

# DAVIDSON LANDS CONSERVANCY



## OUR MISSION

To conserve local lands and natural resources, connect lives to nature, and promote a conservation ethic. We advance our mission through education and through four conservation programs: land conservation & stewardship; greenways & trails; urban forestry; and wildlife habitat.

## HISTORY & CONTEXT

Davidson Lands Conservancy (DLC) was formed in 2000 to conserve land in the Davidson area. DLC is one of 1,400 land trusts in the US protecting 56 million acres for wildlife, water quality, farmland protection, recreation, or scenic enjoyment.

There are 31 land trusts in North Carolina protecting 1.5 million acres. DLC is one of 16 accredited land trusts in NC, a mark of distinction showing that DLC meets the high standards for land conservation. DLC is a mission-driven, highly effective 501C3 organization - all donations are tax deductible.

## PROFILE

DLC is one of the smallest land trusts in North Carolina, hyper-focused on the Davidson area. DLC is led by an Executive Director (Dave Cable) and a 12-member Board of Directors. We are grateful for our hundreds of volunteers and supporters.

## CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

**Conservation:** DLC has conserved 10 parcels totaling about 350 acres. DLC also partners with Mecklenburg County and the Town of Davidson to permanently conserve and steward Fisher Farm (200 acres).



**Greenways:** DLC works closely with the Town of Davidson to advance greenways and trails, including current efforts to connect the high priority gap between Narrow Passage and Fisher Farm.

**Urban Forestry:** DLC's TreesDavidson programs engage the community to plant and care for trees, as well as promote Davidson's Treasure Tree program. DLC has assisted with enhancements to Davidson's tree ordinance and recent street tree inventories.

**Wildlife Habitat:** DLC identifies key habitat areas and works with landowners to enhance wildlife through proper land management, including removal of invasive plants.





## BALANCE

DLC's conservation successes bring a vital balance to our area's rapid growth and land development. Local land conservation enhances public health by protecting water quality, supporting cleaner air and carbon reduction, and providing outdoor recreation. DLC protects ecosystems including wildlife habitat, forests, and ecologically sensitive lands, while also mitigating climate change, advancing biodiversity, reducing flooding, and preserving Davidson's farmland and sense of place.

## GET INVOLVED

- **Stay Informed and advocate for conservation:** Learn more [davidsonlands.org](http://davidsonlands.org).
- **Get engaged or volunteer:** Sign up for our Newsletter. All community events are posted at [Davidsonlands.org](http://Davidsonlands.org). It's easy to sign up on-line.
- **Identify Davidson conservation and tree planting locations:** Help us locate wildlife corridors, future tree plantings, Treasure Trees in the Davidson area.
- **Sponsor a corporate event:** We customize events for groups or corporate supporters. These are exceptional opportunities for employee team building.



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**RUN**  
— FOR GREEN —

- **Run For Green:** DLC's flagship annual event and fundraiser is Run For Green. The 16th Run For Green, to be held October 2, 2021, will provide 5k, 10k and ½ marathon opportunities. The Race proceeds support local conservation efforts. Learn more at [www.davidsonlands.org](http://www.davidsonlands.org)
- **Contribute financially:** Give at [davidsonlands.org](http://davidsonlands.org). For the long term, consider a planned gift.
- **Engage in leadership:** Become a TreeMaster, join a committee, lead an event.
- **Care for your property & trees:** Do all you can to care for your property and trees. Plant native trees and shrubs in your yard and remove invasive plants.
- **Connect us:** Consider conserving your property or connect us with someone you think might be interested.

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