

CAPITAL REGION LAND CONSERVANCY

protecting the land and places you love



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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 13,000 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.

1065 acres protected
by **8**
easements in **2023**



Easements

In 2023 CRLC recorded four conservation easements solely held by the conservancy and four conservation easements co-held by the conservancy. Additionally, CRLC recorded a third-party right of enforcement from the Historic James Greenbelt Corporation on land that was gifted to the City of Richmond and is part of the James River Park System.

The four newly recorded CRLC easements are as follows:

- 1) A 57.9 acre easement in Charles City County located along West Run Creek that protects a mature forest, wetlands, and a globally threatened plant species.
- 2) A 5.26 acre easement in Chesterfield County on the historic Huntly property in the Bon Air Historic District.
- 3) A 87.13 acre easement in Powhatan County with frontage along Muddy Creek and within the Central Piedmont Wildlife Biodiversity Resilience Corridor
- 4) A 130.14 acre easement in Hanover County that contains 88.69 acres of prime farmland, 2,832 feet along Newfound River, and 35 acres of freshwater emergent and freshwater forested/shrub wetlands.

The four newly recorded co-held easements are as follows:

- 1.) A 4.3 acre easement in the City of Richmond co-held with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to protect property recently transferred to the City to become a part of the James River Park System located on Dock Street.
- 2.) A 170.09 acre easement in Henrico County co-held with the Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District that contains 124 acres of freshwater forested/shrub and freshwater emergent wetlands and 1.575 miles along the Chickahominy River
- 3.) A 129.5 acre easement in Powhatan County co-held with the Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District that contains 113 acres of prime farmland and an equestrian center.
- 4.) A 287.51 acre easement in Henrico and New Kent Counties, assigned by the Nature Conservancy and restated, co-held with the Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District that contains approximately a half mile along the Chickahominy River and important ecological core.

Easements (cont'd)

CRLC facilitated three additional easements, which are as follows:

- 1.) An 85.96 acre property in Hanover County that is dominated by a working farm operation on prime agricultural soils, conserved by the Land Trust of Virginia.
- 2.) A 56.4 acre property in Powhatan County owned by the Drexel-Morrell Center that preserves the historic Rosemont House and grounds, conserved by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources.
- 3.) The 50.4 acre tract in the core of First Deep Bottom Battlefield in Henrico County, conserved by the American Battlefield Trust



Wetlands at Chickahominy Crossings



Historic Huntly in Bon Air



CRLC held 16 conservation easements and co-held 20 conservation easements as of 12/31/2023. The new easements recorded in 2023 protect an additional 1,065 acres. Altogether, CRLC is responsible for stewarding 36 conservation easements protecting 3,536 acres. Furthermore, CRLC has facilitated easements on another 10,205 acres.

Owned Properties

CRLC acquired 49.09 acres in Henrico County off New Market Road known as the Haskins tract. The property contains 2,300 feet along an unnamed tributary of Four Mile Creek, approximately 800 feet of well-preserved Civil War earthworks, and is entirely within the core of New Market Heights Battlefield. The conservancy was awarded funding from the National Park Service, the American Battlefield Protection Program, and the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation and granted a conservation easement to the Virginia Board of Historic Resources on the Haskins tract in 2023.

The second land acquisition consists of 41.02 acres in Henrico County along Route 5 – a Virginia scenic byway - known as Little Malvern Hill tract. The property contains 34.6 acres of prime farmland and is entirely within the core of Glendale, Malvern hill, and First Deep Bottom battlefields and buffers the adjacent Richmond National Battlefield Park. The conservancy is working to grant a conservation easement to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources on the Little Malvern Hill tract in 2024.



Haskins Tract in Henrico County



Little Malvern Hill

CRLC owned nine fee-simple properties at the end of 2023 containing a total of 574.1 acres. These included properties at Warwick Road, Long Bridge Road, and Campbell’s Bridge Mills for the expansion of the Appomattox River Trail.

CRLC’s efforts since 2005 have conserved 14,261 acres in the Capital Region.

Education & Outreach

The conservancy sponsored the RVA Environmental Film Festival and Virginia's United Land Trusts's annual conference. The conservancy coordinated guided nature hikes of six of their conservation easement properties with a total of 153 attendees; coordinated two volunteer clean-ups at properties owned by the conservancy contributing a total of 112 volunteer hours; participated in numerous meetings of the RVAGreen 2050 environmental working group, Lower Chickahominy River Watershed Collaborative and Virginia Conservation Network workgroups; staff attended the Virginia's United Land Trusts conference held in April.

The conservancy facilitated **education and advocacy on the urgency of ensuring that all Virginians have daily access to the outdoors**. Staff were guest speakers at 15 community organizations; tabled at 6 community events; and educated numerous landowners in preserving their property. **At its Varina Landlab, the conservancy constructed three visitor parking areas and informational kiosks, maintained 4 miles of trails, and officially opened the property to the public**. The conservancy hosted student visits from classes at Virginia Commonwealth University and Henrico County Public Schools. The conservancy helped secure land for future public access in the City of Richmond, Chesterfield County, and Henrico County

CRLC garnered more than 115 press mentions discussing CRLC's conservation work and the relationship between land conservation and water quality in such publications as the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Virginia Business, Richmond Free Press, Richmond Magazine, Henrico Citizen, Axios, Richmond BizSense, Powhatan Today, Goochland Gazette, Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine, various organizational newsletters, as well as Virginia Public Media/National Public Radio, CBS6, NBC12, ABC8, and other local television broadcasts. **CRLC increased to 1,940 followers on Facebook, 1,099 followers on Instagram, and 327 followers on Twitter**. The conservancy shared organizational news with 2,677 subscribers via 21 email newsletters

Accomplishments

In 2023, the conservancy was recognized with the following awards:

1. Award of Merit from the Henrico Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
2. Community Partner Award from Friends of the Lower Appomattox River
3. Outstanding Community Preservation Award from Preservation Virginia
4. **CRLC's Director of Conservation Partnerships, Michael Lipford, was recognized with the Bridge Builder Award from VIRGINIAforever.**

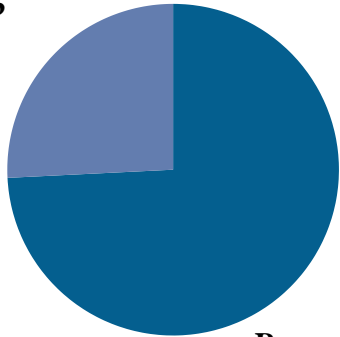


Fundraising

CRLC hosted the annual Fields, Forests + Streams fundraising event that raised approximately \$32,000 to support the conservancy’s operations. The fundraising efforts included sponsorships, ticket sales, silent auction items, and additional donations connected to the event.

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 2023.

New Donors
156



Renewing Donors
449

CRLC received contributions from 605 donors including 156 new members, with a renewal rate from the previous year in excess of 73%

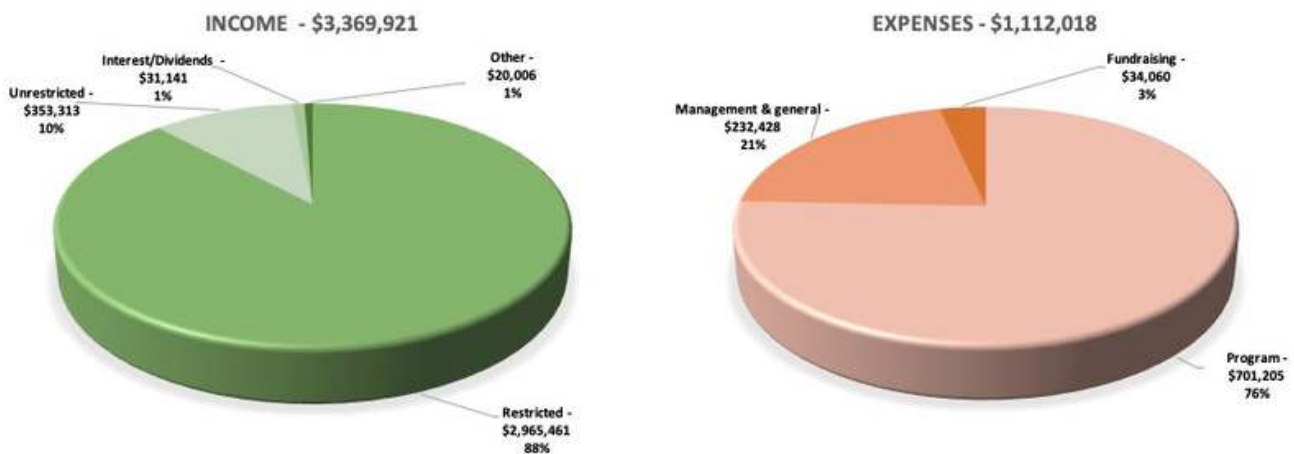




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Total revenue for 2023 was \$3,318,774. Total expenses for 2023 were \$1,112,018. CRLC received \$1,866,250 for recording conservation easements in 2023 on properties purchased in previous years.

As of 12/31/2023, total assets were \$11,399,739 with total liabilities of \$507,360. Net assets were \$10,892,379. Of the net assets, \$9,027,310 is book value for land owned by CRLC and does not account for approximate market value of conserved land. CRLC maintains donor restricted funds for stewardship and legal defense of its conservation easements and owned land in the amount of \$546,837. CRLC has a Board-designated beneficial interest fund held at the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond in the amount of \$282,694. A copy of the audited Consolidated Financial Statements is available on our website.



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organizational leadership

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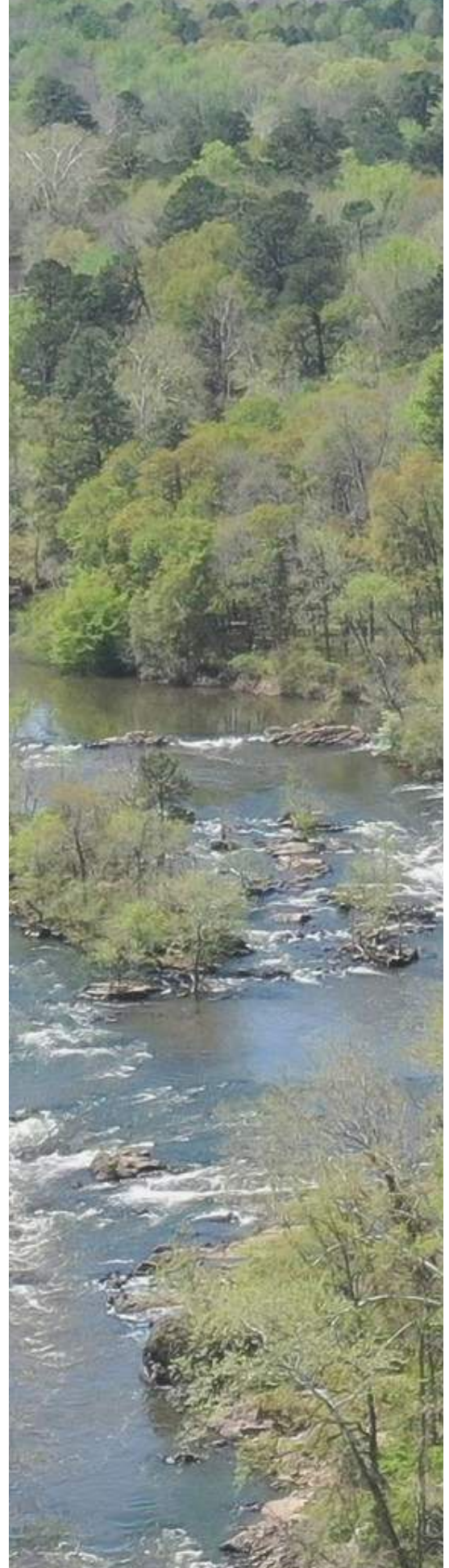
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