



**OUR HERITAGE**  
is Our Most Precious Resource

## Winter 2020 Newsletter

### NFLT and York County Partner for a Big Success

In a historic day for our community, NFLT and York County have executed a Conservation Easement on the 1,900-acre Riverbend Property. Under the easement, 1,700 acres will be protected in perpetuity. The agreement limits development to the property to recreation and interpretation. Approximately 200 acres are available for future development by the County.



*NFLT Vice Chairman Janice Chisholm executes the Riverbend conservation easement.*

*The Riverbend Property*

York County Council purchased the property that borders the Catawba River for over five miles in December of 2018. The new RiverBend Park, features primary forests, seasonal wetlands, ponds, enormous pines, and expansive meadows.

This is an excellent partnership”, says Bernie Ackerman, NFLT Chairman. “We appreciate County Council showing confidence in Nation Ford to help protect some of the best acreage in our community.”

### Our Conservation Partners

Our conservation Easement Program is made possible with support from **York County Forever** and the **S.C. Conservation Bank**.

York County Forever just approved two requests for assistance to landowners pursuing easements totaling \$66,730. The Conservation Bank approved a grant of \$350,000 to further our York Greenbelt Focus area. These two programs help the conservation world run smoothly. Make sure you show your support. We really love these programs.

## Two new properties acquired from Duke Energy protect 3.4 miles along the Catawba River

The first of these properties, acquired in May, is called the **Upper Wylie River Trail**. It is 100 feet wide by 1 mile long for a total of 12.58 acres. It contains a walkable trail that connects to our new Founders Trail in Mason's Bend.

The second new acquisition from Duke Energy, acquired in December, is the **North of Landsford Canal Tract**. It is 100 feet wide by 2.4 miles long for a total of 28.6 acres. It is adjacent to the Landsford Canal State Park. We are always happy to work with our corporate partners in protecting our rivers and streams.



**Upper Wylie River Trail**



**North of Landsford Canal Tract**

**WorkDay nets a dumpster load of trash on Founders Trail.** In mid-February, working with our partners, Carolina Tread Trail, York County and ASCG, over 25 folks showed up to cleanup and haul away 5 cubic yards of trash and debris.



## Support Nation Ford Land Trust

NFLT is going through an exciting period of growth. We need your help. Consider becoming a member and become a partner in protecting York County's most important resource, our heritage. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.nationfordlandtrust.org](http://www.nationfordlandtrust.org).