

Strategic Plan Overview

Conserving the Best of the Last

DLC is a nationally accredited nonprofit land trust that has served the community for 26 years. Our mission is to conserve local land and water, connect lives to nature, and promote stewardship of natural resources. We focus on protecting open spaces for wildlife, water quality, recreation and agriculture. We do this work in collaboration with area residents, local businesses, Davidson College, the Town of Davidson, and other municipalities.



Moving Ahead...

In 2025, DLC's leadership developed a new strategic plan to guide our work for the coming three years. Based on conversations with key stakeholders, this plan turns our values into concrete goals that fulfill our vision.

FOUR PRIMARY GOALS WILL GUIDE OUR WORK:

Conserve Land in the Greater Davidson Region

More than 150 people move into the Charlotte region everyday with Davidson being one of the primary growth zones. Rapid development has pushed up land values and consumed vast open spaces. DLC has identified over 1,100 acres of vulnerable parcels that meet our rigorous conservation criteria. These are properties are within five key corridors in and adjacent to Davidson. These lands include rich forests,

waterways, open space, farmland and connectivity with other natural areas offering critical wildlife habitat and corridors. We coordinate with other organizations and local governments to protect key lands and help to extend the regional greenway system where appropriate. DLC is working diligently to raise the significant funds required to protect these properties. Once these lands are gone, they are gone forever.

Steward Land, Tree Canopy, Wildlife Habitat, and Parks

DLC currently stewards more than 800 acres. We will expand efforts to steward these properties and to improve existing parks, trails, tree canopy, and wildlife habitat. This work includes:

Working with conserved property owners to help ensure healthy lands and to manage invasive species.

Increasing the number of native trees planted each year with the assistance of community volunteers.

Continuing to expand the Fisher Farm Park Wildlife Enhancement Collaborative and take the lessons learned to other properties.

FOUR PRIMARY GOALS (CONT.)

Educate & Engage the Public

DLC will continue to provide programming to connect people of all ages and abilities to nature. Each year more than 1,000 local citizens participate in our programs, including outdoor summer camps, nature education with Freedom Schools, volunteer events and presentations.

Ensure DLC's Operations are Sustainable

As an independent, nonprofit land trust we are obligated to ensure that we can continue to defend and steward conserved properties. Our volunteer Board of Directors and small, committed staff will continue to focus on driving efficiency and sustainability in our daily operations. This includes ensuring that DLC continues to receive funding from a variety of sources, while working to increase support from area residents.



These four goals are amplified by detailed objectives, strategies, measurements of success, and responsibilities that spell out how we intend to meet these goals.

Using this plan and working together, we can help ensure a healthy, green and vibrant community for future generations.



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