



ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2018

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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 Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, and Powhatan. 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 8,800 acres including 39

miles of river and stream frontage in the Richmond region. CRLC now holds five (5) and co-holds thirteen (13) conservation easements protecting 2,217 acres and owns 388.93 acres of fee-simple land.

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.



Westerham (Hanover County)

\$65K to \$6.6M in under Four Years

CRLC hit a new milestone in 2018 by completing its first fee simple acquisitions – the purchase of the historic 871-acre Malvern Hill Farm for \$6.6 million along with the donation of an adjacent 15 acres as well as 3 islands in the Appomattox River comprising 9.5 acres. CRLC also recorded two conservation easements totaling 367.50 acres and facilitated one conservation easement on 8.38 acres. **Our achievements include:**

CONSERVED PLACES

- Acquiring 886 acres at Malvern Hill Farm in Henrico County and Charles City County of which 473 acres were placed under two conservation easements held by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) and 24 acres placed under two conservation easements held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF). Malvern Hill Farm is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It contains more than 598 acres of core battlefield and 886 acres of battlefield study area as determined by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission. It also comprises 183 acres of prime farmland soils, 10,419 feet of frontage on Turkey Island Creek and Crewe Channel, and approximately 2 miles of road frontage along scenic Route 5. CRLC transferred 426.546 acres protected by VDHR easement as well as 11.9 acres protected by VOF easement to Henrico County. CRLC also transferred 12.2 acres protected by VOF easement to the James River Association.
- Acquiring 3 islands totaling 9.5 forested acres in Chesterfield County in the scenic Appomattox River that are visible from nearby parks in Dinwiddie County and are also integral to the Appomattox River Trail Master Plan.



Turkey Island Creek (Henrico County)



Deep Bottom II (Henrico County)

- Recording as sole-holder one conservation easement on 96 acres in Hanover County known as "Westerham" that is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. This property has 42 acres of prime farmland.
- Recording as co-holder one conservation easement with the Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District.
 This easement encompasses 271 acres adjacent to Deep Bottom Park and to an existing CRLC co-held easement
 on 81 acres in Henrico County. It protects 400 feet of frontage on the James River and approximately 7,340 feet
 of frontage on Four Mile Creek and Roundabout Creek as well as 200 acres of working forestland. The property is
 also within the core battlefield area of the First and Second Battles of Deep Bottom and provides a limited public
 access trail to identified Civil War earthworks.
- Facilitating a conservation easement on an 8.38-acre property in the City of Richmond held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation adjacent to the James River Park Pony Pasture Rapids with new public access.

STEWARDSHIP

- Conducting sixteen on-site conservation easement monitoring visits
- Devoting over 67 hours of total time, including administrative, to easement monitoring
- Finalizing the Current Condition Report for the James River Park conservation easement recorded in 2009
- Reviewing all CRLC easement documentation as well as standards and practices in submitting a complete application to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission for consideration

LANDOWNER CONNECTIONS

 Meeting individually with 10 new landowners to explore conservation easement potential and developing several relationships in the initial stage of the easement process

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

- Delivering two print newsletters to 1,600 recipients and twenty electronic newsletters to over 2,000 subscribers
- Growing audiences to 52,795 unique visitors on CRLC's website for the year and attaining social media growth to 755 Facebook "likes" and 130 Twitter followers as of December 31, 2018
- Garnering more than 25 press mentions across online, print, radio, and television outlets

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- Speaking to numerous civic groups in multiple localities including Powhatan Ruritan Club, Real Local RVA,
 Richmond Kiwanis Club, Rivers Bend Home Owners Association, and RVA H20
- Delivering two presentations at the 2018 Virginia Land Conservation & Greenways Conference in Roanoke VA
- Sponsoring the RVA Environmental Film Festival
- Leading public hikes at the 262-acre Brown and Williamson Conservation Area and the 109-acre Atkins Acres in Chesterfield County for 26 participants
- Sponsoring targeted programming on local public radio
- Participating in two Earth Day festival events

SPECIAL EVENTS

Hosting annual Fields, Forests + Streams event at Tuckahoe Plantation, attended by approximately 250 guests

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

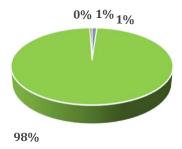
Attracting over 99 new CRLC members and a membership renewal rate of 73%



Three Islands in the Appomattox River gifted to CRLC from Joan Cowan (Chesterfield County)

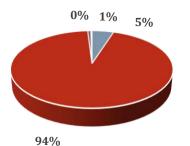
Financial Summary

Income - \$6,062,589*



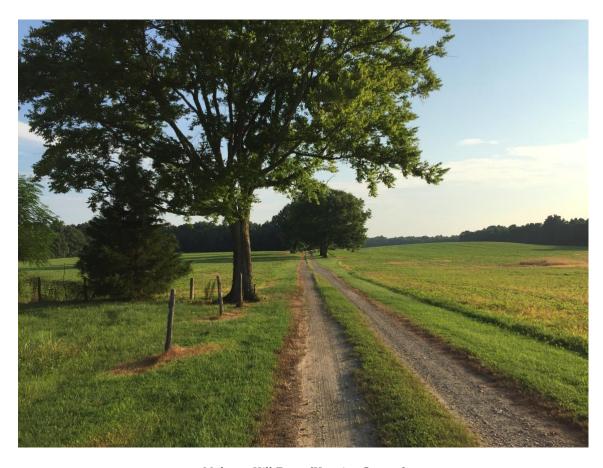
- Unrestricted -\$63,834
- Interest/Dividends -\$3,966
- Restricted -\$5,960,341
- Other \$33,448

Expenses - \$3,546,977



- Program \$177,304
- Land transfers -\$3,334,486
- Management & general -\$26,211
- Fundraising \$8,976

^{*} beginning net assets were \$454,060 at 01/01/2018 and year-end net assets on 12/31/2018 were \$2,958,605.



Malvern Hill Farm (Henrico County)

2018 Donor List

Organizations

\$25.000 +

American Battlefield Trust
Cabell Foundation
Henrico County
Mary Morton Parsons Foundation
National Park Service
Virginia Land Conservation Foundation
Virginia Outdoors Foundation

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Richard S. Reynolds Foundation Universal Leaf Foundation Virginia Environmental Endowment

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Bank of America Luck Companies Foundation Rivers Bend Redevelopment LLC

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Ellwood Thompson's NewMarket Corporation Resource Environmental Solutions United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg

Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

\$1,000 - \$2,499

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