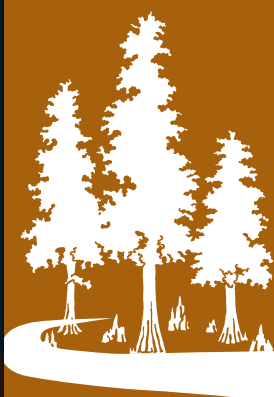


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Pee Dee Land Trust and Black Creek Land Trust Announce Consolidation

"Black Creek Land Trust and Pee Dee Land Trust are consolidating their land protection efforts under the stewardship of Pee Dee Land Trust. As a result Pee Dee Land Trust will take fee title to two nature preserves totaling 267 acres and will add six conservation easements comprising 3,130 acres to its portfolio. While there is a little bit of a bittersweet feeling in leaving behind this chapter, I can sleep better at night knowing that our good projects are in good hands for many, many years to come." - Jay James, co-founder of Black Creek Land Trust

Black Creek is a storied waterway. Rising in the Sandhills of Chesterfield County near Pageland, it flows through farms and forests to the south and east, through the town of Hartsville, past Darlington to its confluence with the Great Pee Dee River north and east of Florence. Black Creek has been the home of some of South Carolina's most dedicated conservationists. Those who grew up swimming along its forested banks have a deep sense of conviction about what good stewardship of land and water truly means. Even those who move away stay connected to the clean, plentiful waters of Black Creek.

This stream has benefitted from the good stewardship of generations of landowners, and from the advocacy of the Black Creek Protective Association, formed in the 1940's as one of South Carolina's first watershed-focused conservation groups. In 1981, a group of conservation-minded citizens from Hartsville, Darlington, and Florence joined together to form Black Creek Land Trust (BCLT) to "hold in trust, to protect, and to manage, the land in the Black Creek Watershed for the public good." This was one of the earliest land trusts in South Carolina, started a good 18 years ahead of the Pee Dee Land Trust. It was formed by individuals with a strong interest in providing options for landowners who were concerned about preserving their family land and traditional

landscapes of forest, farm, and streams.

For more than 3 decades, the BCLT board, members, and landowners have done just that. Carefully guided by the strong conservation ethic of founders such as Jay James, Ben Williamson, and Lucas Dargan, BCLT has protected a total of nearly 3,400 acres of family farm and forest land, natural areas, and historic sites, primarily in Darlington and Florence Counties – truly a remarkable feat for an all-volunteer organization.

The board and staff of the Pee Dee Land Trust are deeply honored to be marking our 15th year as an organization by accepting the full responsibility and long-term commitment for stewardship of two nature preserves:

- **the Woods and Louise McFarlan Dargan Preserve**, a maturing 217-acre tract of rich woodland located at the confluence of Swift Creek and Black Creek, east of Darlington, donated by Mrs. Dargan;

- **the Mazingo Preserve**, a 50-acre tract of maturing woodland located on Black Creek just west of the bridge on Society Hill Road north of Darlington, donated by the Mazingo family.

These properties will allow us the opportunity to reach broader audiences and offer adults and children in the community an opportunity to experience the magic of Black Creek and the majesty of these woodlands. We are excited to begin working with school groups and scout groups to help us document the plants and animals that call these preserves home.

In addition, we will hold and steward six remarkable conservation easements granted to BCLT on the following properties:



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Board and Staff News

2014 Brings New Board Members to the Land Trust:

Marlboro County

Catherine Rogers — Catherine was born in Bennettsville as the daughter of two native farming families, McCall and Rogers, both who had dwelled in Marlboro County for numerous generations. She has a degree in Art History followed with a Masters in Art Conservation from Buffalo State College, SUNY, and post graduate work at Harvard. In 1996 she returned to SC and opened up her private practice, Rogers Art Conservation, LLC, in Charleston, SC, where she specializes in traditional easel painting and mural conservation. Her work also

includes timber farming on family land in Blenheim, SC. In 2000 she began a long term restoration project of her McCall family's home place, Argyll House, c. 1810, which was built by John McColl, her great, great, great grandfather. Catherine replaces Jeff Dudley, who retired earlier this year after serving two full terms.



Catherine Rogers

Darlington County

Keith Williamson — Keith is no stranger to the land trust community, being part of the family that donated the West Oaklyn easement to the Black Creek Land Trust (now part of PDLT, see cover story.) Keith grew up at Oaklyn, but now resides in Hartsville, where he serves as Vice President and General Manager for Guardian Agricultural Plastics. Keith is a graduate of Davidson College, NC State University, and Stanford University. He is married to

Caroline and has two sons, James and Charles. Keith replaces Sumter Langston, who retires at the end of the year. Keith will serve as the Black Creek representative on the board, beginning January 1, 2015.



Keith Williamson

Farewell to Departing Board Members:

At year end, PDLT will bid farewell to the following board members:

Sumter Langston, Darlington County. Sumter first represented Georgetown County on the PDLT board, until he moved back to Darlington, his hometown, in 2008. It was also in 2008 that Sumter assumed the chairmanship of the board, a position he held for two terms. Under his guidance, the land trust achieved accreditation and moved to new offices in historic downtown Florence, while continuing to exponentially add acreage under its protection. Sumter will continue to serve on the PDLT Planned Giving Advisory Committee, so we don't have to bid a complete farewell. Sumter departs the board after two full terms of service, and is replaced by Keith Williamson (see above.)

Chris Scott, Florence County. Chris joined the board in 2010 and has served on the Outreach Committee. Given his position at the Pearce Land Company, Chris has been instrumental the rebirth of downtown Florence. We are also greatly appreciative of the Pearce Land Company's support of major PDLT events like the Oyster Roast and annual picnic. Chris' seat will not be filled as the Florence County delegation is reduced to two seats per bylaw changes made in 2013. Thank you for your service, Chris!

Other Board and Staff News:

Charlie Bethea, who represents Marion County on the PDLT Board, assumed the chairmanship of the McLeod Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees in February of 2014. Charlie will serve in this role until 2017. Congratulations, Charlie!

Jennifer King, PDLT Director of Education and Outreach, was recently initiated into the Florence Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time and gives time, talent, and funding to local community groups.

Planned Giving: What's in it for You?

Planned gifts are simply donations to charity that are made as part of a donor's overall financial or estate planning. They come in a variety of forms, giving donors the opportunity to choose which best satisfies their philanthropic wishes while maximizing their financial and tax-related goals.



Planned gifts are becoming a larger and larger part of how charitable organizations accomplish their missions. Given their long-lasting impact, planned gifts are especially important to the Pee Dee Land Trust: an organization that must operate well into the future to uphold its perpetual conservation agreements. It is for this reason that an investment with PDLT is safe and guaranteed to keep its end of the bargain for the do-

nor—as long as PDLT is around upholding its easements, it will be around to foster donors' investments.

The simplest way of all to make a planned gift is a **bequest**. A bequest is simply a provision in a will or living trust that directs money or other property to go to a specified individual or organization. A bequest to a charity is deductible from the donor's taxable estate, if said donor is subject to the estate tax. Most commonly, donors make a charity like the Pee Dee Land Trust the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

A **charitable gift annuity (CGA)** is a form of planned giving that can provide an additional source of income for the donor. CGAs are created when a donor transfers money, property, or other assets to a charity, and in return, the charity pays the donor (or whoever the donor designates as the beneficiary) a fixed cash amount each year for the remainder of his or her life, usually quarterly. What remains of the transferred property after all payments have been made goes to the charity. The donor receives an immediate tax deduction, an income for life that will never decrease and provides a better rate of return than CD's and the money market, and, in the case of donating an appreciated stock, a way around paying the capital gains tax.

One of the most profitable ways to make a planned gift is to donate property with a **retained life estate**. With this type of gift, one donates real estate to a charitable organization but retains the right to live on, recreate on, and even transfer a life estate in the property for the rest of his or her life. Even though this planned gift costs nothing in the present, it will give the donor an immediate tax break worth the value of his or her donation. For a wonderful example of a gift of this kind, please read "75 Years of Marriage and 668 Acres of Conservation" from PDLT's Summer 2013 newsletter, which is archived on our website.

By donating **retirement plan assets**, donors can satisfy their philanthropic goals while maximizing what they leave behind for their families and loved ones. Retirement assets are some of the most highly-taxed assets in an estate, since beneficiaries have to pay income tax on the amount they receive from them. When a charity is the beneficiary of a retirement plan, however, it does not pay income tax on the amount it receives. Therefore, for people who plan to leave something behind for a charity as well as their loved ones, it would be advantageous to name the charity the beneficiary of their retirement assets while leaving their non-taxed assets to family and friends.

While there are certainly other vehicles available to achieve your estate planning goals, bequests, donations of retirement plan assets, and CGAs are some of the most common. More complex trusts are also an option for certain donors, and PDLT is able to accept these types of gifts as well.

Working with your estate planning professionals, The Pee Dee Land Trust would be honored to help you achieve your financial and philanthropic goals, making them work to your best advantage. To learn more about planned giving with PDLT, please contact Jennifer King, Director of Education and Outreach, at (843) 667-3229.



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The Stewards of the Pee Dee Land Trust pledge \$10,000, payable up to over a five-year period, to provide an Operations Endowment for the organization. Thank you to this committed group of individuals, families, foundations, and corporations who are taking the initiative to secure the longevity of PDLT.

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Spring/Summer Events Recap

Seems like forever ago that it was spring and summer on the cusp of winter, but we wanted to share some highlights of a few past events:

An Afternoon with Artist William McCullough

On April 26th a small but fortunate crowd took a step back in time in rural Williamsburg County. We met at Coopers' Country Store in Salters for some genuine country barbecue, then headed over to PDLT Board Member Bill McCullough's beautiful farm and the early 19th century home he and his wife Kathy are restoring. Guests were treated to a special tour of the home and studio, with a series of the classically trained artist's paintings on display, some in various stages of completion. Examples of McCullough's work can be viewed at <http://williamwmccullough.com/>

Annual Summer Gathering and Picnic

Auburndale Plantation in Darlington was the site of our annual summer gathering, held on June 1st. Over 100 land trust members and guests enjoyed an absolutely gorgeous day at Auburndale, the home of Kathi and Marshall Flowers. Delicious burgers and dogs were freshly grilled by Block and Vino Catering, and activities were available for all ages—paddling on the pond, corn hole, bingo, and a cake walk, too!

The Great Harvest—an Evening with Author Wink Prince and Photographer Benton Henry

As school went back in session, we hosted an event with Professor Wink Prince from Coastal Carolina University and Benton Henry, a professional photographer from Latta, to discuss their latest collaboration. That collaboration of text and photographs culminated in the book *The Great Harvest*, which explores the tobacco culture in the Pee Dee Region. The event was the first held in the newly renovated Waters Building in downtown Florence, and was covered by the *Morning News*.

Nature Photography Event at Ark Lodge

A beautiful late summer morning provided the backdrop for this event in Marion County. Partnering with the Carolinas Nature Photography Association, a group hiked through the property with Francis Ervin as our guide, which is a beautiful inholding owned by Florie McLeod Ervin within the Woodberry WMA. Some folks even got in the Little Pee Dee just to get the perfect shot!

Revolutionary Rivers Paddle

PDLT hosted 23 enthusiastic paddlers (including 5 kids) for our first of three Revolutionary Rivers paddling trips on the Lynches River. With River Rats (www.riverratscanoerentals.com) as our capable guides, we navigated several miles of the meandering river through beautiful bottomland hardwoods east of Hwy 52 between Effingham and Coward. Paddlers learned about the coastal plain geology, Francis Marion's use of Marsh Tacky Horses to battle British troops along the Lynches in 1780-81, encountered birds like Anhingas migrating overhead, a banded water snake basking on a log, and tasted ripening persimmons hanging from branches over the water. Come join us on our next paddle this Spring!

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Events Update, Continued

Bountiful Brunch

Once again, the heavens smiled upon us as PDLT welcomed 210 guests to the 4th annual Bountiful Brunch Benefit, held this year at Oaklyn, the historic home of Ben and Ann Williamson. Those in attendance were treated to the region's premier farm-to-table event, and to Jay James' special announcement that Black Creek Land Trust is consolidating with the Pee Dee Land Trust. Guests had the chance to meet farmers whose products were featured on the menu, catered by Southern Way Catering of Columbia. The five-course meal included cold collard salad from Long Branch Farms, fried green tomato napoleon, Manchester Farms quail medallions with Carolina Plantation grits, orange French toast with deviled Ovis Hill eggs and sautéed pancetta from Carolina Heritage Farms. The decadent dessert was a rice pudding with chocolate praline bacon. The courses were paired with fine wines donated by Mickey Finns and selected by wine expert Dennis Fraley. A careful selection of silent auction items – including oyster knives, a juggling board, a cypress tray, an oyster-clasp bracelet, a catered oyster roast – rounded out the day. What good fortune that each year we are able to gather as a community of conservation-minded friends to share so much abundance, and the unforgettable setting provided by our gracious hosts.



Yadkin Valley Wine Event in Hartsville

It's true that the Yadkin River and the Pee Dee River are one-and-the-same, but the differences across state lines are worth noting as well. 25 guests braved a chilly fall evening in Hartsville for a rare treat – a discussion of conservation in the Yadkin Valley (our upriver neighboring region in North Carolina) along with a sampling of Yadkin Valley wines and a tasting menu at the Midnight Rooster. Our first guest speaker Jason Walser, Executive Director of the Land Trust for Central North Carolina in Salisbury, NC, and a lifelong resident of the Yadkin Valley. Interviewed by PDLT Executive Director David Harper, Jason offered insights into the history of settlement and land use in his part of North Carolina, and the current successes of his land trust and the wine industry. Wine expert Dennis Fraley then lead us through a representative tasting of different wine styles from this American Viticultural Association-certified wine region – a sparkling white, an un-oaked chardonnay, a fine merlot, and even a fortified port-style red wine. These elegant wines were paired with delicious small plates by Suzanne Galloway and her chef at the Midnight Rooster. Yet another way for PDLT to celebrate the community of people and land!



Coming Events

SAVE THE DATE! for Oyster Roast 2015—Saturday, February 21st, 2015 at Hobcaw Barony.

Tickets will go on sale in mid to late January, so be sure to keep your membership current!

Keep an eye out for the Spring 2015 Events Calendar, which will be mailed out in late January. Don't miss this opportunity to experience our region with others who share your passion.



Thanks to those individuals, businesses, founders to the Pee Dee Land Trust Annual Fund beneficiaries

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Pee Dee Land Trust and Black Creek Land Trust Announce Consolidation

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James Easement – 45.65 acres of mixed-pine and bottomland hardwood forest, including mountain laurel and native azalea, along Black Creek north and east of Darlington

Fort Easement – 5.65 acres of forested wetland along Black Creek east of Hartsville

Segars Easement – 533 acres of forested wetland, swamp, and Segars Mill Pond along Black Creek and Beaverdam Creek west of Hartsville

Oaklyn East – 1,550 acres of working farm and working forest land including forested wetlands along Black Creek north of Florence

Oaklyn West – 996 acres of working farm and working forest land including forested wetlands along Black Creek north of Florence

Boykin – 4 acres of mixed-pine and bottomland hardwood forest along Black Creek north of Florence

With the addition of these conservation easements, we can proudly say that in our 15th year of operation, our Land Conservation Program now **exceeds 20,000 acres** of protected land across the Pee Dee.

As of 2015, we will proudly carry on the tradition of stewardship as practiced by BCLT with the establishment of a Black Creek Program of the Pee Dee Land Trust in

2015. This committee of our board will include PDLT board members and community members who reside in the Black Creek watershed, and who serve as a voice for its conservation.

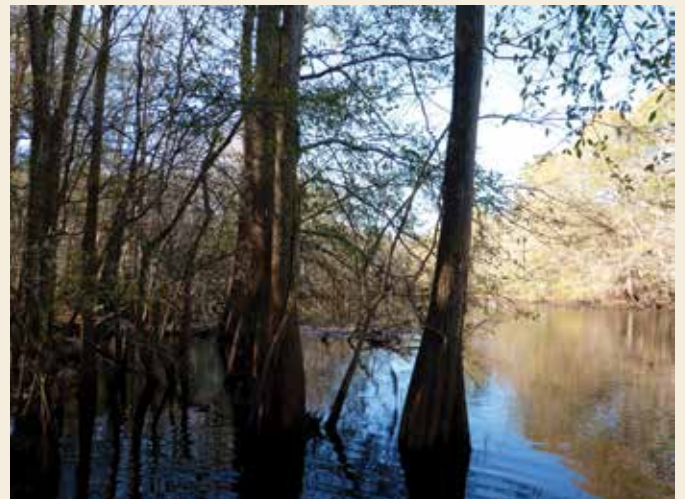
In the coming months, PDLT will welcome new members and landowners who share our devotion to the protection of Black Creek, and look forward to future events and conservation projects to continue the great success started by the Black Creek Land Trust. The iconic bumper stickers seen across Darlington County and beyond say it best: "I Love Black Creek!" We do, and we will.



Black Creek at Oaklyn East

PDLT protects 376 acres Along the Scenic Black River

Earlier this year, PDLT completed a conservation easement protecting a 376 acre property with more than 2 miles of bottomland hardwood forest along the Black River. Located in Williamsburg County, Frogmoss Hunt Camp, as the property is known, was acquired by its owners as a recreational tract. Now that the property is protected, the area will continue to provide habitat to numerous plants and animals that rely on the periodically flooded forest dominated by oak, river birch, maple, and cypress-tupelo swamp. The Black River is the longest scenic river in the outer Coastal Plain of South Carolina, and offers miles of meandering, undeveloped waterway for anglers and paddlers to enjoy. The project was made possible with guidance from our colleague, Dr. Maria Whitehead of the South Carolina chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and is part of an initiative of the Butler Conservation Fund to support conservation along Black River.



A beautiful stretch of the Black River in Williamsburg County

Honoraria

In honor of David Allen
By Jan and John Alford

In honor of Diddy and Jim Anderson
By Ashley and John Scott

In honor of Toby Bethea
at the occasion of Father's Day
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**Received between March 1
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In honor of Anne and Dan Ervin
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In honor of Jay James
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In honor of Gordon McBride
By Roy McCall

In honor of Ashley Scott
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In honor of the retirement of Lloyd Walker
By Marilyn and Bert Belk

**In honor of the marriage of
Amanda Sutt and Hugh Thompson**
By Sallie Fallaw

Memorials

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In memory of Joseph H. Buckhouse
By Marilyn and Bert Belk
By Cindy and Eric Belk

In memory of Bill Chandler
By Salley and Billy Jenkinson

In memory of Sally and Elting Chapman
By Ted Chapman

**In memory of Jolly Howard and
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By The Ben Lewis Family

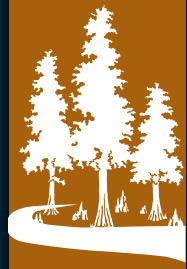
In memory of James C. McLeod, Jr.
By Florie Ervin

In memory of Trey Stokes
By Patsy and Hunter Stokes

In memory of Alex Thrower
By Caroline and Tim Dargan
By Boo Baker Love

In memory of Bradley Weatherford
By Karen Belissary

In memory of Sara Williamson
By Linda and Eddie Drayton



**Pee Dee
Land Trust**

IN MEMORIAM RIVERS SCARBOROUGH — A FARMER AND A CONSERVATIONIST

Pee Dee Land Trust lost one of its strongest supporters in May of this year when Rivers Scarborough passed away at the age of 93. Mr. Scarborough was known as the



owner and operator of the successful Egg and I Farm in Lamar, Darlington County, and as a leader in the egg industry. The staff and board of the Pee Dee Land Trust will also remember Rivers Scarborough for his stewardship ethic. In 2002, he and his wife Evelyn gifted their 668-acre farm to the Pee Dee Land Trust, subject to a life estate agreement which allows them to use it during their lifetimes. The farm encompasses land along the scenic Lynches River that has been in both of their families since the original land grants. As Mr. Scarborough remarked at the announcement of the gift, "this land will be here long after we are gone, and I feel good knowing that future generations will see it just as it is now."

PDLT and the Conservation Bank Protect the Bank Swamp School Woods

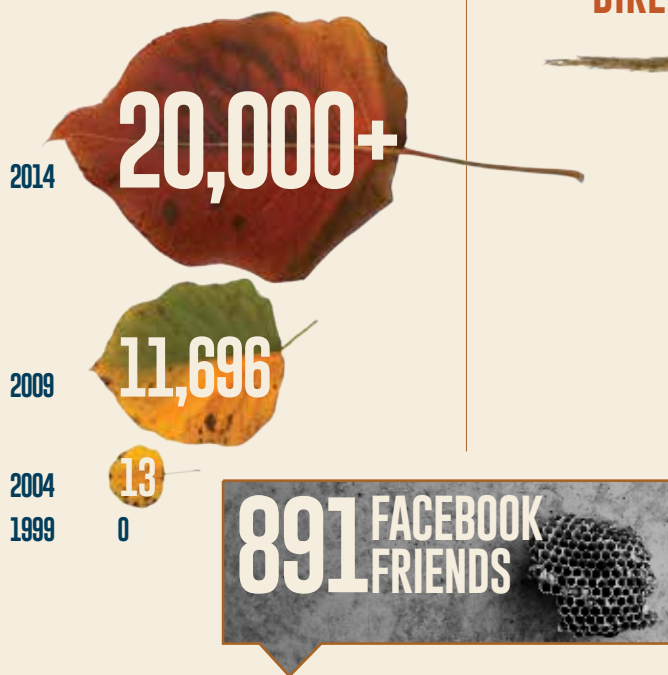
The Pee Dee Land Trust took another step to protect the past and ensure the future this fall as we purchased 93-acres of woodland on Pocket Road adjacent to the Back Swamp School in northern Florence County. The land, purchased from First Citizens Bank with a \$325,000 grant from the South Carolina Conservation Bank, was slated for development as recently as 2008. Now, it will remain in its natural state for the enjoyment of the public as the Back Swamp School Woods Preserve.

The project was celebrated in a ceremony held October 6th at the Back Swamp School (circa 1921). A group of neighborhood residents gathered to mark the occasion. PDLT Executive Director David Harper welcomed the guests, including some who had attended the school as children. PDLT Board Chairman Buddy Brand introduced Senator Hugh Leatherman. Senator Leatherman spoke of the property as "a great example of the important natural environment the Conservation Bank works to preserve." Marvin Davant, Executive Director of the Conservation Bank also noted that "we have saved something that is important to our future but also bought back a part of our past. We don't have a chance to do that very much."

PDLT is currently securing funds to transition the property to the Back Swamp School Trust, a local organization which owns and manages the school house as a community center.

15 YEARS OF CONSERVATION

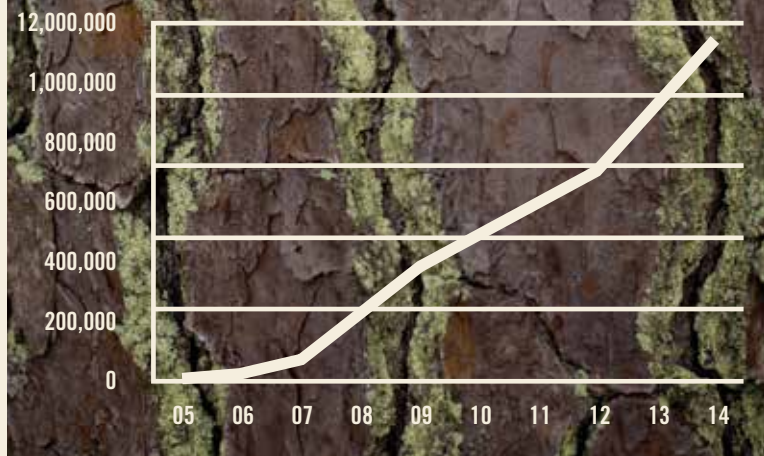
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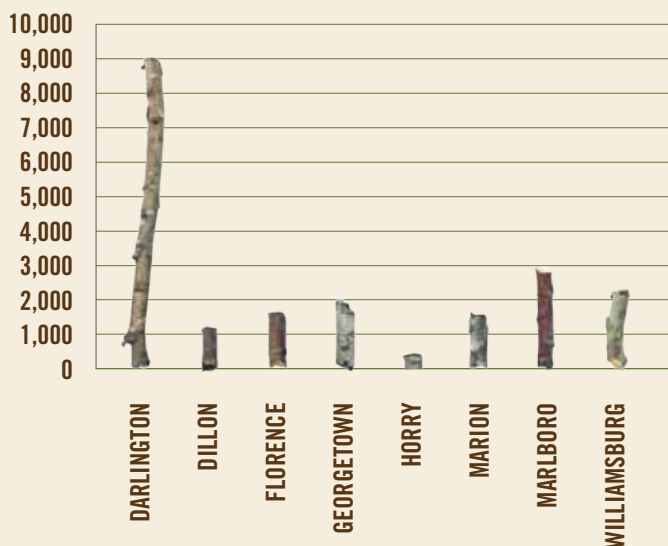
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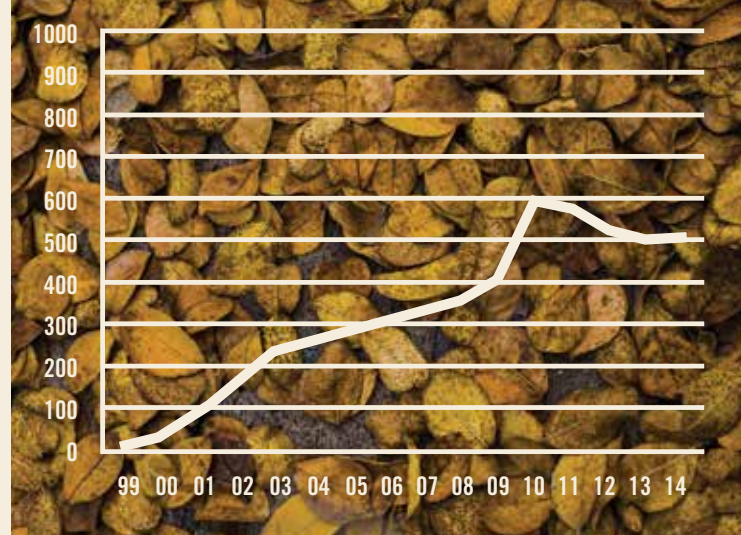
INVESTMENT INCOME GROWTH



ACRES PROTECTED BY COUNTY



MEMBERSHIP



MEMBERS

Our membership is now at 500 and climbing. Our members are our main means of support – help us to grow!

DONATIONS

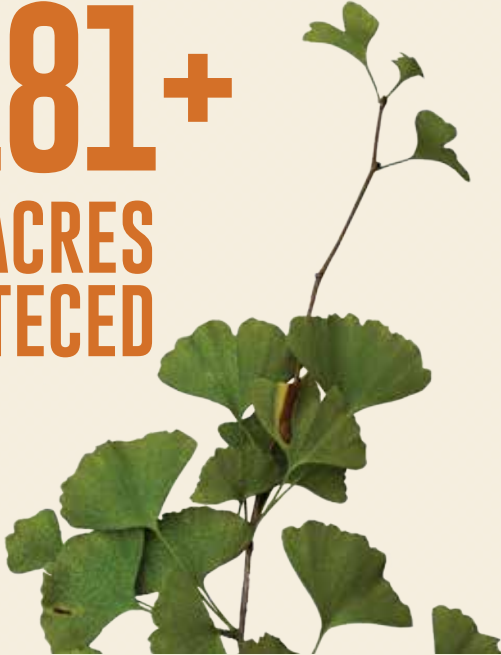
As a nonprofit organization, we depend on your generosity. This year we received more than \$87,000 in member contributions from folks just like you.

CAMPAIGNING FOR SUPPORT

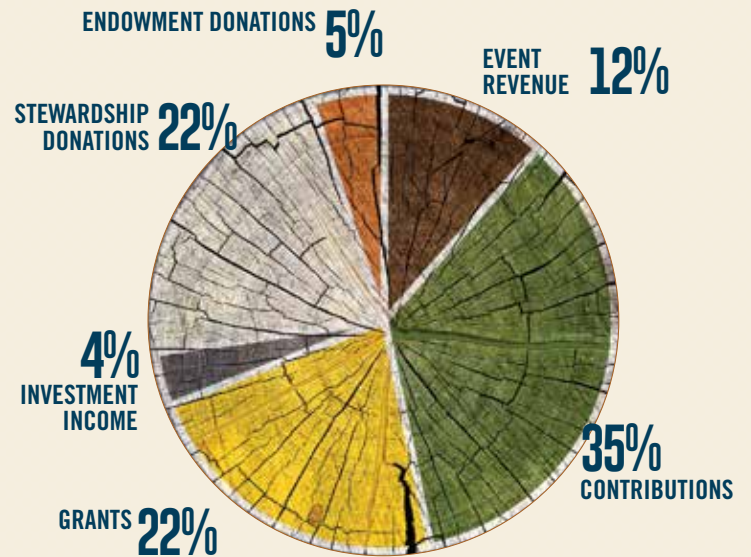
We use the Internet to communicate through email, our website and our Facebook page. Tell your friends to get involved and help increase our membership!

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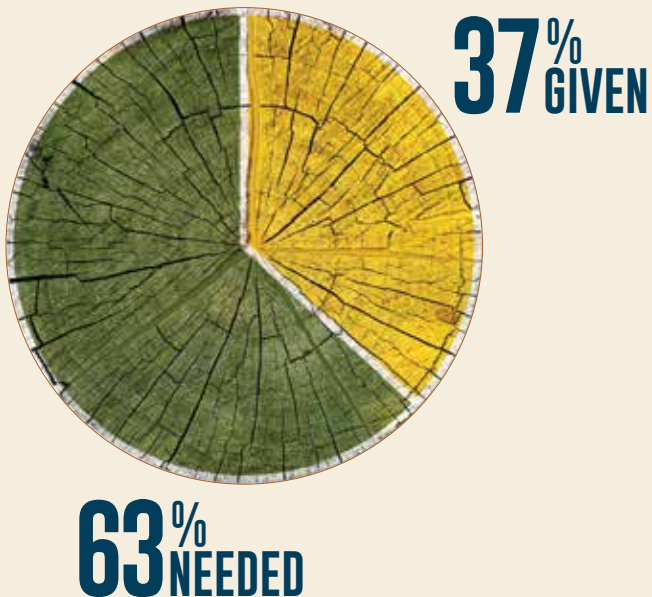
2,181+
**NEW ACRES
PROTECTED**



INCOME SOURCES



OPERATING ENDOWMENT GOAL



LAND PROTECTION GOALS

Each year we strive to exceed our annual goal of protecting a minimum of 1,500 acres by working with landowners to meet their conservation and financial goals.

BLACK CREEK PROGRAM

This year the Black Creek Land Trust granted Pee Dee Land Trust conservation easements on 3,140 acres and two nature preserves protecting 267 acres. PDLT will establish a Black Creek Program.

GRANTS AND COMMUNITY

This past year we received more than \$80,000 in grants to fund our operations. Grants allow us to buy local produce for food banks, expand landowner outreach, and many other key projects!

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I would like to support the Pee Dee Land Trust's work through a monetary contribution to the organization.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Level

- ☐ Watershed: \$5,000+
☐ River: \$1,000-\$4,999
☐ Creek: \$500-\$999
☐ Stream: \$250-\$499
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☐ Spring: \$25-\$99
☐ Corporate: \$250
(Includes special recognition in newsletter and two tickets to annual summer membership event)



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