

# CAPITAL REGION LAND CONSERVANCY



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# organizational overview

The mission of the Capital Region Land Conservancy (CRLC) 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.

CRLC is the only land trust devoted specifically to conservation within the Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, and Powhatan as well as the Town of Ashland and City of Richmond. We are proud to have conserved more than 12,000 acres of land in this special region.



Our vision for the future of Virginia's Capital Region includes:

Protecting significant areas of land that preserve our healthy watersheds, historic landscapes, forests, and farms.

Promoting a healthy community that enjoys connected natural areas, a regional trail network, a vibrant economy, and a better quality of life.

Educating our community and nurturing a well-developed land conservation ethic.

Earning recognition as a preeminent and respected authority in land conservation.

**177** acres protected  
by **4**  
easements in **2020**



## Easements

In 2020, Capital Region Land Conservancy (CRLC), recorded three new conservation easements solely held by CRLC, and one new conservation easement co-held with the Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District.

- 1) A 49-acre easement in Henrico County with approximately 32 acres of either prime farmland or soils of statewide importance; 1,600 feet along Osborne Turnpike; and just less than 100 feet of frontage on the James River with 100-foot buffers in the location of the Lower James River Heritage Trail.
- 2) A 0.765-acre easement in the City of Richmond that protects the scenic and historic nature of the area by protecting the viewshed from Libby Hill consistent with the Virginia General Assembly resolution (House Joint Resolution 658, 2007) to "celebrate the panoramic view of the James River from Libby Hill Park."
- 3) A 3.036-acre easement in the City of Richmond with 200 foot wide forested/vegetated riparian buffer along 37 feet of the James River & Kanawha Canal and James River Park System North Bank Trail with frontage shared between Kansas Avenue and Carter Street affording the public preserved scenic views.
- 4) A 124-acre easement in Henrico County co-held by CRLC and Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District with approximately 89 acres of either prime farmland soils or soils of statewide importance; 2,593 feet of road frontage along Kingsland Road, and 2,246 feet along Hoke Brady Road to afford traveling public view across open fields and portions of historic Chaffin's Farm/New Market Heights Battlefield Core Area; and over 30 acres of freshwater forest/shrub and freshwater emergent wetlands which drain into Roundabout Creek.



# Owned Properties

CRLC was also gifted 13 wooded acres of property at Warwick Road along Grindall Creek to be protected in perpetuity. CRLC will transfer the property to the City of Richmond, under a conservation easement, as a future public park with trails, a greenway with shared-use paths, a natural area for students at Thomas C. Boushall Middle School to learn about watersheds and the environment, and the opportunity to connect Deerbourne and Walmsley neighborhoods to parks and open space within a 10-minute walk, where it is otherwise currently unavailable.



Grindall Creek at Warwick Road

CRLC owned five fee-simple properties at the end of 2020 containing 495.7. These included properties at Malvern Hill Farm and Long Bridge Road. CRLC held eight conservation easements as of 12/31/2020, and co-held fifteen conservation easements as of 12/31/2020.



Malvern Hill Farm



ferns at Long Bridge Road



# Accomplishments

CRLC received \$26,000 from the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond through the ConseRVAtion Fund to increase access to parks and open space for underserved communities.

CRLC focused on opportunities for private lands to be acquired and incorporated into the City's green infrastructure and park system.

The Conservancy's Executive Director, Parker Agelasto, was awarded the "Green Giant" award from the Sierra Club-Falls of the James Group.

# Education & Outreach

CRLC sponsored the RVA Environmental Film Festival, and coordinated nature hikes of three of its conservation easement properties with a total of 24 attendees. We participated in numerous meetings of RVA H20, Historic Falls of the James Advisory Council, and Coastal Zone Management Planning for the Lower Chickahominy River. Staff attended the Virginia's United Land Trusts Conference held virtually in July, August, and September. Staff also attended the National Land Trust Alliance Conference virtually in October.

CRLC facilitated education and advocacy on the urgency of farmland preservations as reported in the American Farmland Trust report "Farms Under Threat." Since 1990, the Richmond region has experienced one of the highest rates in the nation for land use conversion. This included co-authoring with the Piedmont Environmental Council a white paper published in the Virginia Conservation Network's "Our Common Agenda: 2021 Environmental Briefing Book." The loss of local agriculture was also the subject of a recorded presentation during the 2020 Conservation Games.

CRLC garnered more than thirty 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 Free Press, Richmond Magazine, Henrico Citizen, Appalachian Woodlands, and various organizational newsletters as well as WCVE/National Public Radio and other local television broadcasts. CRLC increased our social media reach to 1,195 likes on Facebook, 173 Twitter followers, and 42,621 unique visitors to our website in 2020.



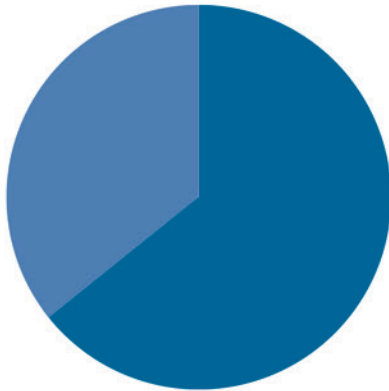


## Fundraising

CRLC hosted the inaugural Conservation Games as a virtual multi-week celebration to substitute for the annual Fields, Forests, + Streams in-person event. Throughout the Games, Team Fields, Team Forests, and Team Streams competed to earn points by participating in volunteer activities with partner organizations including Shalom Farms, Friends of Bryant Park, and James River Association. The Games also raised approximately \$18,000 to support the Conservancy’s operations.

CRLC maintained full accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance. We also maintained accreditation by the Better Business Bureau and earned the Guidestar Platinum Seal of Transparency for 2020.

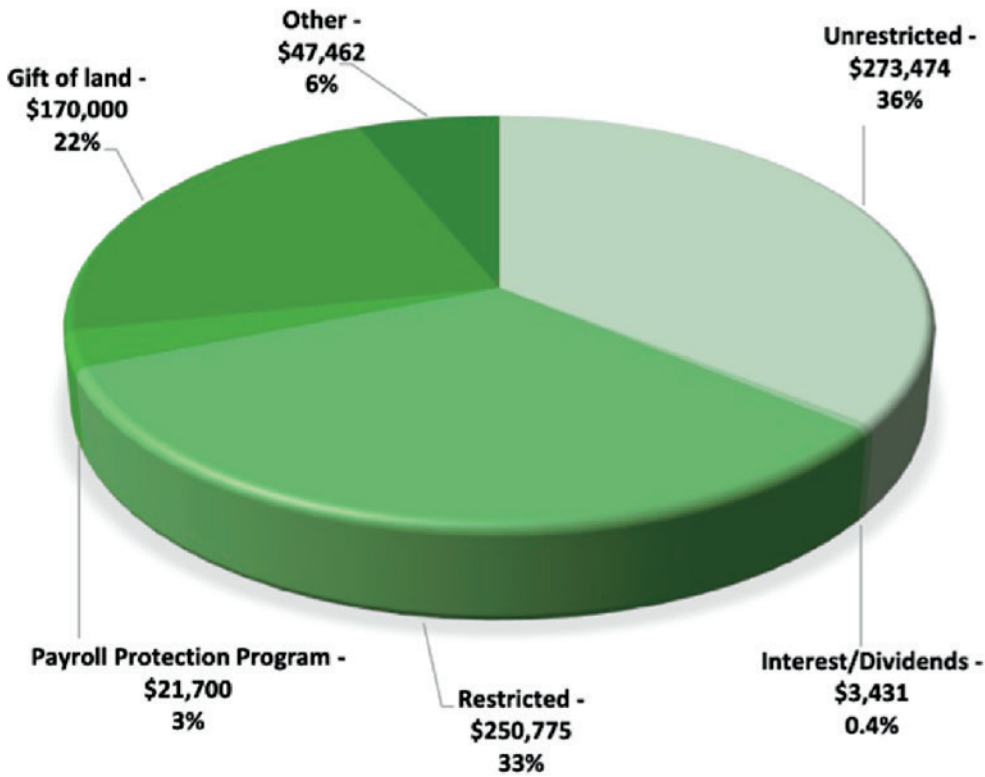
**New Donors**  
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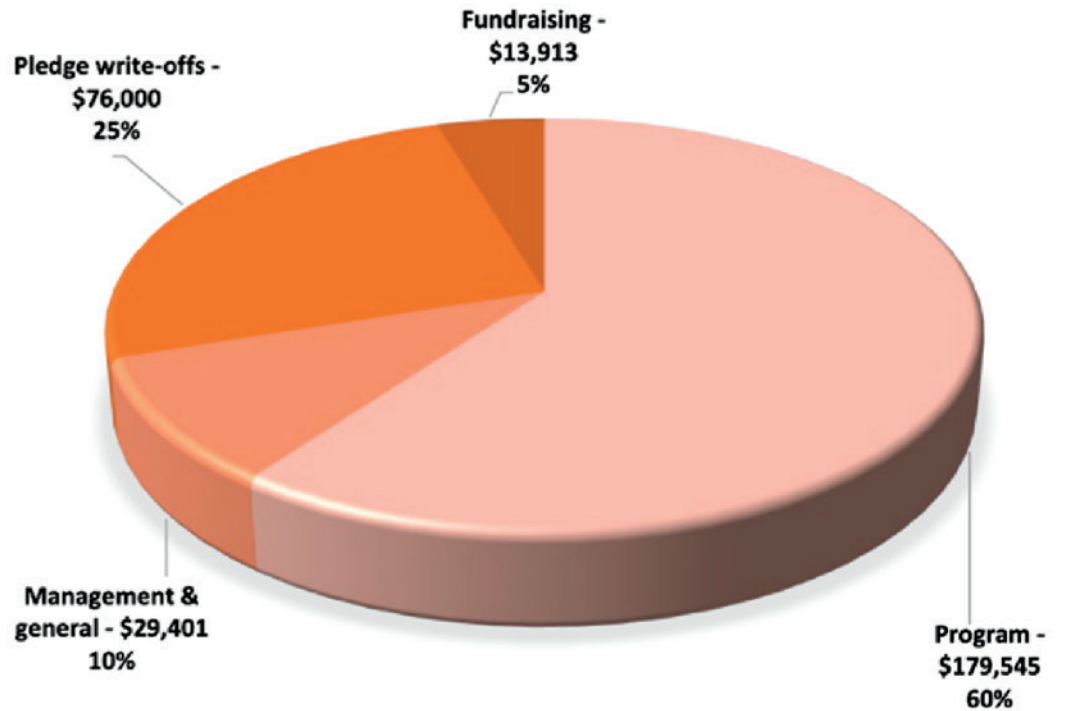
CRLC received contributions from 341 donors including 122 new members, with a renewal rate from the previous year in excess of 77%.

**Renewing Donors**  
**219**

## INCOME - \$766,842



## EXPENSES - \$298,859





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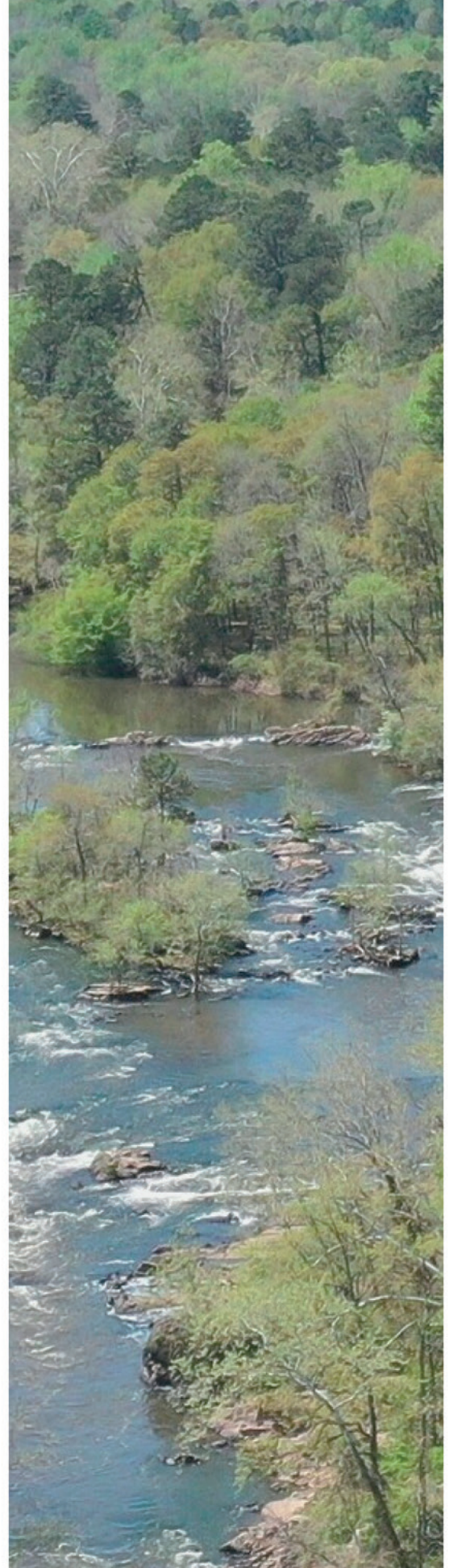
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