



# ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2014

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#### Organizational Overview

#### **OUR MISSION**

The Capital Region Land Conservancy (CRLC) is Central Virginia's only land trust dedicated solely to serving the City of Richmond and Chesterfield, Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan, New Kent, and Charles City counties. Our mission is to conserve and protect the natural and historic land and water resources of Virginia's Capital Region for the benefit of current and future generations.

#### CONSERVING LAND IN THE CAPITAL REGION

At CRLC we educate landowners about voluntary land protection tools, facilitate the process of donating conservation easements, and co-hold conservation easements with other conservation organizations. Although there are other Richmond area organizations which serve a variety of conservation needs, CRLC fulfills a unique role because it is the only regionally-focused land conservancy. CRLC exists to increase the amount of conserved land in the Capital Region, and it alone devotes its resources to increasing area landowners' knowledge of conservation easements and other land protection tools, and by assisting landowners during the often lengthy and confusing easement donation process.

Conservation easements are voluntary legal agreements that place permanent limits on future development in order to protect the land's conservation values. Each easement is unique and negotiated between the landowner and the public agency or conservation organization that holds the easement. Except for rights explicitly given up in the easement document, the landowner continues to own, use, and manage the land. The land can be farmed, hunted, sold and passed to heirs.

Since its inception in 2005, the Capital Region Land Conservancy has facilitated the protection of over 6,750 acres and 34 miles of stream frontage in the Richmond region. **2015 will mark our Tenth Anniversary!** 



**Powhatan County** 



**Goochland County** 

## Sowing the Seeds of Conservation

#### IN 2014...

2014 was a very active year for CRLC and the Our Land and Water program, which focuses on protecting the region's drinking water and helping restore the Chesapeake Bay through strategic land conservation in the Richmond region. Achievements this past year included:

- Recording our first co-held easement with the Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation district on nearly 10 acres of high-value farmland
- Merging with the important local conservation group, Friends of Chesterfield's Riverfront, after which the number of our acres in stewardship rose above the 1,000 acre mark
- Assisting numerous landowners in preserving their property
- Coordinating a guided nature hike of the 262-acre Brown & Williamson Conservation Area in Chester along the James River
- Facilitating a tour of the 70-acre conserved Tucker property in Hanover
- Leading a "Conservation Conversation" event at historic Belmead in Powhatan, bringing together conservation landowners and those interested in voluntarily protecting their land
- Hosting an oyster roast and fly-fishing clinic friendraiser at the historic Tuckahoe Plantation
- Welcoming 26 new members
- Exhibiting at Earth Day events in Richmond and Powhatan
- Garnering ten press mentions discussing CRLC's conservation work and the relationship between land conservation and water quality in such publications as the *Richmond Times-Dispatch, Richmond BizSense, Appalachian Woodlands Magazine,* various organizational newsletters, and interviews on WCVE/National Public Radio.

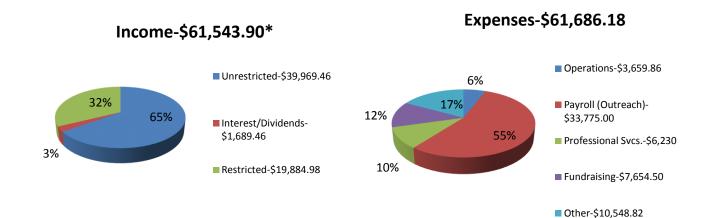


Lipford Farm, Henrico



Little Rivers Bend, Chesterfield

## Financial Summary



<sup>\*</sup> beginning total assets were \$118,200.72 at 01/01/2014 and year-end total assets were \$123,296.37.

#### 2014 CONTRIBUTORS: \$1,000 AND ABOVE













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CRLC uses its funding to conduct outreach to inform landowners about conservation tools, to educate the public and community about the benefits of land conservation, and to facilitate the donation of conservation easements. Due to the size of the 2014 budget, CRLC did not have its financial statements audited.

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