



## ANNUAL REPORT 2008

### Mission

Dedicated to conserving and protecting the nature, culture and history of the Eno River basin

### Brief History

The Eno River Association is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization founded in 1966. Founders Margaret & Holger Nygard enlisted citizen and government support to preserve the river in response to pressures from development that threatened to turn the river into a reservoir and its banks into an industrial park.

### Our Role in Land Protection

The primary goal of the Association is to conserve lands along the Eno River and its tributaries and within the entire Eno watershed. We concentrate our efforts in the following areas:

**Parkland Acquisition:** To date, we have protected more than 5,500 acres of land. We focus on the purchase or donation of lands for eventual inclusion into the State Park system. Our efforts have resulted in more than 5,000 acres protected within five public parks: Eno River State Park, Oconeechee Mountain State Natural Area, West Point on the Eno Durham City Park, Penny's Bend Nature Preserve, and the Little River Regional Park – plus an additional 500+ acres held by us or by the state as protected land.

**Conservation Easements:** The Association helps landowners to protect their property without selling it. These legal agreements establish permanent restrictions on certain uses and the development of land while keeping it in private hands. Each easement is unique and tailored to meet the needs and wishes of the individual landowner. Easements can be purchased or donated.

**Landowner Resources:** The Association also advises landowners who would like to protect their land but do not want to sell it, donate it, or place permanent restrictions on it. We can direct landowners to governmental programs that provide technical and financial assistance for conservation management.

### Environmental Advocacy & Education

The Association advocates for open space preservation and wildlife protection and community planning that incorporates efficient and environmentally sound land use, water use, and transportation systems. The goal of these activities is to increase public appreciation for the environment and awareness of environmental threats.

The Association works with government entities as well as other local, state and national conservation organizations to preserve the environment as a whole. Specifically, the Association supports land and wildlife conservation efforts, as well as issues related to the protection of water quality. The Association became the leader in gaining government acceptance of the Northern Durham Parkway concept, an alternative that eliminated the western portion of Eno Drive, thereby protecting the River and parklands west of Old Oxford Highway from the encroachment of a four-lane highway. We are currently monitoring the proposed Elizabeth Brady Road extension in Hillsborough that would add another bridge over the Eno and bring development unacceptably close to the river.

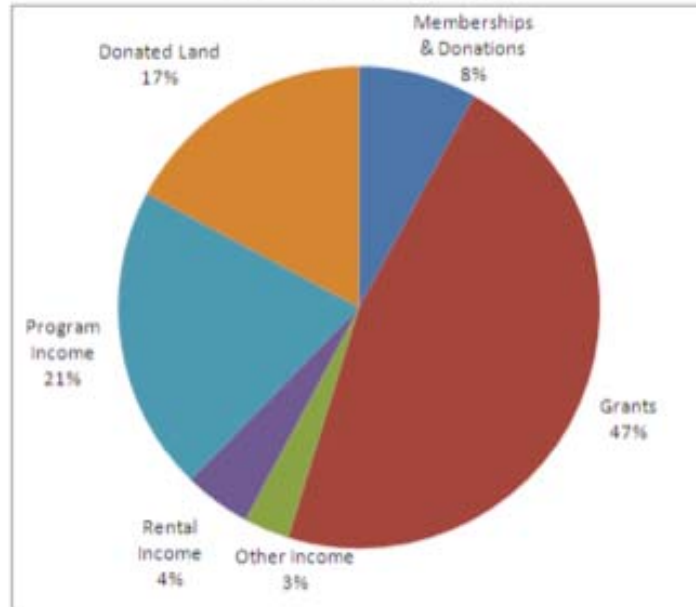
Our Environmental Education programs bring people of all ages to the river year-round to learn about the natural, culture and history of the area. Our biggest outreach and fund raising program is the annual Festival for the Eno, a three-day event featuring artists, non-profit environmental groups and hands-on fun at the river. In 2008 we launched a new program called iWalk the Eno, a summer day camp in collaboration with Orange County Schools and the Burroughs Wellcome Student Science Enrichment Program.

### Annual Activities & Events

- Guided Hike Series – Jan. 1st & Sunday afternoons January through mid-May
- Spring picnic – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May
- Festival for the Eno – July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend
- Annual Membership meeting
- Calendar Celebration
- Jambore-Eno Volunteer Appreciation
- Monthly Environmental Reading Group
- Stewardship workdays year-round
- Quarterly Newsletter & Monthly email

**Association for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley, Inc  
(Eno River Association)**

**Operating Income 2008**



**Operating Expenses 2008**

