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33.5 Acres Newly Protected, 40 Acres Added to the State Park, and Other Land Protection Successes in the Eno River Basin this Summer

By Wade Shelton, Director of Land Protection

We have been extremely busy throughout the Eno River basin over the past several months. We have had several successful land protection projects, and we continue to forge ahead with our various conservation partnerships.

THE ENO RIVER STATE PARK

Our partnership with the Eno River State Park has had a number of successes over the past several months. First, we purchased two new tracts which will later be transferred to the

State Park: the 22.5 acre Smith Tract and an 11 acre tract owned by the Estate of Richard Scarlett. The purchase of the Smith Tract will protect 500 feet of frontage along the Eno River and 1000 feet of frontage along Strouds Creek, which is a tributary of the Eno. "This tract is extremely important in that it expands the park westward towards Hillsborough," says Dave Cook, Superintendent of the Eno River State Park. "This is the first step towards protecting even more of the Eno River between the main sections of the park and Hillsborough."

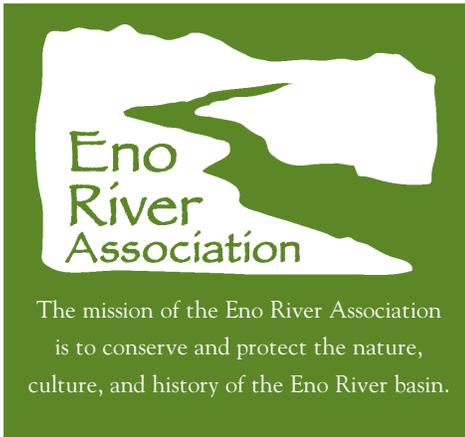
It was not easy for Clarence and Mae Smith to part with their property. The land had been in their family for nearly sixty years, and it was extremely important not only to them, but to their children and grandchildren as well, who had grown up

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Bob Jacobson

Eno River



Letter from the Director

Dear Friends of the Eno,

Even in the midst of the dog days of summer it was not a slow time for the Eno River Association. The Association's Annual Spring Picnic held at Little River Regional Park, National Trails Day celebrations on June 4, and of course the 26th Annual Festival for the Eno celebration were some of the highlights that Association members, friends, and families enjoyed this summer.

One of the reasons we are all able to enjoy the refreshing Eno River is because of the high level of energy the Association spends safeguarding the river. Our protection efforts become even more critical knowing that over 400 acres of marshes, forests, farmlands and open space disappear daily in North Carolina due to sprawling development. With this in mind, the Association has broadened the scope of our protection work to include projects in the Little River, Seven Mile Creek and the Upper Eno River Valley. Concentrating our efforts in a more regional approach to conservation allows us to protect more land in the Eno River watershed, ultimately protecting the water quality of the Eno and the surrounding streams and tributaries. The newly created Falls Lake Initiative is a prime example of the Association working together with local partners to protect drinking water in the Falls Lake Watershed.

Protection of the Eno River manifests not only in the form of land purchases and conservation easements, but also in the form of advocacy for land conservation policies on both the state and national level. There have been a number of challenges to land conservation policies and law in 2005, particularly in the last few months.

On the national level, the Joint Commission on Taxation (JCT) threatened the very heart of land conservation practices across the nation by proposing a set of recommendations designed to limit tax incentives for Conservation Easements. The Association worked in concert with the Land Trust Alliance and its leaders to offer alternative solutions to these proposals that directly impact our ability to preserve the integrity of the river and surrounding open space. Debate is ongoing on these proposals and the Association continues to address these pressing national conservation issues.

On the state level, the Association has been very active in advocating for legislation affecting land conservation and water quality. This past June, volunteers and staff of the Association participated in Clean Water Lobby Day and Land Trust Lobby Day held at the legislature in Raleigh. This was our chance to meet legislators face to face to discuss issues concerning funding of the State Trust Funds and environmental quality issues. The direct result of these efforts culminated in the passage of SB981, better known as the Drinking Water Reservoir Protection Act.

The Association also worked in conjunction with N.C Conservation Network and other statewide environmental organizations advocating for protection of North Carolina's natural resources. The Association worked with NCPiRG to designate the Eno River as a protected river in the Carolina Rivers Program.

The Eno River Association engages in all of these activities in order to stay connected with our members and the public. By participating in local decisions and offering outdoor activities and education programs, we help to shape our community and connect people to the river. We are grateful for your support and deeply value your commitment to conserving and protecting lands in the Eno River Basin. We look forward to celebrating the Eno River with you at many of our fall events including the annual meeting, calendar celebration and other community events.

Thanks for your continued support.

Warm Regards,
Rah Trost

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General Assembly and Gov. Easley say North Carolina gets Clean Lakes!

On July 6, 2005 the North Carolina House passed the Drinking Water Reservoir Protection Act, S981, more affectionately known as the Clean Lakes bill! On July 15, 2005 Governor Easley signed it into law. This new law will help clean up and protect Jordan and Falls Lakes. It also requires a study of all existing water quality data for all of the 160 drinking water lakes in North Carolina.

The Clean Lakes bill had passed the NC Senate unanimously on June 1st, and was sent to the NC House for its approval. The NC House then overwhelmingly supported it (with 113 legislators voting in favor and only two dissenting) and the bill was then sent to Governor Easley to be signed into law.

A coalition of organizations, the

NC Citizens for Clean Water, worked together to get this bill passed through the NC General Assembly. They sent in thousands of postcards, made hundreds of calls, and collectively spent hundreds of hours talking to their legislators. The Eno River Association worked directly with our legislators to help enact this legislation. Volunteers and staff participated in Clean Water Lobby Day in Raleigh, and Eno River Association staff also met with Mayor Bell of Durham to discuss the city's concerns about the bill.

Thanks to all of our members' hard work in helping to get this bill passed! Because of your help, we had a major success this year in protecting North Carolina's environment.

For more information on this bill, visit: www.nccleanwater.org.

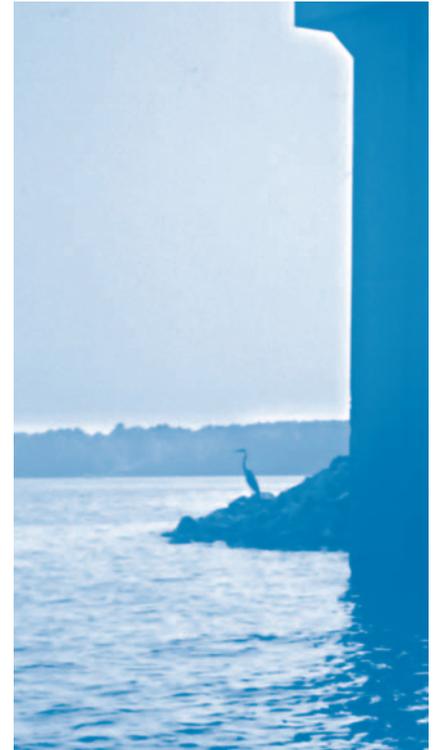
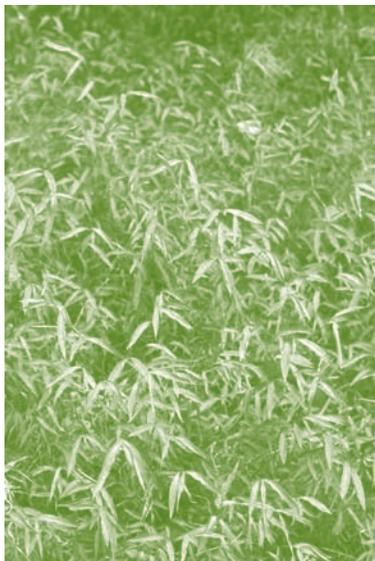


Photo courtesy of the Haw River Assembly

Great Blue Heron overlooks Jordan Lake

Be a Champion for the Environment!

The Eno River Association has received a generous grant from the Merck Company Foundation's Champions for the



The Nature Conservancy

Environment Program. This grant will enable us to work on an invasive plant species removal and native plant species restoration project in a reclaimed wetland area at West Point on the Eno Durham City Park. We will be collaborating with Durham Parks and Recreation's Environmental Educator and other partners from the Eno River basin to restore the native plant habitat in this chosen section of the park.

This is your opportunity to be a Champion for the Environment! We need teams of volunteers to help remove invasive plants, reintroduce native plants, and maintain the

habitat that we restore. Our first Champions for the Environment weekend workdays will be happening this fall—sign up now to be part of the action! This will be a fun project for all ages, and we will accomplish something that we can all be proud of. To get involved and be a Champion for the Environment, contact Emily Herbert at (919) 620-9099 or emily@enoriver.org. This will be an ongoing project with plenty of opportunity for involvement this fall and beyond! Come join the fun, get your hands in the dirt, and be a Champion for the Environment!

Japanese Stilt Grass (Microstegium vimineum) is an invasive exotic pest plant commonly found in the Eno River basin.

Review

26th Annual Festival for the

By Greg Bell, Festival Coordinator

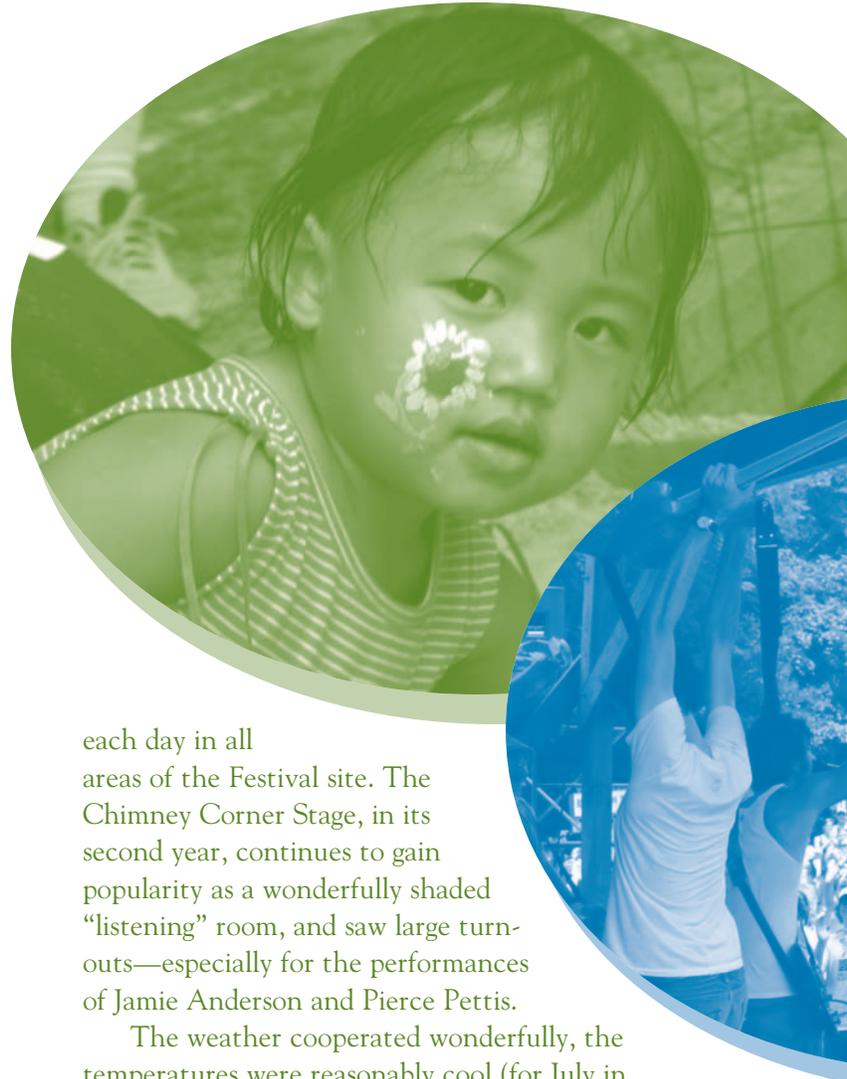
The 26th annual Festival for the Eno was held at Durham's West Point on the Eno Park on July 2, 3 and 4. Over 35,000 people attended during the three day run of the event, which earned tens of thousands of dollars for land protection work in the Eno River basin.

Attendees were treated to over a hundred performers on the five stages, as well as workshops, demonstrations and activities in venues throughout the park. The Photo Museum (Packhouse) was an air-conditioned "hot-bed" of activity, hosting non-stop events including: an exhibit of photographs by Duncan Heron detailing the rebuilding of West Point, musical saw workshops by Michigander Thom Eno, and the ever-popular musical "jam" sessions hosted by Chris Turner and Rachel Maloney which draw some of the regions best old-time musicians for afternoons of improvisation and fun. This year, rather than concentrating craft demonstrations on

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the "Back Porch" of the McCown-Mangum House, Festival organizers spread them throughout the site. Attendees could watch and participate in activities including: hand tool wood-working, carving, glasswork, and of course pottery at the Festival's own Hands-On Clay area.

On the stages, the entertainment was unceasing. The largest crowd of the Festival gathered for the performance of Jump, Little Children at the Meadow stage on July 3rd, but attendance was good



each day in all areas of the Festival site. The Chimney Corner Stage, in its second year, continues to gain popularity as a wonderfully shaded "listening" room, and saw large turn-outs—especially for the performances of Jamie Anderson and Pierce Pettis.

The weather cooperated wonderfully, the temperatures were reasonably cool (for July in NC!) and the only rain of the Festival occurred late in the day on Saturday. This downpour, in fact, prompted one of the most spontaneous and beautiful events in Festival memory. At about 5:00 pm, as the skies darkened and the first raindrops fell, the crowds began making their way to the buses. Quickly, though, the rain quickened to a downpour, forcing attendees to take shelter wherever possible, and stopping the music at most of the stages. At the Meadow stage, however, the band and sound engineers were undaunted by the weather and the music went on even as the rain fell in sheets. Most attendees huddled beneath vendor's tents

Eno ...the temperatures were reasonably cool (for July in NC!)

or the Big Top, but the music of the Stillhouse Bottom Band continued to ring out from the stage. Festival attendee/performer/volunteer Julee Glaub, inspired by the band's pluck, danced her way around to the various shelters in the vicinity, inviting others to join her.

Before long an ensemble of over 100 brave souls was assembled who skipped and turned and circled the front of the Meadow Stage, reveling in the deluge and dancing to old-time tunes as

Festival staff, volunteers and attendees watched in

delight. The rain quickly passed, the weather remained clear for the rest of the Festival, and Julee has a new nickname: "The Lord of the Dance".

The Festival is well known for its Trash-Free program, an innovative set of waste-reduction strategies that reduce the amount of landfill-bound trash by

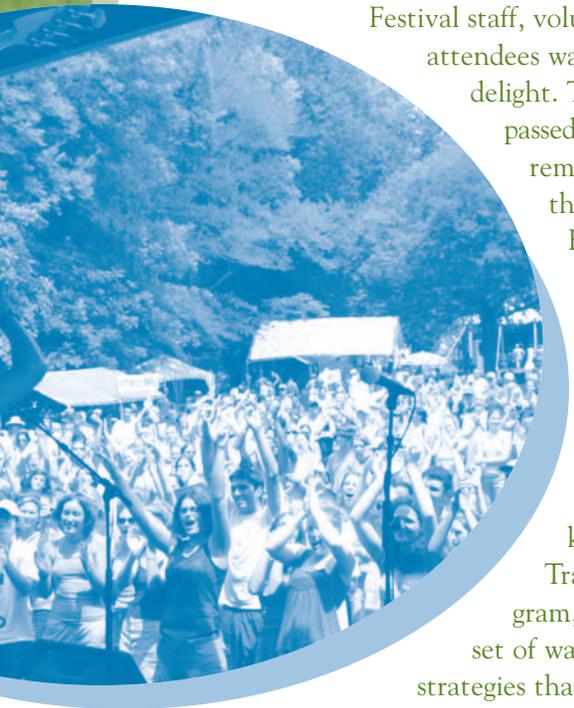
over 90%. This award-winning program serves as a model for other events throughout the world, and continues to improve in efficiency. This year the Festival was able to provide recycling of vegetable oil. This oil, used for the fries, falafel and funnel cakes everyone enjoyed, was received by the folks at Piedmont Biofuels, and will be converted to clean-burning biodiesel fuel for automobiles.

The Trash-Free program is run by seven dedicated managers and implemented by over 50 hard-working volunteers who monitor the stations, collect the materials

for recycling and compost, build the compost pile and answer questions about our efforts. The Festival was very pleased this year to welcome Tim Stillman who journeyed from New Hampshire to volunteer for all three days of the event and learn more about our program. Tim is involved in the Common Ground Country Fair in Unity, Maine and serves as a coordinator of their Zero Garbage Project. The Common Ground Country Fair is a large, educational event focused on organic farming and gardening and features local crafts, food and folk-arts along with a huge selection of delicious food. The Trash-Free team greatly enjoyed comparing notes with Tim (as well as his hard work!), and we encourage everyone to visit this great event, held each September.

The stages are barely disassembled and put away, but the Festival Staff is already hard at work on next year's event. We wish to thank all the contributors, volunteers, performers and crafts artists who worked so hard to make this year's event such a success, and encourage anyone with ideas, energy, talents or enthusiasm to contact us to find ways to help make the 2006 Festival even more of a success! Volunteers (over 1000 help each year) are needed year-round. If you'd like to help in the office over the fall and winter please email volunteer@enoriver.org or call (919) 477-4549.

We hope you love the Festival for the Eno as much as we do! Mark your calendars now for the 27th Annual Festival, to be held July 1, 2, & 4, 2006. We hope you'll join us for another fantastic year of music, crafts, community, and conservation in 2006 as we celebrate the Eno River Association's 40th year of conserving and protecting the nature, culture, and history of the Eno River basin.



33 Acres Protected, *continued from page 1*

playing in the woods on the property and on the banks of the Eno. “The land is so beautiful, it almost brought a tear to my eye when I walked out to the river and thought about selling it,” said Clarence Smith. “But it is important to me and my family that the land won’t be developed. Now we know that it will be permanently protected, which means so much more to us.”

The Richard Scarlett Tract will protect 375 feet of frontage along the Eno River and brings us one step closer to closing the gap of unprotected land (known as the missing link region) between the two main sections of the State Park. “This tract is an important ‘missing link’ from both a resource protection and recreational standpoint,” says Dave Cook. “Its acquisition will help to create a contiguous area of protected habitat as well as maintain the water quality of the Eno River, while at the same time allowing us to extend the trail system throughout the park.”

We have also recently transferred three tracts to the State Park, the Williams Tract, the Betty Scarlett Tract, and the Richard Scarlett Tract. Together, these three tracts protect nearly 40 acres of land, as well as over half a mile of frontage along the Eno River in the missing link region.

FALLS LAKE INITIATIVE

The Association’s work on the Falls Lake Initiative continues to go well. We are currently working with our numerous partners on the project to protect drinking water quality and sensitive natural areas within the 750 square mile Falls Lake watershed. We are currently focusing on the planning phase of the project, which will identify

conservation priorities throughout the Falls Lake watershed, while also working on specific land protection projects. The City of Raleigh has also generously agreed to provide \$1 million in funding for the project over the next two years, so we expect to accomplish great things through this initiative.

ORANGE COUNTY AND ENO RIVER

DIABASE SILL PARTNERSHIPS

We also continue to work on a variety of different land protection projects through our partnerships with the Orange County’s Environmental Resource Conservation Department (ERCD) along the Upper Eno, the NC Plant Conservation Program (PCP) and the NC Botanical Garden (NCBG) in Durham County, and Orange County ERCD, Durham County, and the Triangle Land Conservancy (TLC) along the Little River. All of these partnerships will enable us to protect more critical habitat

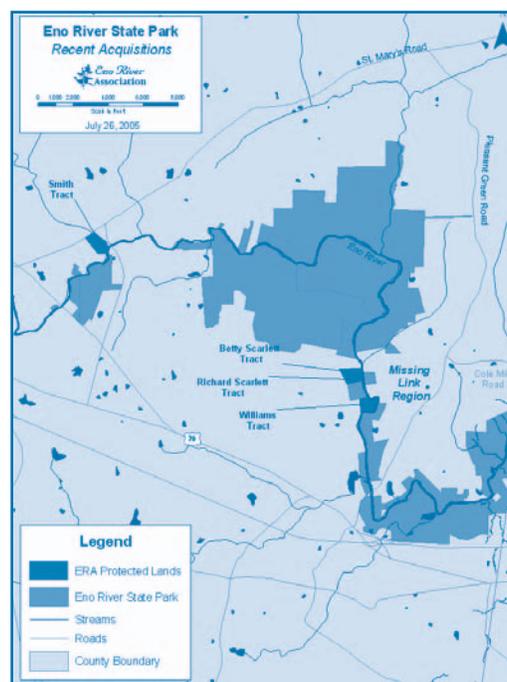
throughout the Eno River basin. While we do not have any specific successes to report at this time, we do anticipate completing a number of different land protection projects both in Durham and Orange Counties in the next three to six months.

WADE SAYS GOODBYE TO THE ENO

Lastly, it is with a somewhat heavy heart that I must inform you that I am resigning as Director of Land Protection on August 12th. This was not an easy decision for me to make, as I have thoroughly enjoyed my work at the Association over the past two years. I have been extremely fortunate to not only have the opportunity to work to protect a river that I know and love, but to be successful in those efforts as well.

I will be working for Baltimore County’s Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management, doing stream and wetland restoration, and shoreline enhancement work. It will be a new field for me, and I am excited by the challenge. This move fits extremely well into my long-term plans at both a professional and a personal level, and I simply cannot pass it up.

We have accomplished far more over these two short years than I ever imagined when I first started working here. I am honored to have been able to help lay the foundation of a solid land protection program for a great organization that will continue to do great things well into the future. I will always cherish the time I spent working here.



Announcements

CALL FOR ENO RIVER CURRENTS SUBMISSIONS

Please share your writing and photography talents with the readers of *Eno River Currents*! We are accepting submissions of: articles of interest to the Eno community, short literature/poems (500 words or less), and high-resolution digital photographs and scanned artwork (300+ dpi) for possible publication in future editions of *Currents*. See your work in print and share your thoughts with the community! Please contact Emily Herbert, Program Coordinator with submissions, questions, or suggestions for the newsletter. (919) 620-9099 or emily@enoriver.org

FY2003-2004 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Annual Report for the fiscal year 2003-2004 is now available online at www.enoriver.org. If you would like a hard copy of the report, please contact Emily at (919) 620-9099 or emily@enoriver.org.

ANNUAL MEETING—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

The Eno River Association will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, October 30 from 2:00–4:00pm at the Pleasant Green Community Center. Association members will receive invitations in the mail and information will be available at www.enoriver.org. All are welcome to attend—please bring a treat to share!

IS THERE AN ARCHIVIST IN THE HOUSE?

The Eno River Association seeks a lead volunteer to help create a system to organize, preserve, identify, catalog, and store our extensive archives of photographs, news clippings, documents, publications, and calendars. We also need help expanding these archives and keeping them current. If you're a great organizer, or just enjoy scanning the papers, we can use your help. Contact Emily at (919) 620-9099 or emily@enoriver.org to lead the project or to lend a hand.



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and encourage them to join the Eno River
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Membership Application/Renewal Form**

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