

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 habitats.

HISTORY & CONTEXT

Davidson Lands Conservancy (DLC) was formed in 2000 to conserve land in the Davidson area. DLC is one of 1,200 land trusts in the U.S. protecting 61 million acres for wildlife, water quality, farmland protection, recreation, and scenic enjoyment. There are 28 land trusts in North Carolina protecting 1.5 million acres. DLC is one of 18 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

One of the smallest accredited land trusts in North Carolina, DLC is focused on the Davidson area and is led by an Executive Director (Beth Wytiaz) and a Board of Directors. We are grateful for our hundreds of volunteers and supporters.



FOUR CONSERVATION PILLARS

Conservation: DLC has conserved 13 parcels totaling more than 650 acres. DLC also partners with Mecklenburg County and the Town of Davidson to permanently conserve and steward Fisher Farm (200 acres) and Beaty Park (19 acres).



Greenways: DLC works closely with the Town of Davidson and local counties 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 engages the community to plant and care for trees, as well as promote Davidson's Treasure Tree program sponsored by Trane Technologies. DLC has assisted with enhancements to Davidson's tree ordinance and recent street tree inventories, and leads Davidson's tree council.

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 at davidsonlands.org

- **Get engaged or volunteer:**

Sign-up for our e-Blast. All community events are posted at davidsonlands.org. It's easy to sign-up online.

- **Identify Davidson conservation sites:**

Help us locate wildlife corridors, future tree plantings, and Treasure Trees in the Davidson area.

- **Sponsor a corporate event:**

We customize outings for groups and 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 held in late September. This large-scale community event provides 5k, 10k and half marathon opportunities. The Race proceeds support local conservation efforts. Learn more at davidsonlands.org.

- **Contribute financially:**

Give at davidsonlands.org. For the long term, please consider a planned gift.

- **Engage in leadership:**

Become a TreeMaster, join a committee, or lead an event.

- **Care for your property & trees:**

Plant native trees and shrubs in your yard and remove invasive plants and lawn.

- **Conserve or connect:**

Consider conserving your property or connect us with someone you think might be interested.

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