



Nation Ford News

The Newsletter of Nation Ford Land Trust

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Nation Ford Civil War Battery Donated to Land Trust



Mr. Warren Norman, Kanawha Land Company, and Mr. Murray White, NFLT Chairman, during the Preservation Celebration in February

On Thursday afternoon, February 18, Mr. Warren Norman and the Kanawha Land Company presented Nation Ford Land Trust with a deed to an historic Civil War battery site. The 120 people who attended the preservation celebration at the Anne Springs Close Greenway Dairy Barn wanted to learn more about York County's War history, specifically, the gun pit that Confederate soldiers set up to protect the railroad trestle on Nation Ford Road. Guest speakers for this event were historians, Louise Pettus, author of *The Nation Ford Road* and other historical writings, and Sam Thomas, author of *Jefferson Davis in South Carolina*.

Mr. Ken Driggers and the Palmetto Conservation Foundation played a major role in the donation process of this historic site. Nation Ford Land Trust recognizes the following families for their contribution to this event: Ben Dunlap Family (*Jimmy & Feeny Galloway*), George Dunlap Family (*Mrs. Ann Dunlap*), A. W. Huckle Family (*Mrs. Betty Huckle Rader*), and Warren Norman Family (*Warren & Mary Norman*).



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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.



SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES
OFFICIAL PROJECT

Nation Ford Civil War Battery One of America's Treasures

Save America's Treasures is a White House Millennium Council initiative created by President and Mrs. Clinton as part of the National millennium Commemoration. It is a national effort focused on "protecting America's threatened cultural treasures..., including significant documents, works of art, maps, journals, and historic structures that document and illuminate the history and culture of the United States." Dedicated to the celebration and preservation of America's priceless historic legacy, *Save America's Treasures* works to recognize and rescue the enduring symbols of American tradition that define us as a nation.

The historic Nation Ford Civil War Battery, donated to the land trust in February of this year, has been named an official project of the *Save America's Treasures* program. We are very proud of this distinguished recognition and will work to preserve this site, a part of our local heritage, for future generations.

York County Forever

At its recent annual meeting, the South Carolina Association of Counties presented its top award to the York County Council. The county received the J. Mitchell Graham Award for York County Forever, its land preservation program adopted in 1998.

The judges said "it was basically fairly rare you see a county take on actions that are going to impact numerous generations in such a lasting manner." According to Holley Ulbrich with the Strom Thurmond Institute of Government, who was one of the judges, York County showed innovation and creativity with the York County Forever plan.

The Nation Ford Land trust adds its congratulations to York County and is pleased to have played a part in the development, along with Palmetto Conservation Foundation, of this far reaching plan. The Land Trust looks forward to a continued productive partnership with York County Forever.

Fort Mill High Key Club Sponsors Car Wash

A special thanks goes to the Fort Mill High Key Club who sponsored a car wash on May 22 at the Gold Hill Texaco, with the proceeds donated to Nation Ford Land Trust to aid in our conservation efforts. The Key Club is a community service organization with 70 members that perform various community service projects throughout the school year in Fort Mill. We are very fortunate to have our young adults as partners of the land trust and wish them much success during the 1999-2000 school term.



Murray White

From the Chairman

Growth and development will continue to be the norm in York County. The rapid change in our landscape makes the work of Nation Ford Land Trust more timely and more important.

We must continue to partnership with entities like York County Forever and Palmetto Conservation Foundation. Through such relations, we multiply greatly our potential for success.

While we cannot stop growth, we can be an effective growth management tool. If we do our work properly, our "new landscape" will reflect a unique quality and York County will continue to be a desirable place to live.

Upcoming Events

- September 11 *Plantation Living History Day*
Historic Brattonsville
10 am - 4 pm
Call 803/684-2327 for details.
- September 14 *Steppin' into Stile*
(transform glass to stepping stones)
Museum of York County
7 - 9 pm
Call 803/981-9182 for details.
- September 25 *Revolutionary Living History Day*
Historic Brattonsville
10 am - 4 pm
Call 803/684-2327 for details.
- September 30 *Jubilee: Harvest of the Arts*
through Saturday
Rock Hill
Call 803/323-2520 for details.
- October 28 *Annual Meeting*
Nation Ford Land Trust
Historic Brattonsville
Time and details to be announced

A very special "Thank You" to **Franklin Printers**
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Growing Greener in the 21st Century

Patrick Noonan of the Conservation Fund was the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Fort Mill Area Chamber of Commerce on April 20. Speaking about his work and the Close family vision for the Anne Springs Close Greenway which includes a series of villages, Mr. Noonan stated "it is part of the work we do at The Conservation Fund in our focus on Smart Growth issues. For we are dedicated to balancing economic growth with environmental principles. Each year we work on over 200 projects and protect over 200,000 acres across this great land that we all call America." Mr. Noonan's message for Fort Mill: "You must act now as a community to identify, map and protect rivers, streams and special places that form a natural open space framework for growing greener in the 21st century." For a complete copy of Mr. Noonan's speech, please call our message center at (803) 547-8140.

NFLT Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Nation Ford Land Trust is being planned for Thursday, October 28. A detailed letter will be mailed by October 1. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for this important date!

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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