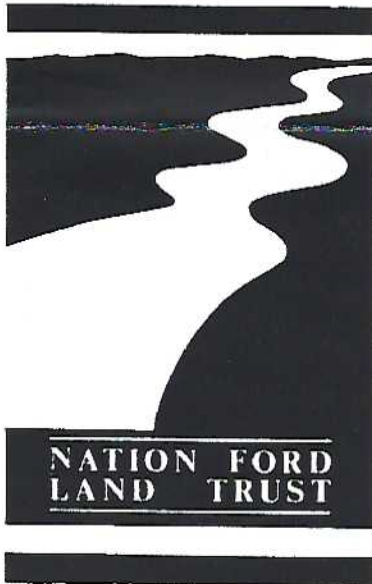


NATION FORD NEWS

The Newsletter of
the Nation Ford
Land Trust

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A VOICE FOR CONSERVATION

NATION FORD LAND TRUST FORMED

The Nation Ford Land Trust, a private, non-profit, tax exempt organization, was formed in January of this year to actively seek ways in which some of the undeveloped land in the Fort Mill area can be preserved to retain part of our natural heritage. It began as the idea of a few people who wanted to reach many more interested people and businesses in the Fort Mill community. With this enthusiasm and concern a board was formed, individual, family and business memberships were generated, an official logo designed (thanks to Jim Camann), and the Nation Ford Land Trust was born.

"Our goal is to acquire conservation easements to some of the property along the Catawba River and strengthen the area already designated the Anne Springs Close Greenbelt," said Murray White Chairman of the Board and initial member of the Nation Ford Land Trust.

"What we are trying to accomplish with the Nation Ford Land Trust is to assure that our children, and theirs, will be able to see some of the natural beauty of this land as we have seen it. Without taking steps to protect that land, we can not expect to have these simple pleasures even ten years from now," White continued.

The Nation Ford Land Trust intends to acquire interests in land, maintain all property in an environmentally sensitive method, and educate the public about the need for conservation. The Nation Ford Land Trust will attempt to work with property owners who have sensitive environmental land, scenic or historically significant property, or property that is otherwise important to the welfare of the people of Fort Mill.

Because our heritage is our most precious resource

ACTIVITIES

NATION FORD HELPS FORT MILL CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

On April 22, 1990 the entire world celebrated the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day, and Fort Mill was no exception. The Nation Ford Land Trust pitched in and played an integral part in planning the event.

The Fort Mill Celebration of the Outdoors, held at the Leroy Springs Recreation Complex, attracted over 500 people. The Nation Ford Land

Trust set up a booth and display, giving people the opportunity to see why the Trust was formed and some of their hopes for the future.

"There were 29 new memberships in the Land Trust gained at the Celebration," stated Murray White the Trust's chairman. "And we got a lot of people interested in the Land Trust and what we are trying to accomplish."

CONSERVATION FACTS

WHAT IS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT?

Land trusts like Nation Ford work to conserve land in many ways. Often they use the money raised by memberships to buy property outright. Often, however, they use a conservation technique called a conservation easement.

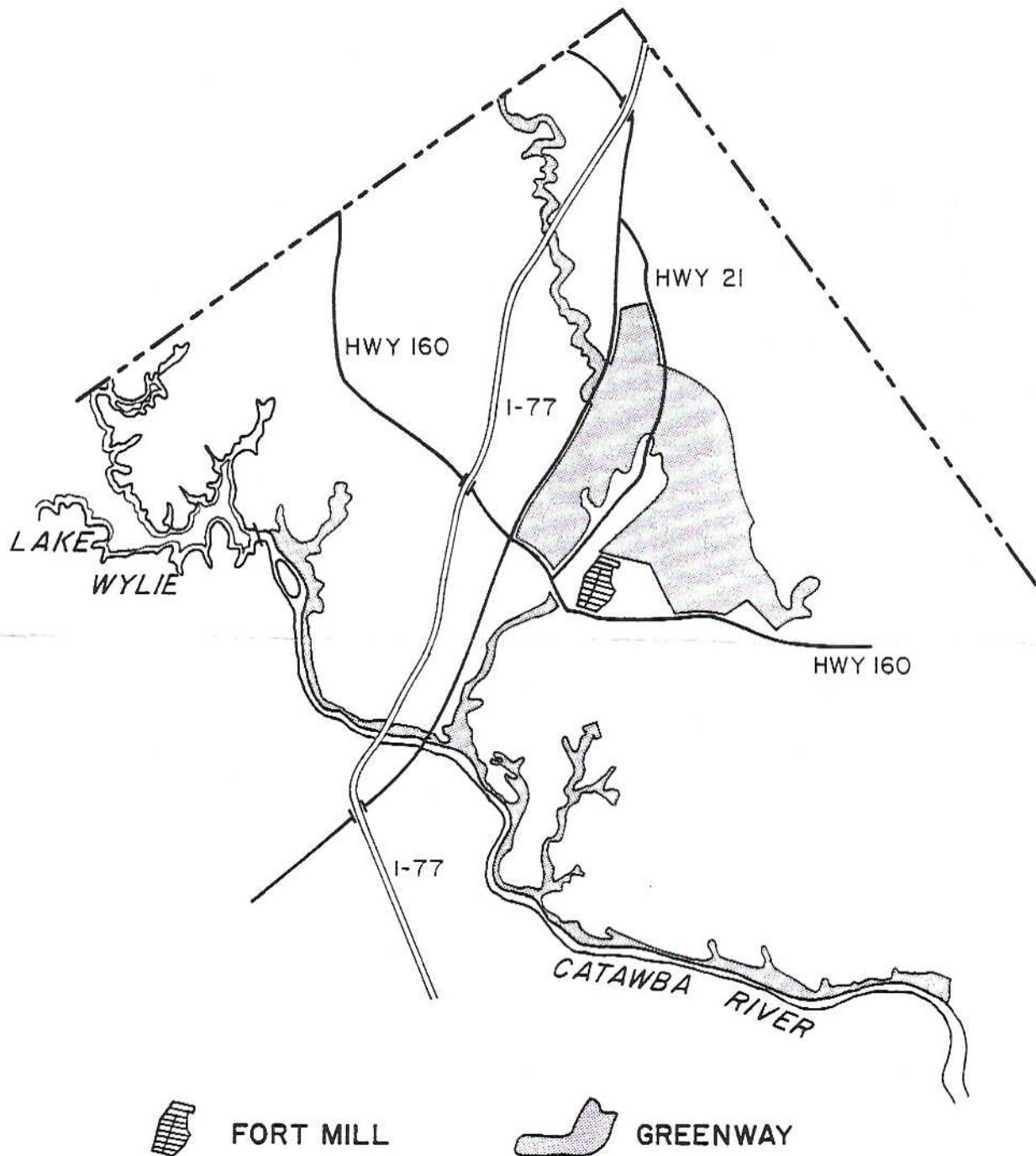
A conservation easement allows the owner of a parcel of property to sell or donate development rights to a conservation organization, while keeping other rights. For example, the owner of a farm may donate the right to commercially develop property. He retains the right to farm the property or live on it. Donating this right is called giving a conservation easement. By donating development rights, the property owner conserves nature

and continues to derive economic benefit from farming.

There are many benefits from conservation easements. The land owner may deduct the value of the easement from his federal income tax. He may also reduce his property tax. Estate taxes may also be reduced. Finally, valuable land is conserved.

Nation Ford Land Trust is seeking conservation easements on several properties in the Fort Mill Township. This technique will help preserve the rural nature of our land.

The Fort Mill Township Greenway Plan



This conceptual plan for a system of greenways in the Fort Mill Township was unveiled at the Fort Mill Celebration of the Outdoors. The Nation Ford Land Trust hopes to work with city and county governments, the Close Family, and other property owners to make this plan a reality within the next ten years.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP DRIVES VERY SUCCESSFUL FOR NATION FORD

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M. Louise Pettus, Individual
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Walt Schrader, Individual
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Jeanne C. Varner, Individual
Irene W. White, Individual.

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I would like more information about the Nation Ford Land Trust

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Address

City

State and Zip Code

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual | \$ 25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business | \$100.00 |

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