

PLACES FOR AWE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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DEAR FRIEND,

Imagine your life without the awe that you find in nature. What if you couldn't get out among the trees and hear the birds singing? If you couldn't take in the beauty of a rushing stream or waterfall? If you never crossed paths with a bear, deer, or fox? If you never took a moment to be still and appreciate the beauty of the mountains?

In a word, it would be depressing.

Instead, in nature, we find so many opportunities for awe. This sense of wonder and connection to something larger than ourselves helps us to live a more inspired life.

Awe gives us the strength to get through hard times. It inspires us to find purpose and passion in our work, to be present with our loved ones, and to approach problems with creativity.

Does all of that fall within your sense of what conservation is “for”?

Of course, there are already so many good reasons to support conservation. You are providing clean water that sustains life. You're preserving farms that grow food. You're protecting forests — an important climate solution. You're restoring

wetlands, which means our communities are less at risk from droughts and floods. You're opening parks and trails so people can exercise and unwind, so we enjoy better health. You're creating outdoor classrooms that spark children's curiosity. You're saving wildlife by protecting vast wild spaces, diverse habitats, and connected migration corridors.

In all of these ways, you are supporting a bountiful and beautiful wholeness—and we respond to that wholeness with awe.

It's a positive cycle. When someone spends time in an awe-inspiring place, they come away more insightful, more lighthearted, and more at peace. That means they are able to give more to their family and community — and give back to nature. As you look through this report on your impact in 2023, imagine all of the positive change flowing out from these special places where you made a difference. ***Thank you!***

Sincerely,

Kieran Roe
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2023 CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

1 Little River Wetlands

27 acres of exceptional wetlands, near a rare mountain bog.

2 Bracken Preserve Addition

34-acre expansion will allow 2-3 miles of new trails.

3 Everett Road

18 acres purchased for French Broad River access and potential restoration.

4 Big Branch Falls

45-acre nature preserve includes waterfall with unique plant community.

5 Evans Mountain

Conserved 361 forested acres, protecting 6.6 miles of streams.

6 Pleasant Grove

70-acre natural floodplain restored along French Broad River.

7 Ecusta Trail

Construction has started on 19-mile rail trail linking Hendersonville and Brevard.

8 Sargeant Family Preserve at Laurel Ridge

9 acres with old growth trees provide a haven for wildlife.

9 Dodd Meadows

Stream restored and trail built in Habitat for Humanity neighborhood.

10 Greenhaven Farm

Easement on 109 acres expands protected land near Pearsons Falls.

11 Norman Wilder Forest Addition

36.5 acres added to popular local hiking spot.

12 Saluda Grade Trail

Secured \$12 million in state funding for proposed 31-mile rail trail.

13 Little White Oak Mountain

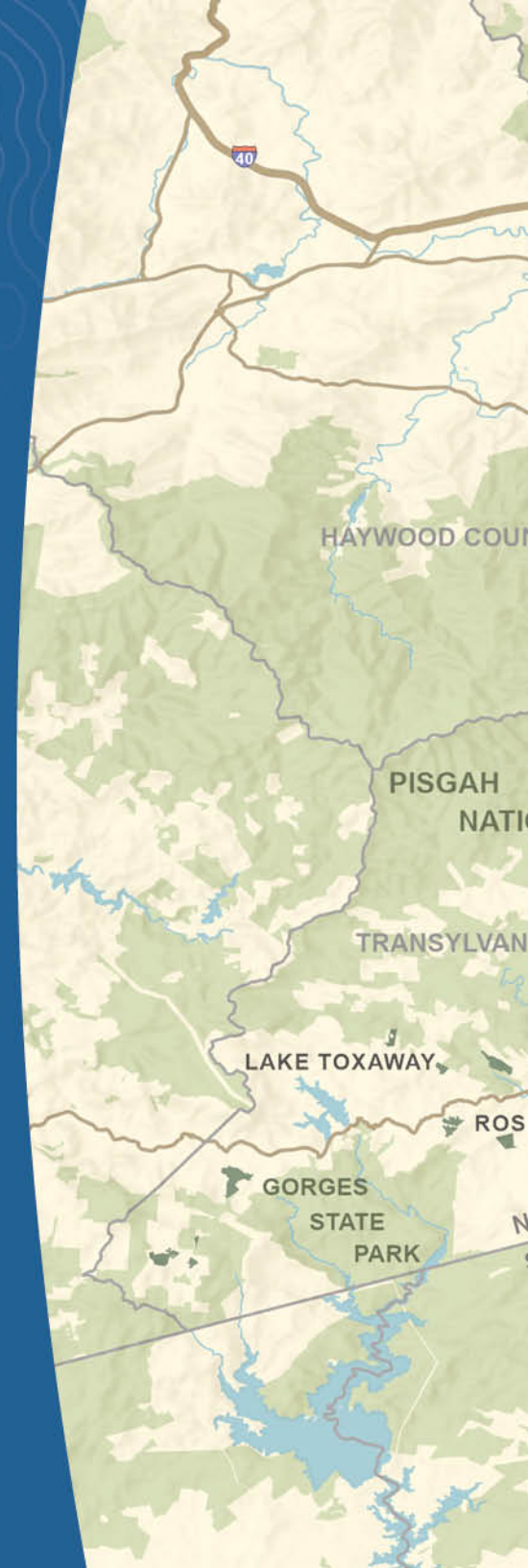
140 more acres added to local park near schools.

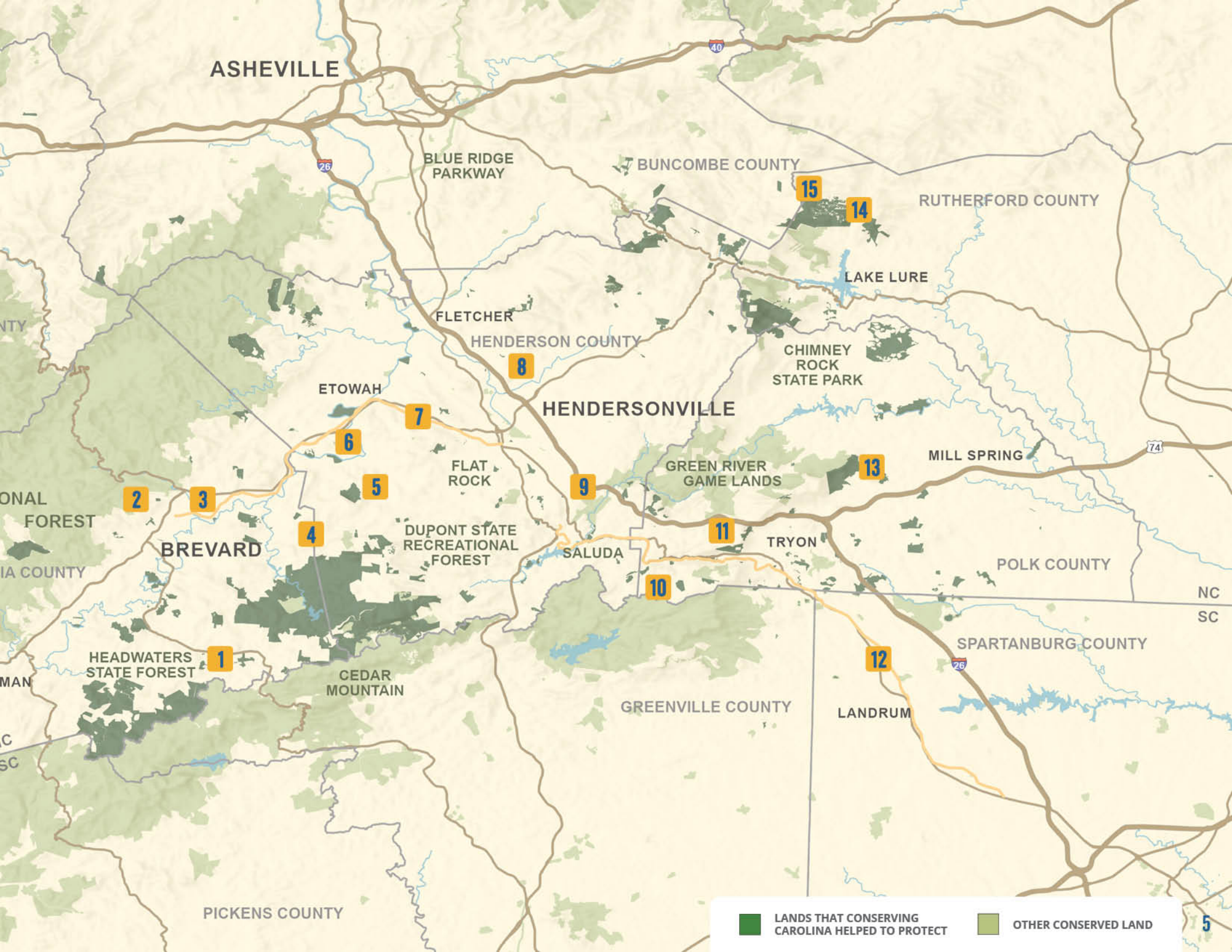
14 Buffalo Creek Park Addition

21 acres purchased for a key link in Hickory Nut Gorge State Trail.

15 Joel Ridge

174 more acres protected as part of vast project with epic trails.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVERY DAY — AND THEN SOME!

It's only possible for us to succeed if enough people love nature and want to get involved. Here's how we connected with people in 2023.

421 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS IN ALL (THAT'S MORE THAN ONE PER DAY!), 207 VOLUNTEER EVENTS, 99 EDUCATION EVENTS, 47 FOREST BATHING EVENTS, 35 HIKES AND OUTINGS, 34 TABLING EVENTS, 2,253 CHILDREN & YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

Major events included Hendo Earth Fest, Gardening for Life Celebration (with Doug Tallamy), Upper French Broad Riverfest, and field trips to Bearwallow Mountain. We also expanded our speaker series to six locations. That's not to mention our annual spring Habitat at Home photo contest and two ongoing challenges—the White Squirrel Hiking Challenge and Flying Squirrel Outdoor Challenge.

FOREST BATHING WITH KIDS

Kids experience their connection with nature while forest bathing at the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center (FENCE), which is forever protected through Conserving Carolina. *Photo by Dr. Mattie Decker.*



AMERICORPS: GROWING CAPACITY FOR CONSERVATION & CLIMATE ACTION

Conserving Carolina isn't just making a difference in the 7+ counties where we focus our conservation efforts. We're making a difference throughout Western NC by leading AmeriCorps Project Conserve, which places AmeriCorps members at 12 different conservation organizations throughout the region.



ABOVE Sara Wrenn, Virginia Hunter, Mary Miller, Elizabeth Nash, and Hannah Atkinson are AmeriCorps members currently serving on the Conserving Carolina team (Not pictured: Emma LaValley). Their hard work, energy, and ideas help us to fulfill our conservation mission! *Photo by Virginia Hunter.*

IN THE 2022-23 TERM,
AMERICORPS PROJECT
CONSERVE HAD:

23 FULL-TIME MEMBERS,
2 PART-TIME MEMBERS,
AND 9 SUMMER OF
SERVICE MEMBERS WHO
SERVED AT 12 HOST SITES
PROVIDING 36,673 HOURS
OF SERVICE!



AmeriCorps

Project Conserve members expand capacity for conservation by planting trees, controlling invasive species, building trails, improving water quality, leading volunteers, educating children and adults, and so much more!

And in 2023, we took another big step forward, collaborating with Conservation Trust for NC to launch the NC Climate Action Corps. In the pilot year of the new Climate Action Corps, during the 2023-24 term, seven additional AmeriCorps members started positions that are making our communities safer and more resilient in the face of a changing climate.

AmeriCorps 2022-23 Project Conserve Host Sites

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Environmental Quality Institute
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Mills River Partnership
MountainTrue
NC State Extension – Transylvania County
RiverLink
Rutherford Outdoor Coalition
Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
The NC Arboretum
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Hemlock Restoration Initiative

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2023 was a huge year for the Ecusta Trail as we secured game-changing grants and started building the long-awaited 19-mile rail trail. At the groundbreaking, Conserving Carolina board members Amos Dawson, Mark Campanini, and Ken Shelton helped kick off construction. *Photo by Paul Harmon.*



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ELAINE FRIEBELE

*Summits Society member, shown here with her mother
 Alma Spicer and husband Joe Friebele*

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Big Branch Falls, a new 45-acre nature preserve in Transylvania County, includes a 20-foot waterfall and a unique spray cliff community.

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A vast protected area near Lake Lure continues to grow. In 2023, we purchased another 174 acres from the downsized GreyRock development, bringing the total so far to more than 2,200 protected acres. Ultimately, we aim to protect over 2,650 acres! Forming part of the view seen here from our Youngs Mountain Trail, this land is home to our Weed Patch Mountain Trail. We have plans for more epic trails, including a link between two state trails. *Photo by Rose Lane.*

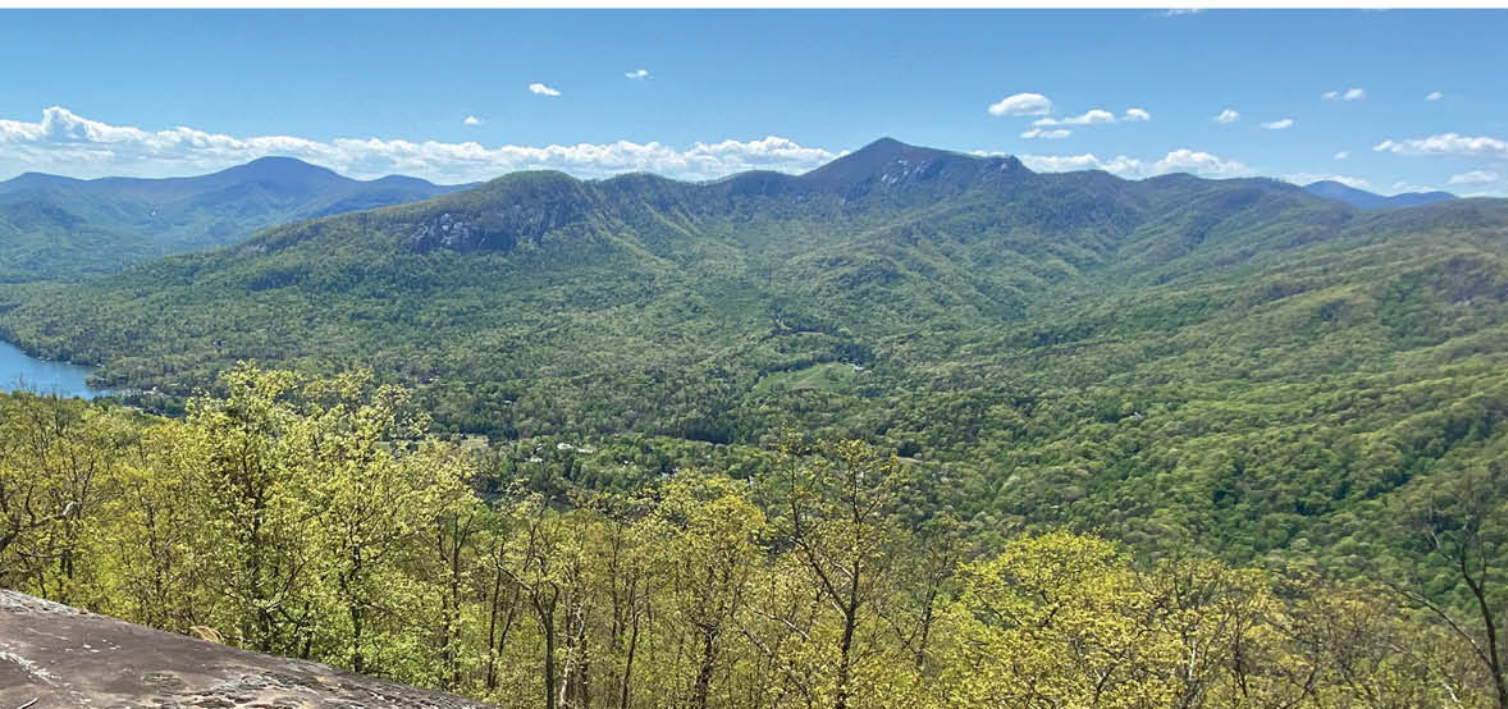


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Kids with the RISE! summer program discover worms and bugs on a guided nature walk on Vaughn Creek Greenway, which Conserving Carolina helped create. The day also featured bird calls, blackberries, and splashing in the creek.

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A special wetland is now protected beside the Little River in Transylvania County. Unique ferns and mosses grow in the floodplain, while frogs and salamanders breed in oxbow pools. The 27-acre protected property adjoins another 83 acres that we helped protect, near a rare Southern Appalachian Mountain Bog. *Photo by Rose Lane.*

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August Whitesides explores the restored natural area near his home in Dodd Meadows, a neighborhood built by Habitat for Humanity. Conserving Carolina collaborated with Habitat to restore a stream, plant trees and wildflowers, build a trail, and revitalize the community garden. *Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity.*

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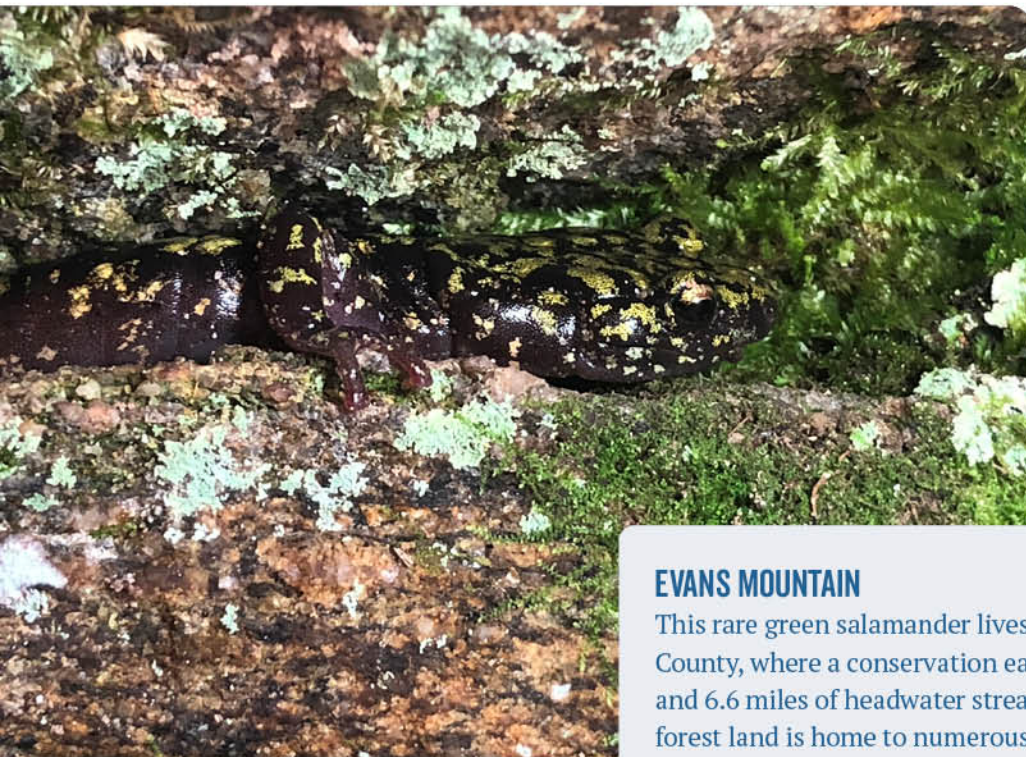
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This rare green salamander lives on Evans Mountain in Henderson County, where a conservation easement now protects 361 acres of forest and 6.6 miles of headwater streams. A treasure trove of biodiversity, this forest land is home to numerous rare wildflowers, mosses, and animals including bats and salamanders. *Photo by Lloyd Raleigh.*



“I personally have had the pleasure of working closely with Conserving Carolina on projects involving water quality and land conservation. I’ve been so impressed with the functionality and effectiveness of this nonprofit organization. We should all be grateful for Conserving Carolina’s commitment to our natural land and communities!”

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Conservation landowner and bluegrass musician on his land at the confluence of the East Fork and main stem of the French Broad River. Photo by Rose Lane.

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Pleasant Grove is part of a growing chain of restorations along the French Broad River — hopeful places where nature is making a comeback. This 70-acre site in Etowah includes restored streams, wetlands, meadows, a pond, a slough, and growing forests. In the future, there will also be walking trails. Natural floodplains like this offer vital wildlife habitat, provide clean water, and reduce the risk of both floods and water shortages. *Photo by Max Cooper.*

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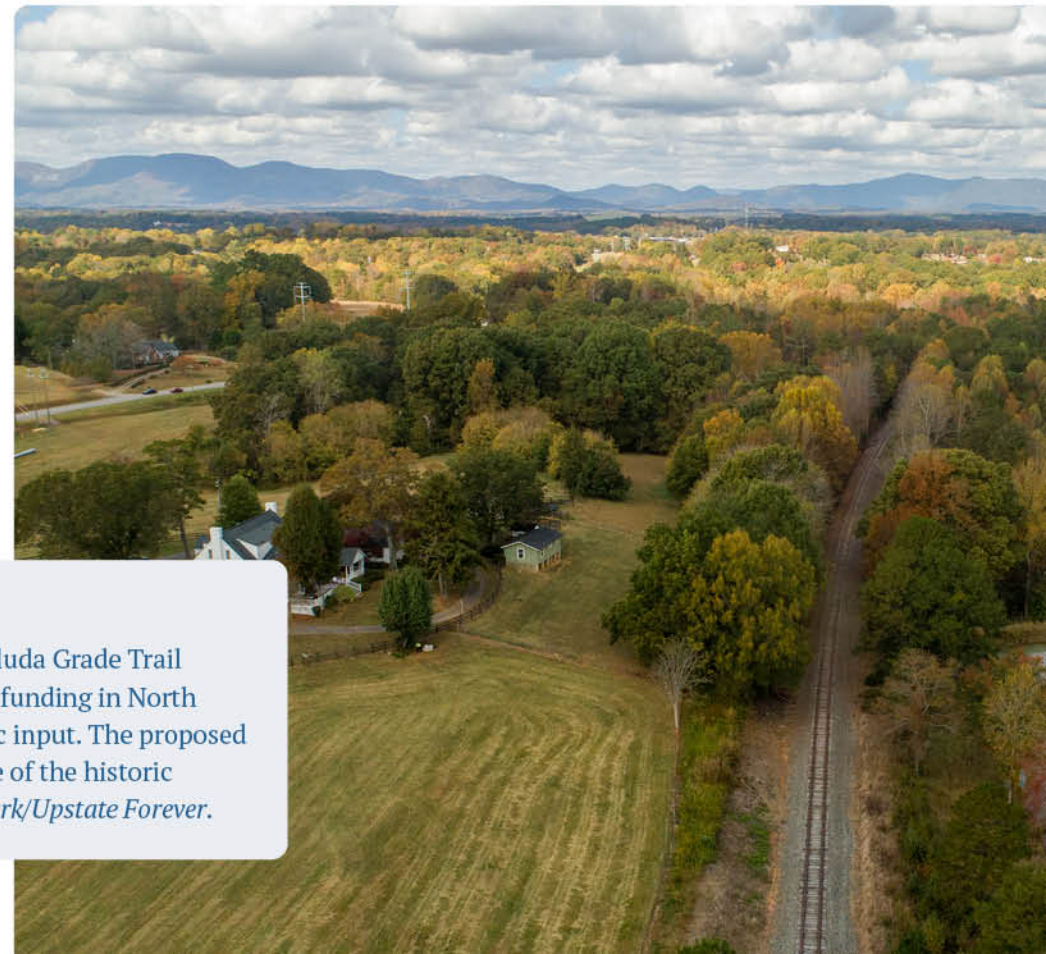
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SALUDA GRADE TRAIL

We made major progress toward the Saluda Grade Trail in 2023 — securing \$12 million in state funding in North Carolina and gathering extensive public input. The proposed 31-mile rail trail would follow the route of the historic Saluda Grade rail line. *Photo by Scott Park/Upstate Forever.*

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Fifth graders at Polk County Middle School plant a pollinator garden at their school. It was one of numerous school programs that Conserving Carolina supported in 2023, including field trips to Bearwallow Mountain and projects to improve natural areas around schools. *Photo by Virginia Hunter.*

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Staff and volunteers help create a community garden at Las Flores, near Hendersonville. Las Flores is taking shape as a welcoming space for the Latino community to gather, enjoy the outdoors, and grow food. *Photo by Rose Lane.*

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Cape May Warbler by Rich Stevenson

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BRACKEN MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

A 34-acre addition to this treasured preserve in Brevard will allow 2-3 miles of new, moderate trails. The expanded preserve will be more welcoming to families, children, seniors, beginning mountain bikers, and people of varying abilities. *Photo by Howie Granat.*

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We purchased 21 acres for a potential addition to Buffalo Creek Park, as well as a link between two Conserving Carolina trails — Youngs Mountain Trail and Weed Patch Mountain. *Photo by Virginia Hunter.*

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At Greenhaven Farm, near Pearsons Falls, a conservation easement protects nearly a mile of clear headwater streams.

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ALMOST 49,000 TOTAL ACRES PROTECTED,
33 TRAILS, PARKS, AND PRESERVES
OPENED TO THE PUBLIC, 38 MILES OF
TRAILS OPEN IN THE HICKORY NUT GORGE
STATE TRAIL, 50 MILES OF RAIL TRAIL
PROJECTS, 11 RESTORATION PROJECTS IN
2023 (COMPLETED OR IN PROGRESS), 421
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS IN 2023,
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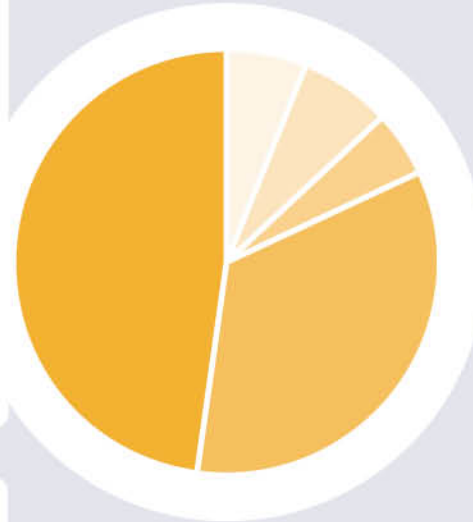
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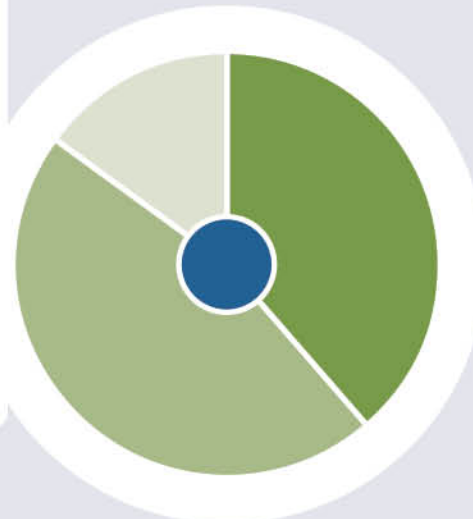
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HOW WE USE THOSE FUNDS



TOTAL \$7,134,631



*Includes value of conservation lands acquired

Net Assets, Beginning of Fiscal Year *(July 1, 2022)*

\$38,091,455.00

Net Assets, End of Fiscal Year *(June 30, 2023)*

\$43,221,346.00

Total Change in Net Assets

\$5,129,891.00

Value of Conservation Land Owned *(June 30, 2022)*

\$30,077,742.00

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