



Nation Ford News

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Catawba Indian Nation Closes on Carroll Property



The Catawba Indian Nation closes on "The Carroll Property." Seated left to right: Buck George, Barry Mack, Claude Ayers, Dewey Adams, Murray White, and Carson Blue.

Several years ago, Nation Ford Land Trust (NFLT) purchased 296 acres of land on the Catawba River known as "The Carroll Property." This tract of land is located on the Rock Hill side of the river between the Catawba Indian Nation Reservation and Waterford Business Park.

NFLT made this acquisition for two reasons:

- To protect the riverfront with a proper buffer, and
- To resell at a later date and use the proceeds from the sale for other Catawba River conservation projects.

This past December, the property was sold to the Catawba Indian Nation. NFLT is pleased with the overall development plan the Catawba Indian Nation has for this tract of land. The plan ensures that the river is adequately protected and a good mix of open space will exist throughout the project.



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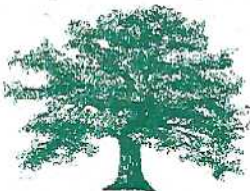
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Mission Statement

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.

NFLT Accepts River Easement



Pete and Tracey Lang with Hugh White. Mr. & Mrs. Lang are the most recent river property owners to establish a conservation easement, following Mr. White's example of a river conservation easement in 1995.

This past December, Nation Ford Land Trust accepted a conservation easement from Pete and Tracey Lang on 54.19 acres of land. This easement is on property located on the Fort Mill side of both the Catawba River and Sugar Creek.

The property covered by this easement is obviously a very major key to the long term goal of protecting the Catawba River. NFLT is pleased that the Langs were willing to give such a nice easement and is convinced that the long term well being of the Catawba River will be well served by it.

York County Forever

The York County Forever Commission is up and running. In December, the County Council agreed to hire the Palmetto Conservation Foundation (PCF) to inventory resources in York County and to present a list of priority lands to be protected.

PCF went to work immediately. With their geographic information system, they are bringing together all the natural, cultural and historical resources in the state. This information, when completed (about mid-May), will be transferred to the York County Planning Department.

The York County Forever public meetings will be in mid-February. There will be a total of five at which the citizens of York County will be able to give input into what resources they feel need to be protected. Look for the schedule of meetings to be published in your local paper.



Murray White

From the Chairman

1998 was an extremely successful year for Nation Ford Land Trust. Highlights of the year include:

- Carol Dixon became our first executive director. Under Carol's leadership and hard work, the professional operation of the Land Trust has been greatly enhanced. This has permitted the Land Trust to become much more effective than ever before.
- The Nation Ford Land Trust has worked closely with York County to get the York County Forever project up and running. In time, this should prove to be the most far-reaching conservation activity for York County. It is and will continue to be a model for other jurisdictions to emulate.

• The Nation Ford Land Trust sold "The Carroll Property" to the Catawba Indian Nation. This was a successful transaction that has generated additional financial resources to work on other river-related projects.

• Nation Ford Land Trust accepted an easement of 54 acres from Pete and Tracey Lang. Details of this significant easement are featured on page 2.

These and many more successful activities were realized due to the hard work of our board and technical committee as well as the support of our entire membership. With this type of cooperation, we look forward to even greater results in 1999.

Upcoming Events

- February 18 *Preservation Celebration
Civil War Gun Emplacement
donated to Nation Ford Land Trust
by Kanawha Land Company
Anne Springs Close Greenway
Dairy Barn
4:00 - 5:30 pm*
- March 30 *Town Meeting
Sponsored by Fort Mill & Tega Cay
Chambers of Commerce and Nation
Ford Land Trust
Fort Mill High School Auditorium
7:00 pm*
- April 17 *Earth Day
Anne Springs Close Greenway*
- April 20 *Fort Mill Area Chamber of Commerce
Annual Meeting
Guest Speaker: Pat Noonan
Call 803/547-5900 for information*

Preservation Celebration

On Thursday, February 18, the Kanawha Land Company will deed to Nation Ford Land Trust a historic Civil War gun emplacement located just off Red River Road in Rock Hill above the Catawba River. We are excited about the opportunity to preserve this historic landmark. The transfer will take place at 4:00 p.m. at the Anne Springs Close Greenway Dairy Barn. A presentation of the deed transfer will take place and you will hear from two distinguished local historians, Ms. Louise Pettus and Mr. Sam Thomas, our guest speakers. Please plan to attend.

A Note from the Executive Director

I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season and are already experiencing good things in 1999. We at Nation Ford Land Trust are in the midst of an exciting new year. We have an opportunity to preserve a historic landmark from the Civil War, we are protecting the Catawba River by working with river property owners on conservation easements, we're co-sponsoring a town meeting with the Fort Mill and Tega Cay Chambers of Commerce which will focus on the growth in York County and how we can benefit from this growth, plus a lot more! But to do all of this, we need your continued support. Please complete the 1999 membership form on the back of this newsletter and mail in the enclosed envelope with your 1999 membership dues. It is very important that we continue partnering in our effort to preserve our open spaces, natural beauty, and the scenic heritage of the York County area.

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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 renew my membership with Nation Ford Land Trust. Please accept my 1999 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.

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