart of our Two Rivers area, to discuss management objectives and practices. John Isenhour, Technical Assistance Biologist with the Wildlife Resources Commission, will provide an overview of current management practices and challenges.

Your Gifts Support our Conservation Work

Your donations will allow us to continue "Saving the Places You Love" in the Piedmont Region. The following are **new** or renewing members from **January 1, 2009** through **June 1, 2009**. Every effort has been made to ensure that these names are correct. Should there be an error, or if you have questions or comments, please contact us at 704.647.0302. Thank you for supporting The LandTrust!

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LandTrust Introduces Four New Board Members!



Jennifer Baptiste

Jennifer is the Planner for Anson County. She and the commissioners are focusing on farmland and natural area preservation as important goals for the county. We are so excited to have her on our board!



Marla Coulthard

Marla is the Tourism Development Director for Montgomery County. She is an advocate of land preservation as a key to recreational based tourism. She enjoys hiking and kayaking in the Uwharries.



Billy Joe Kepley

Billy Joe is a Davidson County Commissioner, and also a LandTrust conservation easement donor! His heart for conservation and experience make him a valuable addition to our board of directors.



Lynn Raker

Lynn is a Planner and Landscape Architect for the City of Salisbury and lives on a farm in Davidson County. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience. We are thrilled to add her to our board!

Thanks to our Summer Land Trust Interns!



Patrick Reese

Patrick is a rising senior at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. He assisted us with farmland preservation planning and landowner outreach efforts on the Rocky River in Anson and Stanly Counties.



Jennifer Fitts

Jennifer is an incoming Master of Environmental Management student at Duke University. She assisted with field work, GIS mapping for protected properties, and prioritizing properties for conservation in the Uwharries.



Kristin Paterakis

Kristin is a rising senior at Duke University. She worked on an Ecotourism Cost-Benefit analysis for open space connectivity in the Uwharries, in addition to helping with the newsletter and photographing protected tracts.



Ben Bubnovich

Ben Bubnovich is a rising senior at Duke University, who came back for his second internship with us this summer. He assisted with field work, baseline inventories of protected properties, and drafting management plans.

Southern Central Piedmont Rural Growth Modeling

Will the small town of Asheboro one day resemble a booming city like Charlotte? This question may not be as ridiculous as it sounds. Some studies suggest that North Carolina's population may rise by 50% by 2030. This unprecedented growth rate combined with land use policies that enable sprawl will result in development patterns that threaten our natural resources. State and local agencies are working to find a way to balance development and ecological sustainability, and providing this vital information to local officials to plan in an effective way for both.

The Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI) at UNC Charlotte, led by LandTrust board member, Jeff Michael, has teamed together with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission's (WRC) Kacy Cook to project future development in the Southern Central

Piedmont area. This effort is unique in that it focuses on rural development patterns, which can be more scattered and difficult to predict. Prior work by RENCI and UNCC has shown that we now develop 5 times the amount of land *per person* as we did in the 1970s, which shows that we are using land less efficiently.

The effort incorporates WRC's Green Growth Toolbox, which offers important information to local governments they can use to promote economic and ecological sustainability. It offers recommendations for conservation based planning, focusing on wildlife habitat conservation. Strategies include encouraging development near towns and cities, which lowers tax burdens due to lower infrastructure costs. It also gives techniques for minimizing impacts to important ecological areas, such as rivers, streams, significant natural areas and priority wildlife habitats.

The mapping effort contrasts two scenarios – what our future landscape will look like if governments utilize The Toolbox, or the appearance of our communities and land if we allow historical inefficient development patterns to continue. Without proper planning, habitat loss will be so great in some parts of our region that many wildlife species may likely disappear. It shows that we can accommodate the same amount of development in a more cost-effective manner, retain important habitats and species, and improve water and air quality in the process. The LandTrust supports this effort as a useful tool to show how conservation planning helps us strategically preserve the places we love in the Piedmont.



Stewardship Update

Volunteers and staff gathered on March 27th for a Stewardship Clean-up Day on our Blair II and Bingham Properties. At the Blair II property, which is located on the scenic byway of Flint Hill Ramble near Jumpin' Off Rock, we were able to clean up trash that had accumulated over the years, filling more than 20 bags of unwanted debris.



At the Bingham graveyard, volunteers worked hard to remove small trees that threatened to damage the historical grave markers, some of which dated back to the mid-1700s. Though a difficult job, everyone felt rewarded after a hard day of work. This part of land management is one of the toughest but most appreciated, and we are grateful to all those who came out.



Children play on the rocks found on the newly owned five acres by Morrow Mountain State Park.

Many thanks to the Boy Scouts for assisting with the South Yadkin River Canoe Trip!



Fowlers toad caught at the State Wildlife Action Plan Meeting at the NC Zoo!

THE LANDTRUST FOR CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA

The LandTrust is a private, nonprofit organization working with private and public landowners to protect the special natural areas, family farms and rural landscapes of Anson, Cabarrus, Davidson, Davie, Iredell, Montgomery, Randolph, Richmond, Rowan and Stanly Counties. With 501 (c) (3) status, all donations to The LandTrust qualify for maximum tax deductions.

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