



DLC 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CONSERVED & STEWARDED LAND

- Permanently conserved 150 acres in two conservation projects valued at over \$8 million
- Monitored all DLC properties, meeting land stewardship requirements for conserved properties
- Proposed conservation plans and easements to Mecklenburg County for Abersham Park and the West Branch Nature Preserve, and advanced other land conservation projects

PRESERVED & ENHANCED TREE CANOPY

- Advanced the Treasure Tree program, underwritten by Trane Technologies
- Led the Davidson Tree Council, a collaborative to provide guidance on community tree planting, Davidson's street tree program, and other urban forestry issues
- Planted 200 15-gallon containerized trees with 180 volunteers; stewarded all planted trees
- Updated the urban tree canopy aerial analysis

EXPANDED GREENWAYS & TRAILS

- Nearly completed all right-of-way acquisitions for the West Branch Greenway

PROTECTED WILDLIFE HABITAT

- Advanced the Wildlife Enhancement Collaborative to restore wildlife habitat of the 545 acres at Fisher Farm and Abersham parks. The collaborative, led by DLC, includes representatives from Davidson College faculty, town of Davidson, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Mecklenburg County, and the public.

EXPANDED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- Successfully hosted the 2nd NatureFest, stream clean-ups, 10 community and student events, and numerous children's events with WOW
- Led a conservation education program at the Freedom School at Ada Jenkins Center and LearnWorks
- Presented 5-part "Creative Approaches to Conservation" class to Davidson Learns

ADVANCED DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

- Adopted a Land Acknowledgement Statement to recognize the heritage of Indigenous people and their stewardship of local lands, and to advance partnership with the Catawba Nation

ENHANCED ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY & OPERATIONS

- Implemented DLC's 3-year strategic plan and met target goals
- Nearly completed the Now & Forever Campaign (\$1.75 million goal) to advance DLC's 4 pillars and enhance DLC's sustainability
- Completed application to the national Land Trust Commission for Reaccreditation (review in early 2024)
- Met operational targets, completed clean audit, ran budget surplus (4 years straight)
- Successfully hosted our 18th Run For Green, 700 runners, most profitable event ever
- Received \$140,000 in grant funding for preserving the Chester Farm
- Partnered with eight Davidson College student interns in project areas of affordable housing & conservation; TreasureTree; grant writing; property photography; and wildlife habitat