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Eno River ASSOCIATION

The End of “Eno Drive”—A Tremendous Success!

By Don Moffitt

The Eno River Association and its allies achieved a great success recently in the effort to protect the Eno River State Park, West Point on the Eno City Park and surrounding neighborhoods from the terrible consequences of “Eno Drive”.

For over 30 years, the ERA fought the proposed road, which was planned to run parallel to (and even touch parts of) the Eno River State Park. Long-term effects would have included damage inflicted during construction, toxic pollutants running off the pavement, development that would inevitably have followed the road’s path and disruption to the quiet enjoyment of the one of the region’s most important remaining wild places. It would have been devastating to the State Park, West Point on the Eno City Park and neighborhoods throughout the area, as well as to the Eno River itself.

For virtually all of those 30 years, the NC Department of Transportation’s plan for “Eno Drive” never varied. 2002 was a very different story.

Beginning in April, when NCDOT reported its findings that a community-proposed alternative, called the Northern Durham Parkway, was “fatally flawed”, advocates for the parks dug in and worked harder than ever to help create alternatives that would serve the community but not damage the park system. For nearly eight months they attended meeting after meeting—City Council, County Commission, ad hoc, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and public hearings. They offered alternatives and worked to educate elected officials on issues. Together they suffered through setbacks and rejoiced through victories.

The payoff came in December, when the TAC (composed of elected officials from Chatham, Durham and Orange Counties, as well as Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Durham and Hillsborough) voted to include

(TIP) is amended to reflect the LRTP. And we’ll be keeping an eye on developments along the original route to make sure that it doesn’t get built in any form from Old Oxford road west.



Solid green line shows 2002 compromise route of road replacing

a community-based compromise in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). “Eno Drive” west of Old Oxford Road was eliminated. The designated route (see inset map) now follows the old alignment from US 70 to Old Oxford, then in a major revision turns north and follows Old Oxford up to Snow Hill Road, where it turns west to Roxboro Road. No widening on Old Oxford or Snow Hill roads was included in the LRTP. Also included in the compromise is work on US 70, the East End Connector, I-85 and Roxboro Road, with priorities given to each project.

There is still a danger to the parks, of course. Now we are working to ensure that the Transportation Improvement Program

For more information on members of the TAC, the LRTP, the TIP and “Eno Drive” in general, visit our website at <http://www.enoriver.org> Click on Events and select the last link on the page. In the meantime members of the TAC, who serve as elected officials in Chatham, Orange and Durham County, as well as members of the city councils of Carrboro, Hillsborough, Chapel Hill and Durham, deserve our appreciation and support for their leadership and vision for our community.

There are far too many volunteers who have worked to protect the parks over the past 30 years to be able to name them all. People walked neighborhoods and handed out information, put up signs, attended public hearings and wrote letters again and again. There are three people, however, who deserve special thanks and recognition for their unrelenting leadership, energy and passion. Margaret Nygard held “Eno Drive” at bay from its inception until her death in 1995. Donna Deal and Milo Pyne have led the Association’s efforts since then. We’re grateful for their combined years of effort and care that have resulted in our great success on “Eno Drive”.

**159-Acre Coile Estate
Comes into the State Park...
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This Spectacular Addition!**

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Letter to Our Members

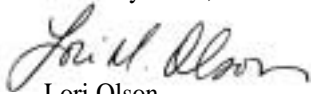
Happy spring to all! I, for one, am always glad to feel those warm breezes in the air this time of year, as the trees and wildflowers go mad with blossoms. Birds and snakes and turtles begin to return to the forests, singing and slithering and strolling along. It is a magical time full of life and renewal, especially on the Eno.

Our Spring Wildflower Hike Series is underway and ready to show you nature's springtime delights with hikes leaving from the Eno River State Park at 2pm every Sunday afternoon through mid-May. On each hike you can learn about the beautiful and delicate flora that bloom along the Eno. Contact Margaret Wainwright at mhwain@nc.rr.com for more information.

With each spring comes the quickening pace of our Festival for the Eno preparations. This year's Festival will be held on Friday July 4th, Saturday July 5th, and Sunday July 6th. It is sure to be a rip-roarin' good time for the whole family. More information on this year's program and featured artists will be available at www.enoriver.org. So mark your calendars and be sure to call the office in May to sign up for a volunteer shift at the Festival (volunteer line: 471-5008).

Our annual Spring Picnic is set for Sunday May 4th. It is a warm and wonderful Eno tradition that really brings the entire Eno community together to celebrate the river and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Association members. Look for details to come in the mail in April. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Naturally Yours,



Lori Olson

Executive Director

ERA Fundraising Opportunity at Food Lion

Food Lion has a program where you can select the ERA to receive a donation based on your purchases at their stores. Simply go to www.foodlion.com, select "Fundraising/Lion Shop and Share", and follow the instructions. It's an easy way to help the Eno!

Spring Wildflower Hikes Begin March 9

The Eno River Association is sponsoring a series of spring wildflower walks every Sunday at 2PM from March 9 through May 4, 2003. Hikes are free, but limited to 20 participants. To register, please call Margaret Wainwright at 919-489-2795 before 9:30PM or e-mail her at mhwain@nc.rr.com.

The spring wildflower hikes explore a different section of the Eno River Valley each Sunday with many expert hike leaders. Hikes last about 2-1/2 hours. Hikers see spring arrive with the first hepatica and trout lilies and progress weekly all the way through the spectacular display of mountain laurel in May. The purpose of the hikes is to acquaint walkers with the Eno River State Park and with the ERA's efforts to preserve and protect lands along the Eno.

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A big Thanks to everyone who helped clear trails at Eno River State Park after the ice storm!

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FYI When Contacting Your Legislators

It is critical that the environmental community continually express our opinions concerning current or pending legislation on matters environmental. How you contact these key influencers is also important. In several articles appearing in *The New York Times* between December, 2001 and November, 2002, lobbyists and politicians emphasized that e-mail messages are far less successful than letters, phone calls, or faxes in influencing legislators!



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Eno Wilderness Addition Moving Towards Reality

By Don Moffitt

In December, it was announced that the State of North Carolina had acquired an option to purchase 815 acres of the Eno Wilderness, currently owned by the DuBose family of Orange County.

The State has until the end of 2003 to put together the total purchase price, approximately \$6.4 million. Once the State purchases the land the Eno River State Park will grow, in a single day, by almost 30%. Two miles of river bank will become part of the park, and 5.4 miles of existing trails will be added to the system. The area is predominantly covered in chestnut oak forest and there also will be room to create long-awaited horse trails.

On a more sober note, there is no guarantee that the state will be able to finalize the purchase. These are not the best of times for the state. Another very serious revenue shortfall is forecast for the coming year and it is possible that, with the belt-tightening that is inevitable, this singular opportunity may be lost.

The ERA will be working closely with the State to identify and obtain sources of funding so that this wonderful opportunity becomes a reality by year's end.

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”

— Nelson Henderson

2003 New Year's Day Hike Draws Over 200 People



New Year's Day at the Eno River State Park

Not even December's ice storm could stop the annual Eno River Association's New Year's Day Hike.

Rangers at the Eno River State Park, which closed immediately after the ice storm due to heavy damage, were able to clear two trails in time for the hike.

Over 200 members of the Association and friends of the Eno gathered at the new picnic shelter at Few's Ford. Rain was in the air but at two o'clock sharp, the sun broke through the clouds and gave the hikers beautiful weather.

The short hike, led by Edith Tatum and Margaret Wainwright, covered the two miles of Buckquarter Ridge. The long hike, three miles along the Fanny Ford trail, was

Photo by Dave Suwala

led by Marcia Eickmeier, Leslie Killeen and Ken Pugh.

This year, because of park conditions, the Association also offered a trail clearing opportunity to those interested. Nine members of the Association spent the afternoon clearing storm debris from Holden Mill trail from Buckquarter Creek to the mill.

After the hikes, Hazel and Wayne Cash and Mary Wimberley prepared and served hot chocolate, tea, popcorn and marshmallows.

The Eno River Association is grateful to the Eno River State Park Rangers and volunteers who helped clear trails in time for New Year's, as well as to those who planned and led the hikes and served the refreshments.

Little River Park Slated to Open in Fall, 2003

By Rich Shaw

It has been nearly two years since 391 acres located adjacent to the North Fork Little River were acquired for the Little River Regional Park and Natural Area. Protection of this remarkable site was a cooperative project among the partners Durham County, Orange County, the Triangle Land Conservancy and the Eno River Association. ERA and TLC raised over \$170,000 in private contributions to help match two state grants used to purchase the parkland.

Although the park will be jointly owned and managed by Orange and Durham counties, park development is pro-

ceeding under the watchful eye of all four partners.

A citizen advisory board prepared a preliminary park design that was approved by both county boards of commissioners. The aim is to help visitors enjoy the many natural and cultural features (including the scenic entranceway, expansive forest, a historic mill site, and a 1.2-mile river corridor) without disturbing the more sensitive areas that will be set aside as wildlife habitat or for future archaeological research.

A more detailed site plan is currently underway by Haden-Stanziale of Durham. An early "conceptual plan" was presented

to an enthusiastic public in October. The plan includes parking, picnic shelters, restrooms, children's play area, hard-surface interpretive trail, and an elaborate system of hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails.

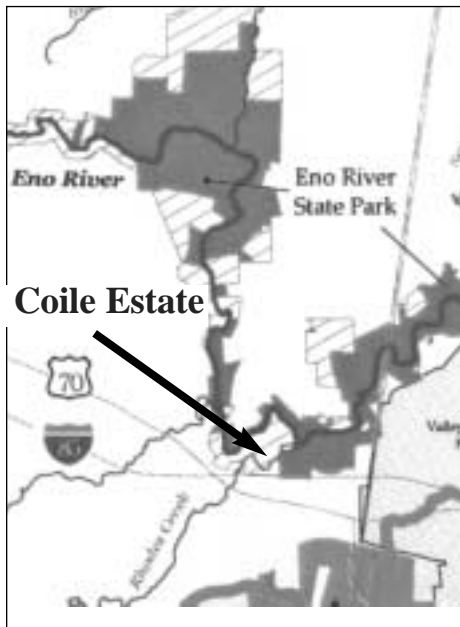
Final site plan approval by both counties is expected by spring so that park construction can begin for a park opening by Fall, 2003. At this time, County staff is working with user groups to mark trails and they anticipate trail construction to begin this winter. Volunteers interested in working on trailbuilding may contact the ERA office at (919) 620-9099.

Coile Estate Added to Eno River State Park

By Dave Cook & Mark Miller

Eno River State Park got a 159-acre treat this past Halloween when the Coile Estate was acquired for the Cabelands access. This is the biggest addition to the park in eight years.

The purchase of the Coile Estate protects 1.3 miles of the Eno River's south bank, providing watershed protection and



The Coile Estate connects Pleasant Green and Cabelands sections of the Eno River State Park

wildlife habitat. It connects the Pleasant Green and Cabelands accesses providing continuous protection to the river from the Brigadoons in Orange County to West Point City Park in Durham on the south side of the river.

Who were the Coiles?

T. S. and Margaret Coile owned this land, which sits south of a snake-like bend of the river, for many decades .

Dr. Coile was a forestry professor at Duke University. He and Margaret were also farmers on this land and elsewhere in Orange County. Most of the Coile tract was pastureland during the 20th century and the Coiles raised black Charolais beef cattle.

In 1938, they built their home above a steep rhododendron bluff 80 yards south of the sharpest bend in the river amongst a forest of tall oak trees. The Coiles were also the generous benefactor of the land for the Eno Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Margaret Coile and Conservation

The first project of The Nature Conservancy in North Carolina was in partnership with the budding Eno River Association to protect a sliver of the Coile property. According to sources from that time, Margaret Coile, now widowed, wanted to protect the valley from the threat of the proposed dam for a Durham City reservoir. Recognizing the creation of a state park as a tool to deter the project, she granted for the sum of one dollar a sliver of land totaling 21.5 acres along most of her river frontage to the Conservancy in 1973. This land was added to the park in 1974. From a practical standpoint it was too narrow to protect the river, as it was only 17 feet wide at the west end and 50 feet wide at the east end. However, the park's presence was established in an area threatened with impoundment.

The Land Now

With the exception of high, steep bluffs along the river, the Coile Tract has remarkably gentle terrain as compared to much of the Eno River Valley. There are still residual grassy meadows, but most of the former pasture was planted in loblolly pine. The old barbed wire fences are still

running through the woods.

Rhodes Creek flows from the south under Interstate 85 onto the property and then over 1/2 mile to the river. It is joined by an intermittent stream. Both waterways are rocky and scenic, flowing through mostly oak forest.

Eno Quarry

During 1960, Coleman Contracting leased Coile land on the riverbank to quarry stone for the construction of Interstate 85. The site was named the Eno Quarry. That quarry is so close to the river a person can stand in one spot on the edge and look either down into the quarry or down into the river. A berm surrounding the quarry is about 20 feet higher than the river.

In 1961, Superior Stone Company bought the lease and moved their crushing facilities to the site. They produced crushed aggregate there until 1964 when they relinquished the lease back to the Coiles.

The quarry has been reported from 60 to 80 feet deep and is full of water. There is little runoff into the quarry and the water in it comes mostly from underground. The bottom of the quarry is lower than the river bottom. Park staff plan to launch a canoe and drop a rope off the side to determine the



Eno River flowing through the Coile Estate. The Coile purchase adds 1.3 miles of protected river frontage and 159 acres to the Eno River State Park

Photo by Lori Olson



Eno Quarry, on the Coile Estate, is now part of the Eno River State Park. State officials are currently assessing possibilities for recreational use of the quarry Photo by Lori Olson

depths. Rumor has it the quarry operators hit a vein of water and the quarry filled so fast that they could not get their equipment out. However, research has shown this is a common tale with water filled quarries around the country. A long time friend of the Coiles reports that he saw it fill slowly and does not remember any equipment at the bottom. In addition, he recalls an old wooden platform, used during the operation of the quarry, as the only remnant that remained in the quarry after its abandonment. This is backed up by a 1968 report, *Geology and Mineral Resources of Orange County, North Carolina*, which states that four years after the quarry closed it only had 15 – 20 feet of water in it.

Future Management

Access to the Coile Tract will be from the Cabelands parking lot and trail on Howe Street near the Durham/Orange County line. Division of Parks and Recreation staff are investigating constructing a proper trail from the Cabelands Trail to the Eno Quarry.

The quarry itself has a long history as a traditional swimming hole, and as such a footpath currently connects the Quarry to the Cabelands Trail. However, the footpath was not designed for appropriate erosion control and hiker safety. The State is doing considerable investigation into continued recreational use of the quarry. Possible uses

for the future are swimming, fishing, and scuba diving. Significant issues must be resolved before any of those activities are deemed acceptable. Those issues include hazards, liability, health, environmental protection, conflicting uses, facilities, and staffing. At this time, the DPR has not deemed that recreational use of the quarry is permissible but that is subject to change as the investigation continues and a management plan is devised.

A key natural resource issue on the Coile Tract is exotic invasive plant species. A wide variety of non-native species are choking out the native plants. Especially problematic are multi-flora rose, Japanese grass, and bamboo. There is a bamboo thicket of several acres that seems suitable for a tiger habitat! It will take Park staff and volunteers many years to eradicate these invasive plants.

There are three houses on the property. One will house the Eno River State Park Superintendent, another will house a Park ranger, and the third will house seasonal employees. Employees are housed on State Park property to provide 24-hour security and emergency response.

Drummin' on the Ole Eno

By River Dave

"Cease not, thou drummer of the night, thou too shall have thy reward. The stars and the firmament hear thee, and their aisles shall echo thy beat till its call is answered, and the forces are mustered ..." That is the challenge of the father of American conservationists, Henry Thoreau. We have been including drumming as a part of our full moon wafting program at West Point on the Eno for the past four years and have found it to be a welcome and beneficial addition to our life along the Eno River.

For those of you who have wanted to participate, but for one reason or another have not been able to join us in boats, we now have an alternative. Beginning this May, we will also be offering a land-based drumming ceremony on the banks of the Eno River on the night of each new moon. With this current new millennium carrying so many challenges, we feel it is time to expand our circle and to gather with the drum and "muster" ourselves to hear the voices of the gracious spirits of the Eno River for both personal and community inspiration.

Our first new moon gathering will be at our new log cabin by the Eno River on Wanda Ridge on May 1st at 9 p.m. - then again on May 31, June 29, July 29, August 27 and September 26. There is no charge. All ages are welcome as we have found that children are excellent night journeyers. If you would like to participate, please call us and let us know how many are coming as space will be limited. If the response is large, we may shift the circle to our office at the old blacksmith's shop at West Point on the Eno Park.

Riverdave and Riojosie - telephone 919-471-3310

"I have seen ye, sisters, on the mountain-side,
When your green mantles fluttered in the
wind;

I've seen your footprints on the lake's smooth
shore,

Lesser than man's, a more ethereal trace;
I've heard of ye as some far-famed race,
Daughters of gods, whom I should one day
meet,

Ye children of the moon, who in mild nights
Vaulted upon the hills and sought this earth?
Reveal that which I fear ye cannot tell,
Wherein ye are not I, wherein ye dwell ...

Henry Thoreau - Journal, v.1

Meet Kathy Lee, Eno River Watch Founder

By Elvira Howard



Kathy Lee, ERA Board Member and founder of Eno River Watch Photo by Greg Bell

"The river is only five minutes from my front door. I love to watch beaver, deer and great blue herons patiently waiting for a fish. I also enjoy the spring wildflowers." This is how Canadian native and new Eno River Association Board member, Kathy Lee, describes her home in Eno Commons, a community on the Eno River in northern Durham County.

But her love of nature began far away in Port Hope, Ontario, where Kathy spent the first eighteen years of her life exploring

the woods near her home and riding her bike along the shores of Lake Ontario. In the summer, she camped with her family; in winter, she skied in the nearby Northumberland Hills. These experiences led her to pursue degrees in earth and environmental science and education.

Following completion of her studies, Kathy served as an intern at Aullwood Audubon Center near Dayton, Ohio. Then, she returned to Ontario to teach environmental education programs at overnight and day centers for 12 years.

"I'm a strong believer in the power of individuals to make a difference through volunteering," says Kathy. This belief led her to approach the Association's educational committee about launching a volunteer streamwatch program. In September 2001, Eno River Watch was begun.

As part of the monitoring process, Kathy teaches volunteers to identify macroinvertebrate indicator species, such as mayfly and stonefly nymphs. Using simple charts, the volunteers estimate the health of the water based on the species found in their sample. Changes in these aquatic insect populations, mollusks or crustaceans may indicate a change in water quality.

Each sampling takes 1-1/2 hours, and volunteers go to their assigned monitoring stations on the river four times a year-- March, June, September and December. The first year of volunteer monitoring indicates the water quality of the river is good to excellent, and Kathy credits the Eno River State Park for protecting the river from many of the potentially harmful impacts to water quality, such as development and storm water runoff.



Eno River Watch in action Photo by Don Moffitt

Kathy believes that a positive connection to the river creates a caring individual, who then shares their awe, respect and commitment for protecting the natural world. As she puts it: "Caring and sharing are what it's all about for me!"

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Woodcocks

By Lynn Wilson

BZEEP...BZEEP! What was that?

Sounded like a woodcock, my friend Paul Killough said. The males fly straight up from the ground to get the females attention, he explained. About this time of year, usually at dusk and maybe at dawn, too.

A bird flew low above us. We both saw a very long bill and a chunky body.

It IS a woodcock, he said.

So I've been out walking around my fields about dusk as often as possible in hopes of catching sight of the courtship flight. All the other birds seem to be roosting when I hear it BZEEP.

The woodcocks mostly eat earthworms. They stomp on the ground to make the earthworms come out.

They look sort of like quail to me. Their feathers are patterns of browns, black, buff, and gray. They're in the same family as sandpipers. Some people (depending on where they live) call them timberdoodles, Labrador twisters, and bog suckers.

Hunters like woodcocks.

Are there any woodcocks in the fields along the Eno? In his Piedmont Almanac, Dave Cook says the courtship flights may begin as early as the second week in February.

Woodcocks use clearings as singing grounds. NC Wildlife Commission biologist, George Strader, calls it early successional habitat. Today farmers are trying to be efficient and keep their fields mowed clean, he says, but that means fewer homes for woodcocks and quail.

Since woodcocks are hard to count, one study identified singing grounds where researchers listened for the birds. They concluded that the number of woodcocks IS declining, mainly because woodcocks need YOUNG forests with seedlings and saplings. The New England woods where the woodcocks spend their summers are now mature forests. The birds also thrive around abandoned farms and there are fewer abandoned farms too.

The birds nest on the ground and the female usually lays about 4 buff-colored eggs. They like to live in thickets and have short strong wings to make it easier to fly around there. Bzeep Bzeep!

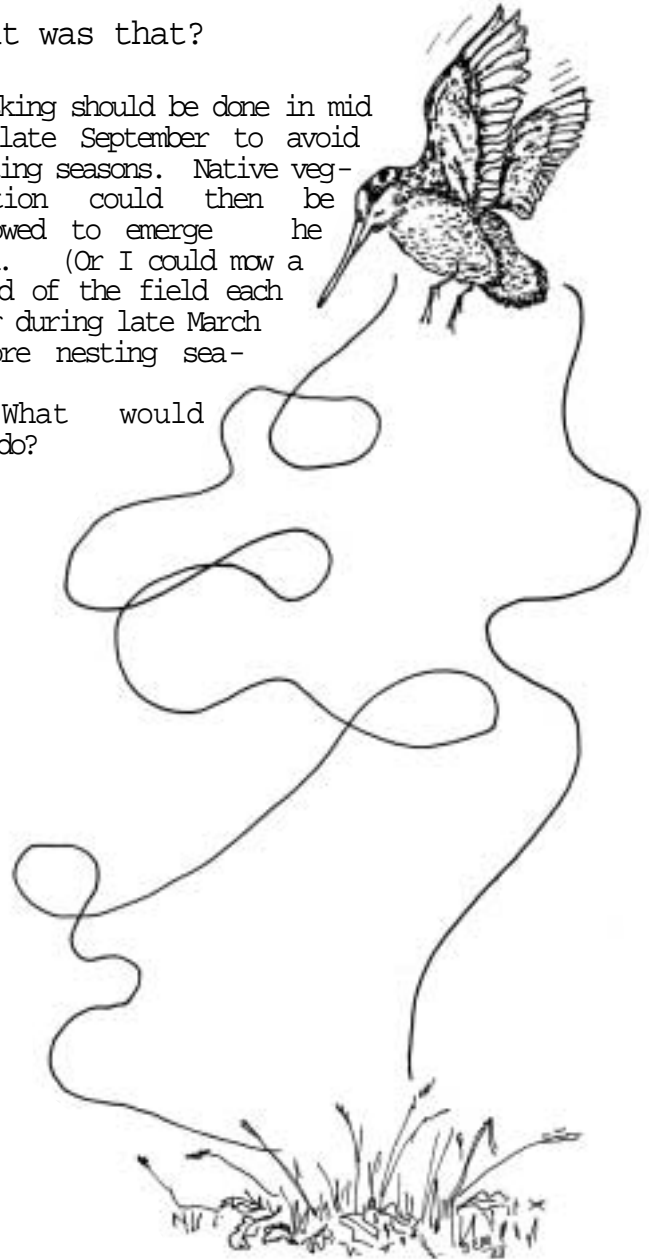
I like this distinctive sound. I like woodcocks.

What can I do so there will always be woodcocks around? As the pines grow, they will begin to shade out the tangled vegetation that the secretive woodcock likes. Open areas with annual grasses and weeds can be maintained by some type of soil disturbance, like disking or by controlled burns, the biologist wrote.

I'll need to divide the area to be maintained as an open field into thirds and disk a third each year.

Disking should be done in mid to late September to avoid nesting seasons. Native vegetation could then be allowed to emerge he said. (Or I could mow a third of the field each year during late March before nesting season!)

What would you do?



Drawing courtesy of Sue Monahan

References:

To find out more about woodcocks, we looked them up in Roger Tory Peterson's *Field Guide to the Birds East of the Rockies* and in the *Book of North American Birds*, published by Reader's Digest. Peterson described the birds coloring as dead leaf pattern and their eyes as pop-eyes. The Reader's Digest bird book gave me the idea that their stomping on the ground was related to their search for worms. Dave Cook includes his own mystical experience with woodcocks in his new book, *The Piedmont Almanac*.

Everything I read about woodcocks made me like them even better and want to know a little bit more. Next I did an internet search by typing in American woodcock. These were the sites that gave me the information for this story:

biology.usgs.gov/s+t/SNT/noframe/ne122.htm

www.birds.cornell.edu/BOW/cock

The Cornell University site even includes an audio clip with my favorite BZEEP!

Then I sent an e-mail to the wildlife biologist, George Strader, at the NC Wildlife Commission, to find out more about making homes for woodcocks on my tree farm.

Upcoming Events

Sundays in March & April at 2 p. m.

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March 22 Great Human Race in Downtown Durham

March 22 Eno River Watch Training. Contact Liz at 620-9099 to volunteer

April 12 Umstead Coalition Walk/Run

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April 27 Apple Chill in Chapel Hill

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Sources of Funds



Uses of Funds



*In addition, the Association used \$291,910 from the Reserve Fund and the Margaret C. Nygard Land Acquisition Fund to acquire 5 parcels of conservation lands.

Notes to the Financial Information

Fiscal Year: October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002.

General Fund: These charts show details of the General Fund of the Association. The General Fund increased \$11,779 during the fiscal year. That amount was transferred to the Reserve Fund at the end of the year.

Rental Income & Expense: The Association owns several properties that will one day be part of the Eno River State Park. In the interim, the Association rents the houses and has both income and expenses associated with them.

Land Stewardship: Costs associated with a study of riparian lands along the Upper and Lower Eno and with developing a manual for land stewardship practices.

In addition to the Annual Fund, the Association has two other funds managed by the Finance Committee: the Reserve Fund and the Margaret C. Nygard Land Acquisition Fund. The Margaret C. Nygard Land Acquisition Fund holds donations designated by donors for the fund, restricted to use in land acquisition. The Reserve Fund is a revolving fund holding unrestricted monies for use primarily in land acquisition and stewardship.

Join an Eno River Association Committee!

Do you ever wonder how you can become more involved with the Eno River Association? Wonder how you could use your wonderful and varied talents, skills and expertise to help the Association further its work of protecting the Eno?

Here is your chance to make your mark! The Association is looking for enthusiastic persons to serve on its various committees. All Association members are welcome to serve. Below is a list of the various committees of the Association, with brief descriptions of what they do.

Most committees meet monthly, so if you are interested in checking one or some of them out, e-mail (association@enoriver.org) or call the ERA office at 919-620-9099 for more information.

Calendar

The Calendar Committee is responsible for the annual production, publication and marketing of the Eno River Calendar, deciding on content, contributors, design and printing, retail price, discounts, and retail outlets.

Environmental Education

The Environmental Education Committee is responsible for the environ-

mental education programming of the Association, including the coordination and implementation of the Eno River Watch program. The committee is responsible for designing ERA educational activities for the Festival for the Eno and other events.

Festival

The Festival Committee provides guidance to Festival staff on all aspects of the Festival, reviews and modifies policies regarding the Festival, sets ticket prices and approves the detailed Festival budget.

Land and Stewardship

The Land and Stewardship Committee oversees the Association's land conservation and stewardship program, including decisions on the purchase, sale, and gift acceptance of property. The committee oversees conservation lands held by the Association, conservation easements held by the Association, and lands acquired for transfer to local and state parks. This group is responsible for ensuring active and appropriate stewardship of Association-owned properties or easements.

Land Use and Transportation

The Land Use and Transportation Committee is responsible for representing the Association to local and state govern-

ment agencies and elected bodies on issues of public policy regarding land use, development, and transportation. Zoning cases, road construction and new legislation are included in the committee's work.

Outreach and Communications

The Outreach and Communications Committee is responsible for all ongoing public and media relations, as well as the generation of publicity for Association events and activities. This committee is responsible for coordination of the Eno Association's Speaker's Bureau; the spring and winter Hike Series; Association exhibits, events and hospitality; and various Association publications including the quarterly newsletter, the Association brochure, the ERA website and the Eno Journals.

Resource Development

The Resource Development Committee is a new committee responsible for ensuring that the Association's funding and other resource needs are met. Membership, long-range resource planning and fundraising activities fall under this committee's mandate.

NC School of Science and Mathematics Studies Fish Dam Road Results to Form Basis of 2005 Eno River Calendar

From March 5 through March 14, 2003, 25 students from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics studied the history of Fish Dam Road. The students participated in Miniterm at NCSSM under the leadership of Art Instructor Joe Liles and History Instructor Martha Regalis.

Photographs, maps, sketches, and other information gathered by the students will form the basis of the 2005 Eno River Calendar.

Fish Dam Road began as an Indian trading path and ran from Granville County, into Wake County, across the Neuse River, into Durham County, and on to the Indian town of Occaneechi in the present day Orange County town of Hillsborough. The road got its name from a large stone fish trap that lay as a giant "V"

in the shallow waters of its Neuse River crossing. In Durham, Fish Dam Road ran approximately along the ridge separating the Ellerbee Creek Basin and the Eno River Basin.

The Science and Math students spent eight school days, and part of one weekend, tracing the course of the road and talking to local residents, historians, and land-use planners in assembling a written and visual history of the road. Topographic maps, aerial photos, street maps, property plats, GIS information, and historic documents helped record the location of the road and historic events and developments associated with it. Students planned to use photography, drawing, map making, and oral history interviews to record their learning about the road.

An exhibit of the Science and math students' findings has been scheduled for March 14.

Please contact Joe Liles at 416-2700, liles@ncssm.edu, for more information.

Staples Goes Green

The Dogwood Alliance, with support from many organizations, foundations and individuals, convinced Staples, Inc. to help protect southern forests. As one of its commitments, Staples now carries a variety of recycled products, including a "tree-free paper" (90% recycled fiber, 10% hemp). The campaign is moving to Office Depot, OfficeMax and Corporate Express. Help close the loop on recycling. Support sustainable forestry practices—and encourage Staples—by purchasing recycled paper.