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Eno River Association — Connection to the Past — Protection for the Future

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## Land Protection and Partnership Updates

By Klugh Jordan, Land Protection Specialist

What an exciting time to join this organization. I have been here only a few weeks so far, but have already gotten to jump into several important land protection projects that are close to completion, as well as see the beginning of a comprehensive plan identifying future priorities in an expanded area of focus.

### ENO RIVER STATE PARK

Since our last update, we have purchased a three-acre riverfront tract owned by Olivia Ollis in the Pleasant Green area of Eno River State Park.

This important area, surrounded on all sides by parkland, adds 376 feet of frontage along the Eno River and fills in a former inholding in this section of the park.

We have several other projects that we are currently working on within the Park's

master plan and hope to have updates for more of these soon.

### DIABASE SILL PARTNERSHIPS AT PENNY'S BEND

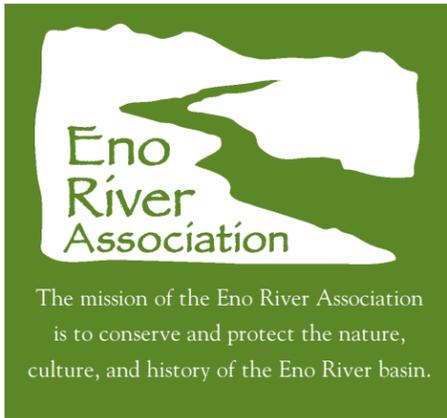
We continue to have a lot of activity in this area along the Lower Eno River near Penny's Bend Nature Preserve. As part of our partnership with the NC Plant Conservation Program (PCP) and the NC Botanical Garden, we have received funding from the Ecosystem Enhancement Program, the Natural Heritage Trust Fund and the

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Duncan Heron

Smooth purple coneflower (*Echinacea laevigata*)



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## Remembering Margaret Nygard

Founder of the Eno River Association,  
 ten years since her passing

Margaret became for us a model of commitment, of perception, of dedication, of perseverance, of vision, of compassion, of gentleness and of toughness. But as I think about it, her greatest legacy was this: Margaret, who was not a native-born citizen, showed us the full meaning of citizenship. She worked tirelessly for the common good. And never have I seen one person accomplish so much. Just think what a citizenry full of Margaret Nygards could do.

I remember especially a day at Bobbitt's Hole. We had stopped on a rafting trip to take a breather and to have a snack. But, mind you, this was not just a pleasure trip. As usual, there was a political agenda, a serious side to this fun. We were always trying to get some landowners to donate, or trying to stop a dam, or to get some political leaders to support the idea of a protected greenbelt along the river. It was no different this trip.

Margaret had more political savvy in these matters than anyone I have ever met. But Margaret's seriousness, her political wisdom, was never suffocating or overbearing. She always was able to laugh—and oh what a laugh she had. It was full and real; it came from somewhere deep in her soul. I can still hear it, and I hope I will always be able to. That day at Bobbitt's Hole, as I recall, it was a bit chilly. Spontaneously, after the eating, Margaret, laughing and waving for us to follow, dove into the river, clothes and all. I was stunned; all I could do was jump in too. Her joy was infectious.



Margaret Nygard, 1925–1995

She showed us how to play, to let the child in all of us out; she taught us that we can all be eternally young; she, like a kid swinging on a rope across the swimming hole, taught us how to throw ourselves body and soul into what we love, the way she threw herself into the river that day, into the river she loved so much.

As long as the Eno flows, Margaret Nygard will live. And, even though many who will go down the river to recover, to bathe in its refreshing waters, to walk along its beautiful paths, may not know her name, they will find her there. They will hear her voice. Her poetic voice like the voice of Orpheus will be forever heard in the eternal reprise of the rushing water; it will whisper gently to those who have ears to hear: "Welcome! This is your home!"

*-Excerpts from Ronald Hall's eulogy of Margaret, "Margaret's Home" reprinted from ENO Vol.8, No 1. 1996*

## The 2006 Eno River Association Calendar: A Forty-Year Affair Photographing the Eno

In 1969 Duncan Heron put his canoe into the Eno River, and paddled to the old bridge on Cole Mill Road. The woman who lived above the crossing heard him taking his boat out of the water, and walked down to invite him and his companion up for tea. That woman was Margaret Nygard, founder of the Eno River Association, and what began

that day was Duncan's love affair with the Eno, now 36 years in the making. There are a lot of ways to measure his time here: years passed, river miles paddled, trails hiked, photographs taken. It is this last measure that we are fortunate enough to be able to share with you.

This year we have devoted the Eno River Calendar to Duncan's

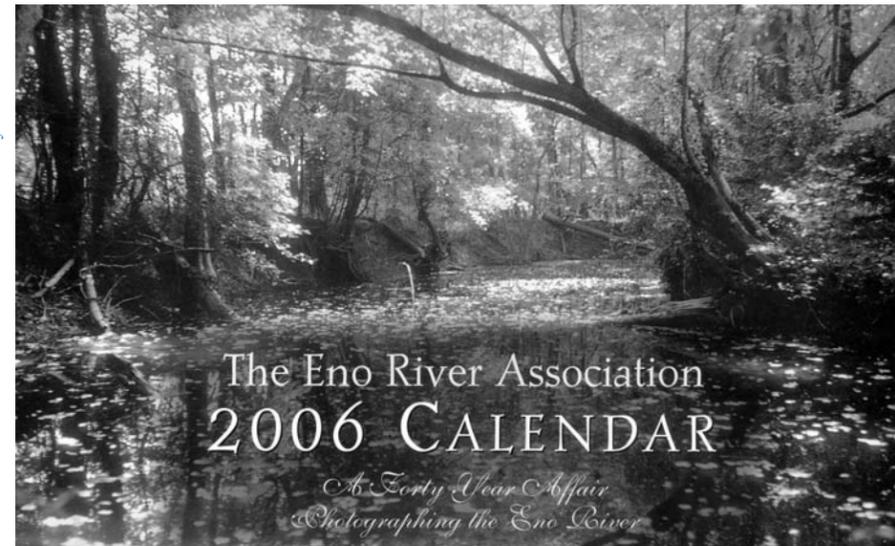
photography: paddling, fishing, hiking, wildflowers, people, mills and much more. Along with the photographs are companion stories by people who also love the Eno. It makes for an enjoyable odyssey along the river, one that you will enjoy throughout the year.

The 2006 calendar is available to purchase from the Association office for \$14.00, plus postage and handling. To order call (919) 620-9099 or email [calendars@enoriver.org](mailto:calendars@enoriver.org)

You can also buy calendars at many fine area retailers who support the Eno River Association and the community through their efforts. See [www.enoriver.org](http://www.enoriver.org) for a list of these vendors. Calendars are available in retail stores from November through March.

Proceeds of calendar sales support the work of the Eno River Association: buying and protecting land, advocating sensible public policy, providing environmental education and doing our best to make this a better world for all of us.

Photo by Duncan Heron



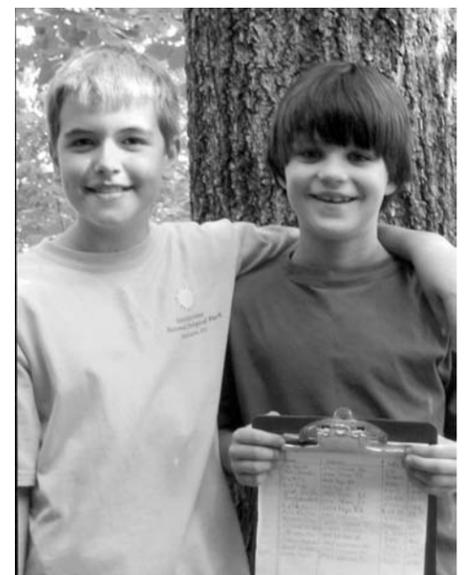
2006 Calendar

## Young Fundraisers Make a Big Difference

The Eno River Association extends a big thank you to Sam Struhsaker and Nathan Saper for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the Association's land protection programs. Sam (8 years old) and Nathan (10½ years old) wanted to find a way to help the Association increase the size of the Eno River State Park. They went door-to-door in their Durham neighborhood asking their friends and neighbors to join the Eno River Association and pledge financial support for our land

protection efforts. Sam and Nathan were extremely successful, gathering almost \$400 in pledges and donations, and bringing a number of new members into the Eno community. Thank you, Nathan and Sam! You are amazing stewards of the Eno River, and we truly appreciate all of your effort and dedication.

*Nathan Saper (left) and Sam Struhsaker (right) proudly display their list of pledges that they gathered in September.*





Bob Jacobson

North Carolina land trusts work every day to help individuals and communities protect the special places they love. Each land protection story is different, but personifies the passion North Carolinians have for saving their state's natural and historical legacy for future generations.

This passion has now found a powerful voice in "Land for Tomorrow." Land for Tomorrow is a campaign to put a bond referendum before North Carolinians in November 2006 that would generate \$200 million per year for five years for land conservation. The Conservation Trust and 21 local land trusts are strong participants in this effort. The Eno River Association has signed on as a partner in this important project and is working closely with the Land For Tomorrow staff to generate local support for the campaign.

### THE TIME IS NOW

Land for Tomorrow is based upon the belief that what we do—or fail to do—over the next five years in conservation will largely determine the future of North Carolina's landscape. North Carolina's population is growing fast, and so is the amount of land being lost each year. The state is currently losing more than 100,000 acres of natural lands each year to development, an area the size of Winston-Salem and High Point combined. More than one-third of the state's wetlands no longer function normally, most of the state's water bodies are impaired, nearly 20 percent of our plant and animal species are threatened, and communities across the state are losing jobs dependent on natural resources.

At the same time, there has never been a time with more conservation opportunities in the state. Polls show that a vast majority of North Carolinians want to address pollution, rapid growth, and loss of natural areas. In addition, power companies and timber companies are selling large tracts of land, many of which protect water supplies and forests. Rural counties are looking to their rich natural and historic resources for jobs in tourism and other conservation-based activities.

# Land for Tomorrow:

## Investing in North Carolina's Land, Water, History and Future

Urban and suburban areas are searching for ways to address rapid and unplanned growth.

Many experts believe there is only a ten-year window to save the best remaining places in the state. The General Assembly set a goal of conserving one million acres of critical lands between 2000 and 2009 to offset the more than one million acres of natural lands lost over the last decade. While significant progress is being made, the state is behind on meeting the goal. Each year the goal becomes more elusive as land prices continue to escalate.

### INVESTING IN NORTH CAROLINA'S LAND, WATER, HISTORY AND FUTURE

Land for Tomorrow has a five-year conservation plan to meet the public health, ecological, economic, and quality of life challenges caused by land use changes in the state. The plan outlines the types of lands and historic places in critical need of protection and sets out goals for job creation and natural resource-based economic development. Funds generated by the \$1 billion bond will leverage an additional \$2 billion in local, federal, and private spending.

If approved by voters, most of the new bond funds would be channeled through existing state conservation programs, such as the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. For farmland and forests, the money would primarily be spent on conservation agreements (easements). For parks and game lands, the money would be used to purchase property. For stream banks and natural areas the money may be used for a combination of conservation agreements and purchases. The purchase of these agreements and properties would

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make it possible for the state to create new parks, protect the water quality of miles of threatened streams, keep forests standing, and strengthen the state's forestry, agriculture and tourism industries.

### BUILDING SUPPORT FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Land for Tomorrow was officially launched on June 8 at a press conference featuring over 30 legislators from both parties. Senator Dan Clodfelter (D-Mecklenburg) and Rep. Lucy Allen (D-Franklin) are leading the effort to persuade legislators to vote to put the bond on the ballot.

Land For Tomorrow is currently organizing county committees on a statewide basis. These committees will serve to gain support from legislators and generate public support for the ballot measure after approval by the General Assembly.

Responsibilities of committees will also include: developing a brief campaign plan for their county; planning and hosting events with the goal of informing local officials and legislators about the critical lands in need or protection; and highlighting lands already preserved through conservation efforts.

The Committee's members will be a diverse representation of business leaders, community activists, farmers, educators, local officials, and interested citizens.

Other states such as Florida and New Jersey have recently launched outstanding conservation programs through similar ambitious bonds.



Duncan Heron

Land for Tomorrow will continue to recruit partner organizations and individual ambassadors during the months between now and the spring session of the General Assembly. Already the Campaign has recruited the support of business groups, former governors, and notable North Carolinians such as Dr. William Friday.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

It's time for North Carolinians to take the next step. Please communicate with your legislators to let them know you support Land for Tomorrow. If you would like to help us build grassroots support in your community, please send an email to rah@enoriver.org.

Land for Tomorrow is for those who believe the quality of our farmland, forests, fields, mountains, rivers, sounds, and oceans is critical for future generations. Now is the time to make an investment in the future through Land for Tomorrow.

On June 8, Land for Tomorrow announced a plan to help North Carolina meet its goal of saving one million acres, and challenged the state to invest an additional \$200 million annually for five years. This plan is titled Saving the Goodliest Land: A Five-Year Plan for Investing in NC's Land, Water, History and Future.

To learn more about Land for Tomorrow and its growing partnership of organizations and citizens committed to protecting North Carolina's land and historic places, and to obtain a copy of Saving the Goodliest Land, visit [www.landfortomorrow.org](http://www.landfortomorrow.org).

### Land for Tomorrow: Five-Year Conservation Goals

- Rivers, Wetlands, Floodplains and Coastal Waters: 6000 miles of stream banks and floodplains
- Working Farmland: 50,000 acres
- Working Forests: 25,000 acres
- Local Parks and Trails: 35,000 acres plus funds for trails and other recreation facilities
- Urban Forests: Increase tree canopy in areas that are not meeting air quality standards
- State Parks: 60,000 acres
- Game Lands and Other Natural Areas: 150,000 acres
- Historic Areas: Protect and Restore 350 historic landmarks for public use
- Land Visible from Scenic Highways: 50,000 acres



Illustration: Joe Liles

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Attorney General's Environmental Enhancement Grant for acquisitions in this area.

We are currently working on projects that total more than 140 acres of rare plant habitat along with important river frontage and wetlands between West Point on the Eno City Park and Penny's Bend Nature Preserve.

The PCP has already undertaken some prescribed burning and other management in the project area with much success. The burning helps to remove invasive understory species which can crowd out native grasses and flowers. Along with selective removal of some of the loblolly pines on the property, it also opens the canopy to allow needed sunlight to reach the ground. Native and rare plants have already responded to the attention, including the endangered smooth purple coneflower (*Echinacea laevigata*). Additional work days are being planned for early winter.

### LITTLE RIVER RIPARIAN CORRIDOR PLAN

We have just completed work, with considerable help and expertise from the Upper Neuse River Basin

Association, on a planning document for future land acquisition and restoration along the Little River. Funded by a grant from Clean Water Management Trust Fund, this plan will be an important guiding document as we build upon the conservation work started with the creation of Little River Regional Park. We already have some funding designated for projects in this area and will work collaboratively with Triangle Land Conservancy to identify priorities for this year. The upper Little River is considered state significant aquatic habitat by the NC Natural Heritage Program, contains numerous rare and threatened species, and is an important tributary to the Eno River and Falls Lake. We are very excited to continue focusing on this valuable resource.

Finally, we continue to have many active projects in the Upper Eno that we look forward to sharing with you soon. If you want to learn more about protecting your property in the Eno River Basin through a sale or conservation easement, or would like to hear about conservation management options, please contact Klugh Jordan at (919) 620-9099 or [klugh@enoriver.org](mailto:klugh@enoriver.org).

## Donation Wish List

Macintosh laptop computers (G3 or newer)

Field guides to native wildlife

Small P.A. system or bullhorn

Gardening/Trail tools

Postage stamps



## The Eno Welcomes Klugh Jordan

Klugh Jordan joined us on October 3 as the newest member of the Association staff, in the position of Land Protection Specialist. Klugh is a native of Raleigh, though her name (pronounced "clue") harkens back to her German ancestry. She has joint master's degrees in Forestry and Natural Resource Economics from the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, and comes to us directly from the Southern Environmental Law Center in Chapel Hill where she worked as a Forest Policy Associate for just over a year. After Klugh's graduation from Duke, she celebrated with an eight-week road trip across the country visiting National Parks. When she's not hard at work saving the Eno, Klugh enjoys modern dance, knitting, cooking, yoga and hiking. She collects temporary tattoos and has been known to wear more than one tattoo at a time for special occasions. She can be reached at [klugh@enoriver.org](mailto:klugh@enoriver.org) or (919) 620-9099 for anything land-related, or just to say hello. Welcome, Klugh! We're glad you're here.

## Crafts at the Festival for the Eno

Do you know anyone who would want to be a craft vendor at the 2006 Festival for the Eno? Here's some info they might find useful...

- Ours is a juried event, open to residents of the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee only.
- There is no application or jury fee.
- All items must be the handiwork of the participant, who must be present at the event all three days (July 1, 2, and 4, 2006).
- We will mail applications out in mid-January, and the application deadline is March 1. The jury will meet in mid-March and applicants will be notified of acceptance status by April 1.
- Artists are required to submit 4-6 slides or photos of their work along with their application.

To receive an application, or for more info, please contact the Festival staff at [festival@enoriver.org](mailto:festival@enoriver.org) or (919) 477-4549.

## Eno Reading Room

*An incomplete suggested reading list to keep you and your family entertained and educated this winter.*

*The Piedmont Almanac*, by Dave Cook

*Adventure Guide to the Triangle*, by Maia Dery

*Wild Flowers of North Carolina*, Second Edition, Eds. William S. Justice, C. Ritchie Bell, and Anne H. Lindsey

*Birding in North Carolina State Parks*, published by Audubon North Carolina

*Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, by Richard Louv

*Roadside Use of Native Plants*, Eds. Bonnie Harper-Lore and Maggie Wilson

*A Star in My Orange: Looking for Nature's Shapes*, by Dana Meachen Rau

*Noah's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Back Yards*, by Sara Stein

*Earthcare: Women and the Environment*, by Carolyn Merchant

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Suzette Snyder	Bob Pfeiffer
Pam Watkins	Lee-Ellen Goodrich
Kat Benz	Caroline Royall
Kathy Davis	Bob Reed
Martha Scotford	

## Welcome to our New Members

Karsten and Carol Rist	Louren Hallendall
Toby DeWitt	Jodi Balinkolt
Katie Redick	Ken Rose
Grace Morgart	Peter Taylor
Roland Wilkins	Avis Hodges
Jeff Hamilton	Jason and Johanna Wicker
Charlotte Bluske	Mack Wicker
Scott Strickler	Holly Wicker
Donna Michelle Beaudoin	Robert and Maureen Windmeyer
Jamie Parks	Diane Currier
Richard and Amanda Haney	Joline Ezzell

## Festival for the Eno Donors

Don Ledbetter	Frog Hollow Outdoors
Bill Gramley	Gary and Nancy Watson

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Annette Jurgelski	Sara O'Neill
Don Moffitt and Sidney Cruze	Kids Kountry Family Services, Inc.
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#### Eno River Association Membership Application/Renewal Form

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I would like to make an additional contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Level



- \$10 Student
- \$25 Friend
- \$35 Patron
- \$50 Supporter
- \$100 Protector
- \$250 Steward
- \$500 Conservator
- \$1000 Eno Guardian
- \$5000 Life Member

#### Volunteer for the Eno

- Please inform me of volunteer opportunities with the Eno River Association. (Please provide an email address if you have one.)

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