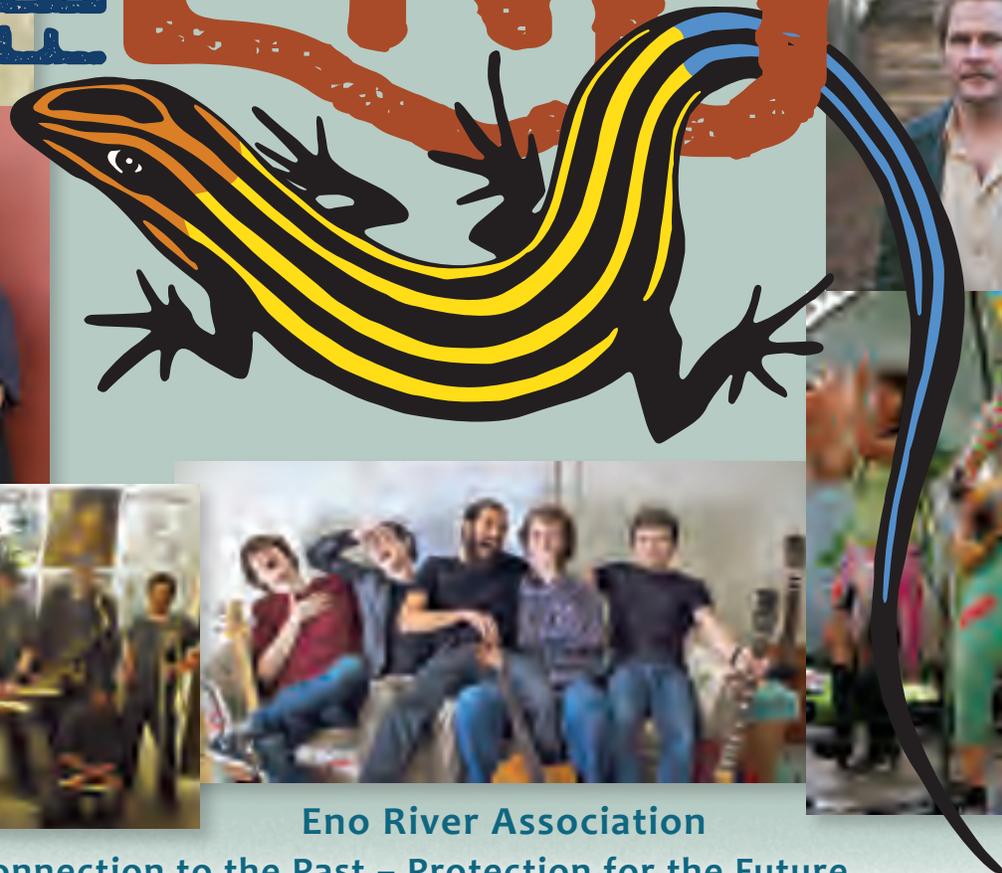


Spring/Summer 2016

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# FESTIVAL FOR THE ENO



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



The mission of the Eno River Association is to conserve and protect the nature, culture, and history of the Eno River basin.

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## Letter from the Executive Director

First, I want to thank everyone who voted in favor of the Connect NC Bond, which passed with overwhelming support during the March primary election. Because of you, Eno River State Park will receive \$2.8 million to help build a visitor's center and add parking, and the North Carolina Mountains-to-Sea Trail (which traverses the park through Durham and Orange counties) will receive \$4.5 million. I know parking doesn't sound very sexy (or environmental for that matter), but it is sorely needed, especially on those gorgeous spring weekends when over 400 cars try to park in a lot designed for 60. Though often a challenge for our park partners, it's also a testament to our success that so many are getting outdoors to enjoy nature and the river that we have made so publically accessible.

### Do we have what it takes for another 50 years of success? That depends: are you all in?

One thing we've learned in our 50 years in the trenches is that we can't do everything. It's like trying to fit 400 cars into 60 spaces. So, we have to work smarter, not harder. We're after a controlled burn, not a wildfire. In real terms, this means we need a compelling vision, a clear path, and both the expertise and financial resources to achieve it.

### Our vision inspires:

*We can help wildlife adapt to climate change right here at home. We can protect thousands more acres, build more miles of trails, and safeguard drinking water for hundreds of thousands of Triangle residents. We have an important role to play in conserving farms important to our local food supply and agricultural heritage.*

Our goals are ambitious but achievable. Our path is laid by the science-based plans that prioritize our work. We have the expertise, and our national accreditation affirms that our programs and operations are solid. We depend on you for the funding.

Like Bilbo Baggins, we often feel "like butter scraped over too much bread." To make our work truly sustainable, your annual gift—whether small or tall—needs to be just a little bigger. What is the missing link between ambition and achieving our highest conservation goals? Funding. The chasm between business-as-usual and innovation? Funding. The biggest barrier to seizing the next conservation opportunity? Funding. Sure, we need you to volunteer, attend an event, and communicate your interests and concerns. But also consider digging a little deeper or weighing your philanthropic dollars a little heavier towards the Eno. Our targeted approach doesn't result in less impact but rather an even bigger splash, both in Durham and Orange counties and downstream.

Sincerely,



## Confluence Natural Area: Great News About Our Flagship Property

Kim Livingston

If you have ever volunteered at our Confluence Natural Area north of Hillsborough, you'll remember the bumpy, muddy entrance. You may also remember a collection of dilapidated structures cast adrift in a sea of overgrown weeds. Well, your drive into the conservation area is now smooth and things definitely look different!

Since we purchased the 179-acre Confluence in 2007, our goal has been to actively manage the property in ways that enhance its conservation values. We have also sought to develop it for educational and recreational use. Until recently, we have focused on conservation by restoring a bottomland hardwood forest along the East Fork of the Eno River and removing invasive species. We have also leased the land, a former farm, for growing hay. However, over the last year or two we have been focused on securing the funding needed to enhance the property as a community resource. Though we still have some money to raise (about \$50,000 to construct an open-air classroom/pavilion), we are now well underway.

To start, 91 volunteers have spent nearly 300 hours building two trails on the property. One takes you to an historic mill site while the other takes you to the confluence of the west and east forks of the river where the main stem of the Eno begins. The entrance road has been graded and one of the smaller fields has now been turned into a

gravel parking area. The dilapidated structures have been removed. Prior to their demolition, our partners in the Orange County Department of Environment, Agriculture, and Parks and Recreation documented the site's historic buildings and the Association, along with a local artist, salvaged some of their architectural elements.

### Coming this Spring

In the next month or two, we will build a new vault privy on the property, and plans are now in the works to construct an open-air classroom/pavilion. Ever heard of a sensory garden? Once the pavilion is built, we will be installing a garden to engage your senses and help those with visual impairments experience nature.

We want you to be as excited about the Confluence Natural Area as we are, and invite you to join us at this special place for a hike, stewardship workday, kid's program, or other event. We also want to thank the funders who have made these important developments possible, including the Triangle Community Foundation, F.M. Kirby Foundation, the Dickinson Family, and members and donors like you. If you are

interested in getting involved in stewardship at the Confluence please email [kim@enoriver.org](mailto:kim@enoriver.org). If you would like to donate to support this effort, please specify the Confluence Fund!



## We take the stewardship of our land and water—and your support—seriously.

**W**e are excited to announce that the Eno River Association's accredited status has been renewed by the Land

Trust Accreditation Commission. Accreditation follows a rigorous examination of our land protection, fundraising, and administrative practices, and certifies that Eno

has met national standards for excellence in conservation and upholding the public trust.

When we were initially accredited in 2010, the Eno River Association was one of the first 105 accredited land trusts in the country. We remain the only

nationally accredited land trust working in Durham and Orange Counties. The Association aims to meet this gold standard well into the future.



## MEET THE 50 HIKES CHALLENGE

To celebrate the Eno River Association's 50th Anniversary, we are hosting 50 guided hikes on the Eno. Each Sunday from January through June, hike leaders will take you on a new adventure on the Eno. Visit [enoriver.org/50hikes](http://enoriver.org/50hikes) and check the calendar to learn more about each hike's destination, length, and level of activity.

### Sign Up to Be Counted

Go to [enoriver.org/50hikes](http://enoriver.org/50hikes) to log in and create your entry in our 50 Hikes on the Eno Challenge Log Book. You can use your real name (data will be public) or a Trail Name, and log in all of your hikes. As long as you do 50 hikes in the Eno River watershed in 2016, we don't care if you join our Eno River Association guided hikes, go on your own, join a hike offered by one of the parks, do the Mountains-to-Sea Trail on the Eno with a hiking buddy, or bring your toddler down to the river 50 times. If you hike, and it's on the Eno, log it! We can't wait to see how many hikers meet the challenge!

The Eno River Association is your local land trust—saving the places you love on the Eno!

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ENO RIVER  
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Hikes  
Challenge

# To Bee, or Not to Bee

Kim Livingston



**A**rguably, the biggest danger facing humans today is the loss of the honeybee population. No other single animal species plays a more significant role in producing the fruits and vegetables that we humans consume daily. As Albert Einstein once prophetically said, “Mankind will not survive the honey bees’ disappearance for more than five years.” Though this statement is gloomy and even scary, the Eno River Association, with support from the Burt’s Bees Greater Good Foundation, is working with partners to address this issue by helping to restore an area in the Lower Eno River Basin to a bee-loving, pollinator oasis.

The restoration work is taking place on 388 acres across 14 properties owned variously by the Association, the State of North Carolina, and the Army Corps of Engineers; and managed by us, the NC Plant Conservation Program, and the North Carolina Botanical Garden. The area is a distinct geological formation of hard igneous rock. The basic soils weathered from this underlying Diabase rock have heavily influenced the area’s topography and ecology, supporting a highly diverse and rare community of plants that support

pollinators. Staff from the partner organizations are working collaboratively to open up sections of the canopy on these properties to provide sunny gaps where wildflowers will thrive.

With the help of dedicated volunteers, we have also collected seeds from local plant populations, which the Association is germinating in a small plant nursery funded by the Burt’s Bees Greater Good Foundation. The funds are also supporting our continuing efforts to remove unwanted species and clear the understory with prescribed burning to make more room for the new plants.

Establishing plants that encourage bee activity and pollination will help preserve biodiversity and enhance the stability of native and rare plant populations on adjoining conservation lands. Actively managing these properties with prescribed fire will further contribute to habitat vitality and renewal. These enhancements and management activities not only provide excellent pollinator habitat, they are also great learning opportunities. If you are interested in joining our stewardship efforts in this area and other areas through the watershed, please email [kim@enoriver.org](mailto:kim@enoriver.org).



**OVER  
65 PERFORMERS ON  
FOUR STAGES  
INCLUDING:**

**JULY 2**

Hiss Golden Messenger  
Caique Vidal & Batuque  
Christopher Paul Stelling  
Curtis Eller's American Circus  
Ellis  
Big Celtic Fun  
Hook and Bullet  
Jon Shain  
Rainbow Kitten Surprise  
Jamie Anderson

**JULY 4**

Nikki Hill  
African American Dance Ensemble  
Boom Unit Brass Band  
Eno Islanders  
Gasoline Stove  
Gospel Jubilators  
John Dee Holeman  
Lightnin' Wells  
Mighty Gospel Inspirations  
Peter Holsapple  
Baron Von Rumblebus  
The Forryst Brothers  
...  
Backyard Chickens and Bees  
Paddling Demos  
Food Trucks  
New Healing Arts Area

**10AM - 6PM EACH DAY  
FOR TICKETS, SCHEDULES  
AND VOLUNTEER INFO  
VISIT WWW.ENORIVER.ORG**

# FESTIVAL FOR THE ENO 2016



**JULY 2 & 4**



## 2015 FESTIVAL FOR THE ENO BY THE NUMBERS

**2,683** tee shirts sold

**963** songs performed

**2** gazillion macro-invertebrates examined

**25,792** fl. oz. of Sweetwater Beer poured

**7,200** revolutions of West Point Mill Wheel

**6,232** pounds of recycling and compost diverted from landfill

**1** Honda Fit required to haul away Festival trash in one trip

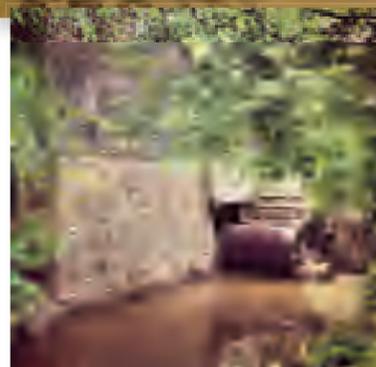
**1,785** bus miles driven between Durham County Stadium and West Point

**32** gender-neutral toilets

**27** two-way radios utilized by staff & volunteers

**1,700,000** dollars raised by the Festival for the Eno to date

**36** consecutive years John Dee Holeman has played the Festival for the Eno



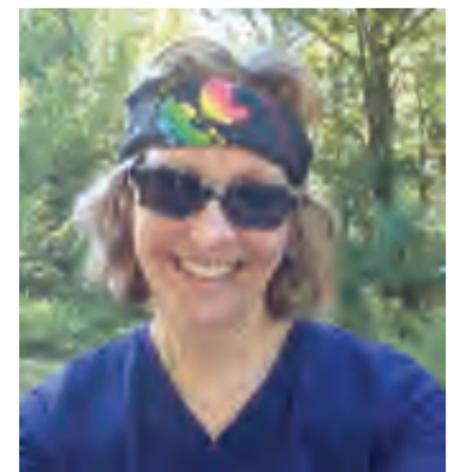
## STAND UP & BE COUNTED

Sponsors are critical to this beloved annual event, which raises environmental awareness and much-needed funding for land, water, and wildlife conservation right here in Durham and Orange counties. Get your name in front of a young progressive audience of 17,000 – 20,000 Triangle residents! A major advertising sponsorship from the Durham Herald Sun will help us reach 24,000 households with information about our Festival performers and underwriters. WUNC radio will help us reach hundreds of thousands more. For details, contact [cynthia@enoriver.org](mailto:cynthia@enoriver.org) or go to [www.enoriver.org/festival/sponsor/EnoFest\\_Business\\_Marketing\\_Opportunities.pdf](http://www.enoriver.org/festival/sponsor/EnoFest_Business_Marketing_Opportunities.pdf).

## MEET THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR!

Hi! I'm Carolee. I am fairly new to Durham. I moved to Durham just a few years ago from St. Paul, Minnesota to escape the cold and be closer to family. One year ago I bought a house in North Durham and am here to stay! I have two children, Meg and Marshall. Meg is 12 and currently a 6th grader at Central Park School for Children in downtown Durham. Her passion is dance. Marshall, is 23 and a Certified EMT. His passion is writing and producing music. Meg and I recently moved Marshall (and his dog Behr) to Durham from Minneapolis last month. We're hoping he loves it here as much as we do!

I am so happy to be here and am excited to be the Volunteer Coordinator for the 37th Eno Festival on July 2nd AND July 4th this year. I decided to accept this position because I support the Eno River Association and want to be more involved in my community. Christy is still around and helping, too! We really hope you consider volunteering a shift (or two) at the Eno Festival this year! I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you! Questions? Please contact me at [carolee@enoriver.org](mailto:carolee@enoriver.org). This Festival couldn't happen without a strong community. I'm hoping you'll join the efforts in making this year's Festival another amazing success. I hope to hear from you soon! Thank you all for making Durham a fantastic place to be!



**THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL PROMISES TO BE EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER**

*Some memories of our Anniversary Celebration  
commemorating 50 years of protecting land and water.*



## Volunteer Workday Schedule for Remainder of Spring 2016

May 21st 9AM-12PM: We need your help building trails at the Confluence Natural Area. We will continue the newly built trail from the confluence of the East and West Fork Eno River along the West Fork Eno River to the old mill site. Tools, gloves, water, and snacks will be provided. Contact kim@enoriver.org for more information and to RSVP.

### Eno River Association and Friends of Mountains-to-Sea Trail Workday:

Saturday, June 4th - 9AM-4PM: National Trails Day! We will focus on maintenance along the Cox Mountain Trail, Fanny's Ford Trail, and Eno Trace Trail. Contact fred.dietrich@duke.edu or kim@enoriver.org for more information and to RSVP.



## DURHAM CREEK WEEK 2016

**1300** Pounds of trash removed

**25** Volunteers

**98** Volunteer Hours





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### Support the Eno River Association

Want to help buy more land for Eno River State Park and protect other land for recreation, water quality, wildlife and farming? Join today! If you are not a member, why not join? If you have already paid your dues, share your love of the Eno with a friend or family member and encourage them to join the Eno River Association.

## Eno River Association Membership Form

Clip and Mail to: 4404 Guess Road, Durham, NC 27712 or  
join online at [www.enoriver.org](http://www.enoriver.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*We do not share our email list.*

Method of Payment

- Check (Please make payable to the Eno River Association)
- Mastercard  Visa Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Or, click on "Donate Now" online at [www.enoriver.org](http://www.enoriver.org)

### Membership Level

- \$5000 Blazing Star\*
- \$2500 Lady's Slipper\*
- \$1000 Crested Iris\*
- \$500 Trillium\*
- \$250 Steward
- \$100 Protector
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