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Florence Donation Preserves 600 Acres of Wilderness... Forever!

November 23, 2001 marked an historic event for the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy and for all of those who value our region's natural places. Tom and Glenna Florence gave the Conservancy the final one-half interest in a large parcel of natural land that they owned in the northeastern corner of Henderson County. The Florence Nature Preserve will remain forever wild thanks to this generous gift by the Florences. The couple was honored by the Conservancy at Rugby Grange Manor on October 13.

Florence donation is truly a milestone for CMLC. The 600-acre preserve is our largest protected property, and will serve as a key location for Conservancy membership and educational activities. The tract is a wonderful example of mixed Southern Appalachian Forest habitats, including Rich Cove and Oak Hickory forests, as well as rarer Carolina Hemlock Bluff communities. It contains several waterfalls on creeks that are tributaries to the Hickory Creek in the upper Hickory Nut Gorge. Rock outcrops afford views of the Gorge as far as Chimney Rock.

All these are now preserved for future generations.

A group of volunteers is forming to maintain the Preserve consisting of Conservancy members and neighbors in the Gerton community. Knud Clausen, site steward for the property, will be directing the new group in trail building and other tasks necessary for the Preserve's upkeep.

There was an overwhelming response to the hike offered by the Conservancy on Sunday afternoon November 4th. Approximately 40 hikers were divided into 3 hiking groups. One group, lead by Dr. Florence, was taken on a walk down part of the Old Buncombe Turnpike that runs through the Preserve. Another group, lead by Betty Shevick, went to the rock outcropping known as "casket rock" because of its shape. The third group, lead by Glenna Florence, visited the foundation of an old farmsteader's home.

The Conservancy will offer another hike to the Florence Nature Preserve soon, look in the next issue of Landscape for the date and time. If you are interested in joining the "Friends of the Preserve" the property's stewardship group, please telephone the Conservancy office at 697-5777. 🍀

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CMLC
Annual Meeting
scheduled for
April 21.
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The Party at Rugby Grange Manor a Great Success

Fall fundraiser brings in \$12,000 and offers guests a rare glimpse of local history.

As the eighty guests drove down the mile-long, tree-lined driveway on their way to the October 13 party at Rugby Grange Manor, they were greeted by the hushed green of undisturbed nature, and a richness of history that surrounds the old estate. There have been plenty of parties thrown at the Rugby Grange since the Westfeldt family bought it in 1868. But, according to Tommy Westfeldt, the 4th generation of Westfeldt owners, it was the first time there has been a tent in the yard for a party!

The supper buffet and the party program took place by candlelight under a festive white tent on the beautiful grassy lawn. The Hendersonville High School Honors Strings entertained guests from a side balcony. Party guests strolled the grounds, viewed the historic buildings, and had a chance to learn more about the work of the Carolina Mountain Land

Conservancy from various displays and from the hosts and hostesses of the event — the Conservancy's Board of Trustees.

Hendersonville glass artist Chaffe McIlhenny welcomed attendees on behalf of Tommy and Linda Westfeldt. Chaffe is Tommy's first cousin, and used to spend summer vacations in a cabin near the Grange ("the big house"). The brief program included a heart-felt champagne toast, given by president Anne Valentine, in honor of Dr. Tom and Glenna Florence, for their generous donation of the 600-acre Florence Nature Preserve to the Conservancy.

CMLC would like to thank our generous event sponsors, Chaffe and Bonnie McIlhenny, The Gustave Westfeldt McIlhenny Foundation, Chuck and Jean McGrady, Bub Hyder, Mountain Bank, and Oleta Falls. Many thanks also go
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CMLC President Anne Valentine with Trustee David Keller and wife Nora Murdock



Party tent to the side of Rugby Grange Manor

Upper Green River Watershed Protection Plan Completed

The upper Green River watershed is located in the extreme southwestern corner of Henderson County. The watershed possesses outstanding resource values including exceptionally clean water; healthy aquatic habitat; intact, high quality forests; diverse plant communities; natural beauty; and a rich cultural heritage.

Due to its relative isolation, the Green River area has escaped the rapid, heavy development experienced by neighboring communities, and for the most part, has maintained its rural character. However, the pressure for large-scale residential development is mounting.

In January 2001, the Conservation Trust for North Carolina (CTNC) awarded a grant to the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy (CMLC) to develop a parcel-by-parcel riparian conservation design for the Upper Green River and Rock Creek. The design area includes the entire length of the Green River from its source on Forked Mountain to the upstream boundary of the NC Gamelands below Lake Summit. It also includes Rock Creek, the largest tributary to the upper Green River, and its north prong.

The major findings of the design, published last fall, indicate that almost half of the river-bordering land in the project area has a forested riparian buffer of at least 300 feet in width. On the other end of the spectrum, approximately one-third of the river-bordering land has a poor riparian buffer.

Unlike many watersheds in Western North Carolina, the headwaters of the Green River and Rock Creek are divided into large, forested parcels under private ownership. The design identifies these parcels as exceptional protection opportunities.

The remainder of the watershed (outside of the headwaters) is

characterized primarily by agricultural uses and low-density residential development. In this section, there are several large parcels with good to excellent forested buffers. There are also some sizeable blocks of forested land including large areas on the lower section of Rock Creek, the main stem of the Green River below US Highway 25, and the gorge below Lake Summit. All of these areas are prime for protection.

Although the primary focus of the design (and the Conservancy in implementing the design) is protection of forested buffer areas, it also identifies specific sites and situations that are causing or could cause negative impacts on water quality and stream health. Potential nonpoint source pollution issues in the project area including sediment-laden runoff from unpaved roads, roadside ditches, and construction sites; eroding stream banks; unrestricted livestock access to streams; poorly buffered drainage ditches through farm fields; and inadequate riparian buffers at several locations.

CMLC has requested another grant from CTNC to begin implementation of the riparian conservation design for the upper Green River watershed. As the upper Green River watershed is developed, the Conservancy would like to work with private landowners on a voluntary basis to maintain and protect native forests or other suitable vegetation on sensitive sites. The Conservancy's goal is to help minimize the impacts of development on the outstanding resource values of the upper Green River watershed. In particular, the Conservancy hopes to protect the river's water quality and preserve the natural and rural character of the land. 🍀

Wolfs' Lair: A Key Conservation Opportunity in the Upper Green River

Of all the properties in the Upper Green River watershed, CMLC's recent assessment identified Wolf's Lair, a 1367-acre tract near the top of Pinnacle Mountain, as the highest priority for conservation. With a boundary that corresponds for several thousand feet with the Tennessee Valley Divide, the property essentially sits atop the entire watershed. Its steep ridges (up to 3,700 feet in elevation) feed over 25,000 linear feet of streams, which are all classed as High Quality Trout Waters.

Located within the large forested corridor of land along the western boundary of the Dupont State Forest, Wolf's Lair is a NC State Natural Heritage Area. According to the recently-published Naturalist's Guide to the Southern Blue Ridge Front, "The floristic diversity of Wolf's Lair is quite remarkable...[it] is probably the richest site (in total species) in the Green River drainage, and it is one of the richer sites in Henderson County" (Gaddy, 2000).

While Wolf's Lair is a key conservation tract, the possibility of intensive development is a very real threat. A plan for a golf course, 60 homes and 70 time-share units was announced for the property in 2000. The deal fell through and the property went into bankruptcy. The US Bankruptcy Court in Tampa, Florida is charged with resolving the case and is looking to dispose of the

property to pay creditors.

CMLC has been seeking a solution for conservation of the site. An appraisal conducted by CMLC last summer estimated the value of the land at about \$2.38 million. In August 2001, the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund, a state fund that provides money to buy land and conservation easements, deferred a \$1.7 million grant request by CMLC until sufficient matching funds were identified. The fund did provide a mini-grant of \$25,000 to cover pre-acquisition costs. With its current budget problems however, the state is unlikely now to be a source of purchase funds. So CMLC is seeking other sources, such as conservation-minded private buyers. For more information or to support CMLC's effort to save this high-priority land, please contact us or send contributions to CMLC, P.O. Box 2822, Hendersonville, NC 28793, phone: 697-5777. 🍀



View toward Pinnacle Mountain from the Hampy Creek Lake at Wolf's Lair.

Board Profile

CMLC will be featuring at least one of its valued Trustees in every issue of Landscapes. In this issue we are honoring the service of Luther Smith, as he will be rotating off of the Board in April. The Conservancy gives an overwhelming “thank you” to Luther for his work as Treasurer throughout his two terms of Board service.

When asked how he got involved with CMLC Luther remarked, “Marian Lowry actually gave me a membership in the Conservancy 7 years ago. She said: Luther, with the work you’re in, you need to be aware of what the Conservancy is all about.”

Since 1967, Luther has practiced landscape architecture, focusing on land planning. He has built a successful business, Luther E. Smith and Associates PA, which handles the planning and design involved before a piece of property is developed. This pre-construction design includes the placement of roads, utilities, buildings, open spaces, and recreation areas to fit the landscape of the site and to meet development regulations.

Luther readily acknowledges the trend he sees toward conservation in the projects that come to

his company for design work, “A majority of the larger land projects we work on involve some kind of conservation measures, either with conservation easements or restrictive covenants which keep parts of the land natural.”

With 47+ years of volunteer work with the boy scouts, Luther thinks of scouts when he thinks of land conservation, “Land is a limited commodity, and we need to preserve as much of it as we can for future generations to walk on and enjoy. I enjoyed growing up and being able to hunt and fish. In my lifetime I have witnessed a decline in wildlife, and a gradual turn-around of the problem thanks to land and habitat protection efforts by groups like Ducks Unlimited and the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy.”

Being a scoutmaster and district commissioner for the Daniel Boone Boy Scout Council are only a few of the ways that Luther Smith has served his community. He served on the WNC Tomorrow Board for 8 years, the originating Riverlink Board, several committees for the Land of Sky Regional Council, the Henderson County Planning Board, the statewide Main Streets program, and many more. Thank you Luther for everything you do. 🍀



CMLC Trustee Luther Smith

Connemara Views Protected with Land Purchase

“In early April the trees
end their winter waiting
with a creep of green on branches.

In early October the trees
Listen for a wind crying,
For leaves whirling...”

The face of the river by night

Holds a scatter of stars
And silence of summer blooms
Falling to moving water.

Come clean with a child heart.
Laugh as peaches in the summer wind.
Let the rain on a house roof be a song.
Let the writing on your face
be a smell of apple orchards in late June.”
— *Lesson*

When Carl Sandburg wrote these words over half a century ago, the natural beauty of Flat Rock and Connemara, his farm home, were surely an inspiration. The pressures of commercial and residential development in Flat Rock have altered many of the places that were forest,

farm and open land in the time of Sandburg. So it is with great excitement that we report the conservation of a key tract of land adjoining the Sandburg home — the 22-acre Van Dreyhausen property. The protection of this forested property, which is visible from the Sandburg farm, helps preserve the pastoral character that is such an important part of the experience for visitors to the National Historic Site. As well, the newly-protected land harbors notable plant communities, such as a moist low elevation granite dome outcrop community near the northwest slope of Glassy Mountain. The Conservation Trust for North Carolina, a Raleigh-based conservation group with which CMLC is affiliated, purchased the property through a bargain sale in November. It is the hope of the organizations involved that with public support and congressional approval, the National Park Service may eventually purchase this property for addition to the historic site.

The Friends of Connemara will have Ed Norvell, CTNC Assistant Director, speak about the acquisition of the Van Dreyhausen property at their Annual Meeting April 11, 2:00 P.M. at the Henderson County Public Library. CMLC members are invited to attend. 🍀

What is a bargain sale?

Occasionally private conservation organizations and public agencies have funds available to buy property. For a willing owner, the sale of the property for less than its fair market value, in other words, a bargain sale, may offer several advantages. First, a lower sales price makes it easier for an organization to purchase the property. Second, the difference between the fair market value (as determined by appraisal) and the sales price is treated as a charitable contribution and can reduce any capital gains taxes payable on the sale. For more info, contact the CMLC office at 697-5777

Grant News

CMLC depends on the people of Henderson and Transylvania Counties to support the organization as members. A strong membership base of people who believe in CMLC's mission provides much of the financial support necessary for basic operating needs. A strong membership base also impresses upon the private foundations and government agencies to which CMLC applies for grants, just how important their funds are to the community of people who live here. CMLC has been very fortunate to receive project grants from the following sources since last September:

- \$25,000 from the **CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND** to cover the pre-acquisition costs involved in protecting the 1,300 acre Wolf's Lair property at the headwaters of a major tributary of the Upper Green River.
- \$10,000 from the **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NC**, \$25,000 from the **JANIRVE FOUNDATION**, and \$15,000 from the **CANNON FOUNDATION** for the Henderson & Transylvania Counties Natural Areas Protection Project.
- \$2,000 from the **LAND TRUST ALLIANCE** for development support in strategic planning and fundraising.
- \$25,000 from the **NC FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST** to acquire a conservation easement on the Morrithel Meadows Farm in the Little River section of Transylvania County.

Feketes Donate Conservation Easement

In late December of 2001, Paul and Vicki Fekete donated a conservation easement on 122 acres of their land in Transylvania County to the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy. At a later date, they plan to preserve additional portions of their land. The couple decided to do a site sensitive approach to development on their new Sylvan Habitat community, and the Conservancy was pleased to play a part in it.

A conservation development, like the one they have planned, involves identifying environmentally sensitive areas within a property at the very beginning, and designating them as permanently protected open space. Then, homesites are clustered so that each home has views of the natural areas and access to them for recreation. In conventional mountain developments, a more "cookie cutter" approach is usually taken. Roads and homes are scattered across entire mountainsides, fragmenting natural communities and interrupting wildlife corridors.

The entire 555-acre "eco-retreat," as Paul Fekete refers to it, was surveyed by a biologist who defined the most environmentally significant areas that are now under conservation easement protection. Rare plant communities, and two stands of old-growth forest are located within the conservation boundaries. Rare animals find homes on the property as well: black bear, app. yellow-bellied sapsucker,



southern app. salamander, and diana fritillary.

Two watersheds lie within the protected open space at Sylvan Habitat, Laurel Creek and Williams Creek. Varied habitat types abound. For more information about the conservation development, as well as a thorough description of the ecology of the site, visit the web site at www.sylvanhabitat.com

The Conservancy will be leading a hike on the conservation easement area of Sylvan Habitat on Sunday afternoon April 7, from 2-4 p.m. The trail difficulty is easy to moderate. Please call the Conservancy office to let us know if you are coming, and to get directions to the trailhead, 697-5777. 🍄

Conservation Partner Spotlight

In the upcoming editions of Landscape, the Conservancy will be featuring one or more of our valued business members. Please remember, when doing business in our community, support those who support CMLC. In this issue we are proud to recognize Adventure Treks, Inc.



Adventure Treks found its beginnings in 1978 as part of a local travel agency known as Globe Treks. Originally, while working for Globe Treks, John Dockendorf administered outdoor programs designed for school groups. In 1997 John founded Adventure Treks, and branched out on his own. This successful young company still works with about 10 different schools a year doing outdoor education, but their main bread and butter comes from the summer trips (treks) they arrange for teenagers.

With destinations primarily in the western parts of the U.S., this year's trek schedule offers 14 different adventure venues from Alaska to

California, to the Canadian Rockies, and the Pacific North West. Each adventure trek is

made up of a maximum of 24 students with 6 professional instructors, and each trek includes a multitude of activities such as rock climbing, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, backpacking, and mountaineering.

The groups of young people are set up as tight-knit, working "communities" that go out for 16 to 28 days of fun and exploration together. The Adventure Trek mission: To ensure the safest, most substantive, and most exciting summer adventures for young people through our personal attention to every student, our caring, and our competence.

CMLC thanks this progressive Hendersonville-based company for its policy to give ten percent of their yearly profits to organizations that work for the benefit of the environment and children in western North Carolina. 🍄

Annual Meeting in April

Save the date: **Sunday afternoon, April 21, from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M., for the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy's 2002 annual membership meeting.** Conservancy members and guests are invited to gather in the student lounge in the Killian building at Blue Ridge Community College for light refreshments, the presentation of the Lela McBride Stewardship Award, and the announcement (unveiling) of the Conservancy's plan for future land protection — a design for a regional network of open space. That same afternoon there will be activities at the college's Earth Day celebration. Everyone is welcome to visit the Flat Rock Nature Center on campus, and pick up some plants for your garden during the horticulture department's annual spring plant sale. 🌱

The E-Lots of Sherwood Forest Protected by Easement

Sherwood Forest is a community of about 200 homes located just south of Brevard near DuPont State Forest. Like most development associations, the Sherwood Forest Homeowners Association (SFHA) deals with the upkeep of roads and other management policies concerning their neighborhood. What makes them different is the importance and value they place on their natural surroundings, and the actions they are willing to take to protect what they value. In order to create a network of "Green Areas" in and around their community, SFHA has collectively purchased adjacent forested lands, as well as organized into committees to maintain their Green Areas.

In 1999, in an effort to protect more land, a group of homeowners in Sherwood Forest purchased 4 small, but biologically significant lots in the neighborhood. The lots, referred to as the E-Lots, were adjacent to an existing Green Area and a feeder stream of a community lake. This past year, the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy worked with the E-Lot owners to put a conservation easement on the lots before they were turned over to the homeowners association. Now the protected E-Lots can remain forever wild under the care of the Green Areas Committee, the Native Plants Committee, and the Trails Committee of the Sherwood Forest Homeowners Association. 🌱

The Conservation Trust for North Carolina: Partner in Land Protection

Since 1994, CMLC has helped to protect over 8,500 acres in Henderson, Transylvania and neighboring counties, including over 1,100 acres where CMLC holds land or a conservation easement. Among our most vital resources in this work are the support and assistance provided by our state and national partner organizations.

One of our most important partners is the Conservation Trust for North Carolina (CTNC), a Raleigh-based organization that provides support services to a statewide network of local land trusts, including CMLC. CTNC also works across the state to protect resources of special significance, notably the Blue Ridge Parkway corridor, and now the Carl Sandburg National Historic Site.

CTNC has helped CMLC in innumerable ways over the years. Chuck Roe, CTNC Executive Director, provided guidance and support to the Henderson County Natural Areas Inventory in the early 1990s and encouraged the founding of what became the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy when this inventory was complete.

Since then, CTNC has helped CMLC through grant awards, technical assistance and educational opportunities. Perhaps most importantly, CTNC provides leadership in public policy and public awareness for the work of land trusts across the state.

CMLC and CTNC, working with the local historic preservation group Historic Flat Rock, are making plans for a series of joint events this spring to celebrate the Von Dreyhausen purchase and promote additional preservation of important Flat Rock lands. Look for forthcoming details. 🌱

Conservancy Members Enjoyed a Unique Opportunity in February

The Conservancy invited all of its members to participate in a visit to a protected migration site for sandhill cranes on February 10 & 11. Fifteen members participated in the overnight field trip to eastern Tennessee. Randy Brown, executive director of the Tennessee Foothills Conservancy, gave the group a presentation on how they protected the Uchi Wildlife Refuge. The next morning the CMLC entourage proceeded on to the refuge to see the cranes. Approximately 10,000 of the magnificent birds were there, a real treat for the eyes and ears! 🌱

[Tape decal here](#)

Decals Are Here

In an effort to raise our profile in the community and establish an association between our logo, our name, and our work, the Conservancy is asking all of its members to proudly display the new static-stick lady slipper decal in a car window or other prominent place.

The lady slipper wildflower has long been the symbol for CMLC. In the early days a lovely clip-art lady slipper adorned the stationary and brochure of the Natural Heritage Trust of Henderson County, our former name. Today, the lady slipper logo is in its stylized form created for CMLC by Asheville graphic designer Cindy Wheeler.

In the wild, the pink lady slipper, *Cypripedium acaule*, and the yellow lady slipper, *Cypripedium calceolus*, can be found in highly acidic soil conditions prospering under pines, hemlocks, firs, and oaks. As members of the orchid family, they are sometimes called moccasin flowers because of their shape. Lady slippers are difficult to propagate or transplant, as it is thought that the plant has a symbiotic relationship with certain microorganisms in the soil where it establishes itself. As a general rule, lady slippers should be left undisturbed in their chosen habitat.

The Arts Center Partners With CMLC

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS,
OR COMMUNITY GROUP
WOULD LIKE A SLIDE
PRESENTATION AND
TALK ABOUT THE
CONSERVANCY, PLEASE
LET US KNOW. THE
CONSERVANCY IS EAGER
TO SPREAD THE GOOD
WORD ABOUT ITS WORK.



Last November the Arts Center of Henderson County hosted a wine and cheese reception for the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy. It was a perfect time for members and guests to enjoy a program about the Conservancy's work as well as admire the beautiful botanical paintings by Sallie Middleton on display in the Center's gallery. Many thanks to Nancy Hayes Neill, Judy Guyer, and Jean Woodward for making the arrangements for the event.

The Conservancy is making plans for another collaboration with the Arts Center in August. Their third annual juried show is set for August 3 through September 28th. The theme for the show is "The Natural Landscape." In conjunction with this celebration of visual delight, CMLC will be hosting a benefit party at the Arts Center entitled "Party for The Natural Landscape." We hope all of our members will attend, mark your calendar to save the date: **Saturday night September 21.** 🍀

CMLC Loses A Friend

When Polly Kremer passed away in early January, the Conservancy lost a good friend. Polly was there at the beginning of the CMLC story when she supported fellow activist Lela McBride in her quest to research and document the local natural areas - the best of the best, the most biologically rich and diverse places that were still left undeveloped in Henderson County. The Natural Heritage Inventory of Henderson County became a reality in 1992 and was completed in 1994. Once the inventory was completed, Polly went on to serve in the next phase of CMLC's development, which involved incorporation. The Natural Heritage Trust of Henderson County was formed to move those special places identified in the inventory toward protection measures. It takes a strong leader like Polly Kremer to hold up a vision to the community, but in addition to strength, she had the drive and determination to work the vision into a reality. Thank you Polly for sharing our love of the natural landscape, and for being strong enough to translate that love into action. 🍀



Party at Rugby Grange Manor

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out to all the guests who came in support of the effort, and to the wonderful CMLC party planning committee that made it all happen: Christie Melear, Becky Pittman, Lou Reeves, Anne Smith, Betty Shevick, Beverly Burns, Priscilla Smith, and Katie Breckheimer. 🍀



Clockwise starting from lower left:

- Blair Justice and Bill Scanlan
- Trustee Beverly Burns chats with Bonnie and Keith Maddox
- CMLC members Dorothy and Jack Hudson
- Mayor Niehoff and Raymond Frommer
- Sue Edell speaks to honorees, Dr. Tom and Glenna Florence



New & Renewing Members

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CALENDAR

CMLC's Winter/Spring Calendar

"GOOD GROWTH MAKES GOOD SENSE" is a 5-part series on growth issues organized by several local community groups including the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy. All of the programs will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. at the Henderson County Library Auditorium:

- January 15 – Kick-off program
- Feb. 21 – Growth and the Environment
- March 21 – Growth and Affordable-living
- April 18 – Growth and Transportation
- May 16 – Growth and the Economy

MARCH 8, FRIDAY • 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
CMLC Office Open-House drop-in, light refreshments, and demonstrations of computer mapping.

APRIL 7, SUNDAY • 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.
Easy to moderate hike on the 122-acre conservation easement of Sylvan Habitat in Brevard owned by Paul and Vicki Fekete. Telephone CMLC to sign up, 697-5777.

APRIL 21, SUNDAY • 2:00 TO 3:30 P.M.
2002 CMLC Annual Membership Meeting.
Blue Ridge Community College, in the student lounge of the Killian Building.

Who's Getting Involved?

The Conservancy is growing. Almost every day another interested landowner calls the office to inquire about who we are and what we can do to help them preserve their land. This is a really good sign that our work is growing, but providing the multitude of services necessary in a small non-profit organization can be difficult. CMLC's staff consists of a full-time executive director, a part-time development coordinator, and an Americorps volunteer. A strong support base of committees and active Board members help insure that things get done.

In an effort to build our cadre of volunteers, the Conservancy organized two leadership orientation programs in February. The evening programs, one held in Hendersonville at the Johnson Farm and one held in Brevard at Silvermont, informed potential volunteers of the Conservancy's work and the opportunities available to them to get more involved. Many thanks to everyone who came and participated. If you happened to have missed them, but want to know more about how to get involved, please call the Conservancy office at 697-5777.



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