



# ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2015

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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!** 



Brown & Williamson Conservation Area (Chesterfield County)

## Celebrating 10 Years

#### IN 2015...

2015 marked the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of CRLC. It was also a transformative year as CRLC transitioned leadership and experienced enhanced growth and successful outreach. Achievements this past year included:

- Adopting a 3-year Strategic Plan with goals to protect lands, develop organizational structure, stabilize financial support, and increase CRLC's relevance to the community
- Receiving \$10,000 grant from the Virginia Environmental Endowment to support Our Land and Water
- Hiring new Executive Director, Parker Agelasto, to succeed Tara Quinn who resigned in July
- Creating new maps highlighting Protected Lands in each of the 8 localities in CRLC's service area
- Hosting a 10th Anniversary Celebration at historic Tuckahoe Plantation in Goochland County
- Coordinating a guided hike of the 320-acre Brown & Williamson Conservation Area in Chesterfield County
- Enhancing content on CRLC website as well as updating Facebook (202 likes) and Twitter (29 followers)
- Completing acquisition of 108-acre Riverwalk property for James River Conservation Area in Chesterfield County
- Assisting numerous landowners in preserving their property
- Establishing policy to hold conservation easements without a co-holder land trust
- Welcoming 35 new members
- Achieving a Gold rating from GuideStar for publishing financial records and charting impacts
- Sponsoring RVA Environmental Film Festival
- Exhibiting at Earth Day events in Richmond and Powhatan
- Garnering press mentions in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch, Richmond Free Press, Richmond BizSense, Chesterfield Observer, Henrico Citizen,* various organizational newsletters, and interviews on WCVE/National Public Radio.

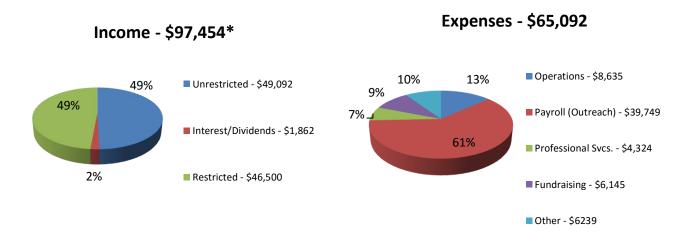


10th Annnivesary Celebration (Goochland County)



**Lunch and Learn (Powhatan County)** 

# Financial Summary



<sup>\*</sup> beginning total assets were \$121,224 at 01/01/2015 and year-end total assets were \$155,314.

#### 2015 Donor List

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