A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

The Land Trust of Virginia completed 2016 with many reasons to celebrate. Since our founding in 1992, LTV has grown from an all-volunteer land trust to one that is professionally staffed and led by a dedicated Board of Directors. Our status as one of the first land trusts in the nation to be accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission is the result of a shared commitment by the staff and the Board to excellence in land conservation.

Conservation Easements
As of the end of 2016, LTV has recorded a total of 150 conservation easements protecting 16,045 acres in 12 counties in Virginia. The following six easements recorded in 2016 protected not only the scenic beauty of Virginia, but also some of the state’s important historical and cultural resources.

- Stafford Civil War Park easement in Stafford County (41 acres)
- Gilbert Farm easement in Culpeper County (334 acres)
- Miller School of Albemarle easement in Albemarle County (637 acres)
- Crooked Run Orchard easement in Loudoun County (52 acres)
- Opal easement in Fauquier County (154 acres)
- Maniet – Richtman easement in Rappahannock County (55 acres)

In addition to the 1,275 acres conserved by these six easements recorded in 2016, LTV approved four more easements that will be recorded in 2017 and began work on four other easements totaling over 1,000 acres in Loudoun, Fauquier and Orange Counties.

Stewardship
As the Land Trust of Virginia continues to protect more land each year, those conservation success stories add to a part of our work that does not receive much publicity – our stewardship of easement properties. Landowners who donate conservation easements to LTV do so with the expectation that we will steward those easements in perpetuity. The stewardship commitment we make to those easement donors is at the heart of what we do. In 2016, LTV staff monitored every property in our easement portfolio, as we do every year, either by site visits or by aerial monitoring, to ensure that the terms of each easement are being followed.

Strategic Conservation Projects
In 2016, LTV received a Land Trust Alliance Excellence Grant to fund, in part, the first phase of LTV’s multi-year effort to conserve land along the Blue Ridge Mountains in Loudoun, Fauquier, Clarke and Warren Counties. Building on the wealth of information generated by the Blue Ridge Study completed in 2015, LTV staff outlined plans for four presentations they will make in 2017 to landowners whose properties in Loudoun and Fauquier have been identified as having the greatest “high occurrence” of conservation values and natural resources. LTV’s Blue Ridge Rural Village Conservation Initiative will focus initially on the eastern portion of its Blue Ridge Study area and will be followed by a similar effort on the western portion of the study area (Clarke and Warren Counties) in subsequent years.

Collaboration and Outreach
LTV’s involvement with local, regional and national land conservation communities is an important part of our growth as a land trust.

LTV is a member of the Blue Ridge Conservation Alliance and our work with other members continues as we explore ways to leverage our collective resources to protect the precious environment of the northernmost section of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia.

Our membership in the Virginia United Land Trusts connects us with others who share our interest in conserving Virginia’s natural and historic heritage.

Our participation each year in the Land Trust Alliance’s National Land Conservation Conference, or Rally, is an opportunity for us to learn about ongoing developments in land conservation. At the 2016 Rally in Minneapolis, LTV made a presentation at the Conservation Defense Network session during which we shared the lessons we have learned about defending conservation easements.

Legacy Giving Supports a Legacy of Conservation
LTV’s achievements over the past quarter-century have been the result of the hard work of a dedicated staff and Board of Directors. That work, however, would not have been possible without landowners who donated conservation easements. The generosity of those landowners has been complemented over the years by hundreds of financial supporters and volunteers who have helped build the Land Trust of Virginia into the organization it is today.

As we look to the future we hope our donors will consider including the Land Trust of Virginia in their estate planning. The leadership of Steffanie Burgevin and Joseph Miller in establishing LTV’s Legacy Giving Fund has been inspirational and has provided an opportunity for others to join them in their support for LTV’s conservation efforts over the long term.

There is a cost to protecting land in perpetuity and, thanks to your support, we can all be proud of what we have accomplished in the Land Trust of Virginia’s 25 Year Legacy of Land Conservation.

For the Board,

Christopher C. Dematatis
Chairman
CONSERVATION LEADERS

Over the course of the Land Trust of Virginia’s 25 Year Legacy of Land Conservation, 150 easements have been entrusted to us. The following people have donated a conservation easement to LTV and are to be thanked for their part in conserving our beautiful landscape and natural resources. Thank you for your leadership and your dedication to conservation.

Names are listed in the order in which easements were recorded.

Cammack Brothers Partnershp
Monroe and Mary Leigh*
Virginia Friend
Christine Perdue and Turner Smith, Jr.
Edward and Portia Meares*
Jonelle St. John and Stephen Zielenksi
James Clark, III
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Dr. Thomas Gilbert, Jr.
Miller School of Albemarle
Opal Development Partners, LLC
Monique Maniet and Max Richtman
Jeff and Linda Millington

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Conserving Open Space, Farmland, Water, Forests, Mountains, and History

Each year the Land Trust of Virginia helps a wide variety of landowners protect their diverse properties through donations of conservation easements. 2016 was no exception, as is evident in the following project summaries.

Stafford Civil War Park
This 41 acre property along Accokeek Creek in Stafford County was the encampment where the Army of the Potomac endured the harsh winter of 1862-1863 following their defeat at Fredericksburg. Sometimes referred to as the “Valley Forge of the Civil War”, this land is a public park created to educate visitors about its place in our country’s history. In addition to protecting the scenic open space of this historic resource, the easement protects the water quality of an important tributary to the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.

Gilbert Farm
Dr. Thomas Gilbert’s farm is within the core area of the Battle of Cedar Mountain, the August 9, 1862 action that was the opening assault of the Second Manassas Campaign. The Civil War Trust considered the protection of this Culpeper County property of such significance that it awarded LTV a $29,000 grant to help cover the cost of its long term stewardship responsibilities. Cedar Run flows for over a mile through the rolling 334 acres. The scenic beauty of the farm contains 10 acres of forest wetlands and two acres of ponds whose outflows feed into Cedar Run. These water resources, hundreds of acres of prime farmland and mature forests, and the historic battlefield landscape, are all now permanently protected with Dr. Gilbert’s generous easement donation.

Miller School of Albemarle County
The Miller School easement presented planning challenges as LTV and Miller School representatives sought to balance the protection of the property’s considerable conservation values with the practical aspects of accommodating its ongoing use as a school. The recorded easement conserves the school’s 637 acre campus. Building envelopes for campus activities were established that conserve the scenic open space as viewed from over two miles of public road frontage. The property also includes more than 500 acres of forest, 13 acres of wetlands and over a mile of Miller Branch (photo on right).

Crooked Run Orchard
Sam and Uta Brown’s Crooked Run Orchard has been in Sam’s family since before the Revolutionary War. More than half of their 94 acre property lies within the Purcellville town limits in Loudoun County. In 2007, the Browns donated an easement to LTV on one of two portions of the property, and in 2016 they donated a second easement protecting the balance of the farm. The property’s streams, wetlands and valuable agricultural land are now protected forever along with an expanse of scenic open space that stands in stark contrast to the development that has engulfed the eastern entrance to Purcellville. As farmers and environmentalists, Sam and Uta donated their easements to save a place they love. In doing so, they saved a bit of Loudoun’s agricultural heritage, a place that generations have come to experience as the “U-pick” orchard, and a piece of the local history and culture.
Opal Development Partners
This property in southern Fauquier County is located within the Licking Run, Cedar Run, Occoquan River and Potomac River watersheds. The conservation easement donated by Opal Development Partners protects a remarkable 41 acres of forest wetlands and streams found on this 154 acre parcel, thereby contributing significantly to downstream water quality. In addition to conserving those natural resources, this open space easement extinguished 67 development rights and limits future improvements on the property to a single residence and farm buildings.

Maniet – Richtman
Monique Maniet and Max Richtman’s 55 acre property is located on the southwestern slope of Fielding Mountain near Woodville in Rappahannock County. Their donation of a conservation easement to LTV expands a larger envelope of adjacent land already protected by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. This easement conserves the scenic open space as seen from more than a half-mile of public road frontage. The property has important farmland soils, mountainside forests and a freshwater pond, all of which are now permanently protected due to Monique and Max’s generous donation.

2016 Financial Report

ESTABLISHING AN ENDURING CONSERVATION LEGACY THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

Donating a planned gift to the Land Trust of Virginia’s Legacy Giving Fund demonstrates a strong and deep commitment to protecting, in perpetuity, Virginia’s beautiful open spaces and natural and cultural resources. By so doing, you will be supporting the continued growth of our easement program and ensuring the protection of the properties already entrusted to us for generations to come.

Members of the Legacy Giving Fund
Steffanie Burgevin
Christopher C. Dematatis
Joseph A. Miller
A very special thank you to Jacqueline B. Mars for her many years of support.

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The 2016 Garden Party to Save Virginia's Countryside was a great success, thanks to our gracious hosts Robin and Gayden Parker, who shared their lovely Orion Farm with all of us. Thank you, again, for your generosity. At the party, the Land Trust of Virginia honored our 2016 Award Winners.

Conservationist of the Year Award for Leadership and Lifetime Achievement:
Robert Bonnie

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