



# ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2016

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## Organizational Overview

#### **OUR MISSION**

The Capital Region Land Conservancy's (CRLC) 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.

#### EXPANDING CONSERVATION IN THE CAPITAL REGION

Richmond is home to many organizations with diverse conservation missions, but CRLC serves as the region's only land trust that exists solely to protect land in the City of Richmond and the seven surrounding counties of Chesterfield, Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan,

New Kent, and Charles City. CRLC is *the* leading resource for Richmond-region landowners who wish to protect the natural and historic resources of their land

and permanently preclude future development of the property.

We provide landowners with thorough, reliable information on land protection tools, connect them with easement holders best suited to their goals, facilitate the often lengthy and complex process of donating conservation easements, co-hold easements with other conservation nonprofits or agencies, and now independently act as sole holder of conservation easements.

CRLC also makes the case for conservation to the broader community through outreach, educational programs, increased public access to natural areas, and opportunities for local residents to become better acquainted with the special places that give our region its unique character.

Since its inception in 2005, the Capital Region Land Conservancy has played a critical role in the permanent protection of more than 7,250 acres including 35

miles of stream frontage in the Richmond region. **CRLC now co-holds or holds twelve conservation easements protecting 1,270 cumulative acres**.

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.



Malvern Hill Farm (Henrico County)

## **Entering Our Second Decade**

2016 began an era of expansion for CRLC as we launched new program initiatives backed by increased organizational capacity as we also prepared for an ambitious 2017. **Our achievements include:** 

#### **CONSERVED PLACES**

- Recording as sole-holder two City of Richmond conservation easements protecting scenic views adjacent to the already protected James River Park System
- Facilitating conservation easements now held by The Virginia Outdoors Foundation on Goochland County's 175 acre Century Farm, "Overhome Farm", and the 140 acre "The Oaks" in Goochland and Fluvanna counties which is listed on the National Historic Register
- Signing \$6.562 million purchase agreement for 875± acre Malvern Hill Farm in eastern Henrico County

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

- Conducting nine on-site conservation easement monitoring visits
- Devoting over 85 hours of total time, including administrative, to easement monitoring
- Managing the conservation easement on 280 acres of the James River Park System, covering 20 miles of ground

#### LANDOWNER CONNECTIONS

- Conducting conservation seminars in three counties, attended by a total of 60 landowners
- Meeting individually with 10 new landowners to explore conservation easement potential and developing several relationships in the initial stage of the easement process



Fields Forests + Streams (Goochland County)



Guided Hike at Atkins Acres (Chesterfield County)

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- Delivering presentations for civic groups and workshops in six localities
- Sponsoring the RVA Environmental Film Festival where CRLC's five-minute promotional video debuted
- Leading public hikes at the 262-acre Brown and Williamson Conservation Area and the 109-acre Atkins Acres
- Sponsoring targeted programming on local public radio
- Participating in two Earth Day festival events

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- In conjunction with the Office of the Governor, hosting a reception at the Governor's Mansion to celebrate Century Farms and to sign legislation establishing the Century Forest program
- Hosting annual Fields, Forests + Streams fundraiser at Tuckahoe Plantation, attended by 120 guests



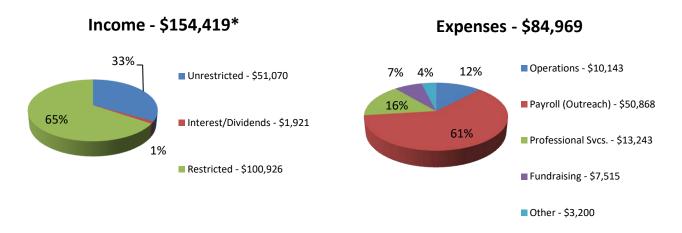
#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA**

- Delivering two print newsletters to 600 recipients and ten electronic newsletters to over 1,800 subscribers
- Strengthening social media presence with a 70% increase in Facebook and 150% increase in Twitter followers
- Garnering 20 press mentions across online, print, radio, and television outlets

#### **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

• Attracting over 60 new committed CRLC members

## Financial Summary



<sup>\*</sup> beginning net assets were \$155,314 at 01/01/2016 and year-end net assets on 12/31/2016 were \$228,971.



Easement Donor Virginia Lipford Interviewed for CRLC Video

#### 2016 Donor List

#### **Organizations**

#### \$5,000 +

Bank of America The Dominion Foundation Luck Companies Foundation Virginia Environmental Endowment

#### \$2,500 - \$4,999

Elwood Thompson's McGue Millhiser Family Trust WestRock

#### \$1,000 - \$2,499

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Atoka Conservation Exchange Canal Capital Management LLC Colonial Farm Credit Granite Gov Solutions LLC The Maggie & Waggie Foundation Massie Scott Fund of The Community Foundation Serving Richmond and Central Virginia Trane

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Virginia Department of Forestry

**Consumer Services** 

#### \$250 - \$499

**Brent Family Foundation** Chipotle REI

#### \$100 - \$249

Kroger Mid-Atlantic Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District

#### \$1 - \$99

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New Conservation Easement Sign in James River Park (Richmond)

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