



Nation Ford News

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Nanny's Mountain

The Nation Ford Land Trust saw the realization of a decade-long dream last November with the acquisition by York County of Nanny's Mountain. Nanny's Mountain is actually a monadnock (a small mountain or large hill standing isolated on a plain).

Nanny's Mountain was the source of iron ore for Colonel William Hill's foundry, located on nearby Allison Creek. The monadnock was named for Colonel William Hill's wife, Nanny. It was a source for ammunitions for the Revolutionary War and was one of the earlier economic development opportunities in York County.

The acquisition was made possible when Nanny's Mountain was purchased over a year ago to keep it off the market, with the intent to allow a conservation oriented deal to be put together.

South Carolina made a grant to the Palmetto Conservation Foundation of \$90,000, which was then turned over to Nation Ford Land Trust. Nation Ford Land Trust then asked the York County Council to contribute \$113,000 to the purchase price with the agreement that it would then be deeded to the County with a conservation easement. York County acquired a prime piece of real estate at a "bargain" price!

Nation Ford Land Trust was pleased to realize a long-time goal and recognizes the following for the key role that each played:

Harry Dalton

Ken Driggers -- Palmetto Conservation Foundation

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Executive Director

Carol Dixon



Mission Statement

The Nation Ford Land Trust is dedicated to the preservation of open spaces, natural beauty, and the scenic heritage of the York County area. Preserving these qualities will ensure that as our home grows, it retains the qualities that have made it a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

Buffer Technical Committee Formed

One of the major goals of the *Catawba River Corridor Plan* was to develop protected buffers along the banks of the Catawba and its major tributaries. Through the leadership of Hugh White and others, several parcels have been acquired through acquisition or conservation easement along the river. At a recent meeting of the Implementation Committee of the South Carolina Catawba River Task Force, ideas were discussed for speeding up this process. One idea was to develop a technical committee of natural resource specialists in the area who could provide technical advice in developing buffers. This committee might help organize a public symposium on buffer zones, which could serve to support both public and private efforts to create buffers along the river. Another area of activity would be to provide technical assistance to the Nation Ford Land Trust and the Katawba Valley Land Trust as they continue the effort of securing buffers along the river and its tributaries through acquisition or conservation easements. Specialists working in the area often have a knowledge of particular sites which should be protected or have the ability to analyze the land trusts on grants which may be available to protect wetlands and other specific natural areas.

The Buffer Technical Committee will have its first meeting on March 19 and will report to the full Implementation Committee on plans for its work.

Executive Director Named



Carol Dixon

Carol Dixon of Fort Mill has recently accepted the position of executive director for the Nation Ford Land Trust. Carol has a background of 30 plus years in business and travel management and served as the executive director of the Fort Mill Area Chamber of Commerce in 1997. She is also a downtown Fort Mill property owner and is co-chairing the Fort Mill Downtown Association. She is very interested in downtown revitalization and conservation projects.

A Message from Carol....

I'm really looking forward to working with everyone associated with the Nation Ford Land Trust. I'm also very interested in seeing the membership of this organization grow. If you are not a member of the Nation Ford Land Trust, please complete the application form on the back page of this newsletter and become a very important part of this organization. You CAN make a difference in conserving our beautiful open spaces for our grandchildren and generations to come!



Murray White

From the Chairman

Nation Ford Land Trust was organized almost ten years ago. Our purpose is to conserve lands of both historic and geological significance as well as open spaces. We did not, and continue not to have, an attitude of anti-growth. Our Board had the vision to know that growth was coming to our area and would have increasingly major impact on our quality of life.

The intent of our Board was to recognize that growth would occur and that our organization could be one of the growth management tools. If addressed properly, our community could be the *beneficiary* and not the *victim* of our growth!

The Nation Ford Land Trust has experienced a number of successes. In fact, we are looked on as a leader in the conservation communities in both Carolinas. We have been limited, however, as until now all of our efforts have been from volunteers only. We are pleased that we have been able to contract with Carol Dixon to be our first ever paid part-time staff person. We look forward to even greater successes with Carol's help.

Upcoming Events

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| April 5 | <i>Wildflower Identification Walk</i>
Anne Springs Close Greenway
2 - 4 pm |
| April 11 | <i>"From Wool to Weave"</i>
<i>Sheepshearing Day</i>
Historic Brattonsville
10 am - 4 pm |
| April 18 | <i>Earth Day Celebration</i>
Anne Springs Close Greenway
10 am - 2 pm |
| April 19 | <i>Wildflower Identification Walk</i>
Anne Springs Close Greenway
2 - 4 pm |
| May 9 | <i>An 1840s Wedding</i>
Historic Brattonsville
10 am - 4 pm (Wedding at 1 pm) |
| June 6 & 7 | <i>Civil War Reenactment: Dramatization</i>
Greenway Field Trial Area
9 am to 5pm each day
Battle at 2 pm |

Earth Day



Celebration

The fourth annual Earth Day celebration will be held at the Anne Springs Close Greenway on Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. *Come visit and enjoy the events and activities planned for this special day. Walks, pony rides, craft demonstrations, etc. Barbecue sandwich/hotdog lunch will be available at the Dairy Barn. Look for more details at the Leroy Springs Recreation Complex in Fort Mill (telephone 803-547-1035) and in local newspapers.*

Partner with Nation Ford Land Trust

Nation Ford Land Trust is a partnership among those citizens interested in preserving the natural and cultural integrity of York and its surrounding counties. To accomplish the types of projects described in this newsletter, we need the support of people like you who want to ensure that we pass on the good things about this community to our children.

Take a moment to join Nation Ford Land Trust at the highest membership level possible for you and your family. We promise in return that we will continue to work towards conservation in an effective, business-like manner.

Yes, I want to join Nation Ford Land Trust. Please accept my 1998 membership at this level:

☐ \$25 individual

☐ \$50 family

☐ \$100 business

I want to help conservation in the York County area. Please let me know how I can become involved.

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

Address _____

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You CAN make a difference!

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