Calendar of Events

Land Trust Day, National Trails Day & Walkable Hillsborough
Saturday June 2nd

National River Cleanup Week
June 2nd – 10th

Hillsborough Hog Day
Saturday June 16th

Support your local river – ERA canoe trip with Frog Hollow
Sunday, June 17th

28th Festival for the Eno!
July 4th, 7th & 8th
10 am – 6 pm

Volunteer appreciation event – JamboreEno
Saturday, August 25th

Visit www.enoriver.org for details on these events and more!

Land Protection in the Lower Eno
Klugh Jordan, Director of Land Protection

We have been busy closing several exciting projects in the Lower Eno in Durham County over the last few months. We have purchased six properties totaling 53 acres since December. Four of these have been transferred to the State’s Plant Conservation Program for restoration and management for rare Diabase plants, while two will be held by the Association for open space and public recreation.

Diabase Properties
We continue to piece together a growing network of protected land surrounding Penny’s Bend Nature Preserve through our partnership with the North Carolina Plant Conservation Program and the North Carolina Botanical Garden. We each play an important role in this partnership, with the Association focused on outreach and negotiation with landowners, the Plant Conservation Program taking ownership and management responsibilities of the acquired properties, and essential technical advice coming from the Botanical Garden. We have been fortunate to have strong and sustained support from the Natural Resources Foundation.

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It’s time again for the Festival for the Eno!

On July 4th, 7th, and 8th we will celebrate the 28th annual Festival for the Eno. Everyone knows that the Festival is a great way to have fun and celebrate the 4th of July, but we should never forget its real purpose. It’s all in the name: Festival for the Eno. The Festival is about connecting people to the river and raising funds to help protect those wonderful, special places that surround it.

There are lots of ways you can help protect the river by helping to make the Festival for the Eno a success.

**Make a donation.** Every dollar raised through the Festival increases our capacity to preserve land and protect the river. To support the Eno financially mail a check to the Association or make a secure donation online at our website. For information about becoming a Festival sponsor contact Greg Bell, Festival Coordinator, at greg@enoriver.org or 919-620-9099 ext 203.

**Volunteer.** It takes more than 1,000 volunteers to produce the Festival each year. Help is needed before, during, and after the event in the office and at the site. To participate contact Pam Watkins, Volunteer Coordinator, at 919-620-9099 ext. 205 or pam@enoriver.org or go online to sign up.

**Come to the Festival and have a good time.** Every ticket, tee-shirt, poster, and cold drink you buy at the Festival helps raise money to protect the Eno, but your mere presence adds to the community, creates excitement, and makes the event more vibrant and attractive to vendors, sponsors, and even other attendees. Advance tickets are $10 online or at ticket outlet locations listed on our website, or buy tickets at the gate for $13. Three-day passes are $25, but must be purchased in advance. For groups of more than 20, even deeper discounts are available. Contact Greg Bell for more information.

Don’t forget that kids 12 and under are free.

**Tell your friends.** Help spread the word about how to have fun and protect the environment at the same time. Tell your friends, your neighbors, your class, and your co-workers. Put an announcement in your church or PTA newsletter. Send a link to our website to your mailing list or neighborhood listserv. Tip your waiter or mechanic with Eno tickets.

Thanks for helping to protect the Eno. We’ll see you (and your mechanic) at the Festival!

Robin Jacobs
The Eno River loses long-time friend Susan Singleton Rose

Many people find their connection to the Eno River through clubs and organized outings on the river, and Susan Rose, our long-time friend, board member, and past treasurer, was one of these people. In the mid-1930s the Duke Explorers Club organized hikes to the Eno River where Susan met her future husband, Marion Simon Rose, and learned to love the Eno. Susan’s involvement in the Association for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley and the Roses’ connections to Durham helped give credibility to the fledgling grassroots organization. Susan passed away on April 30th from complications following a stroke. Her hard work and dedication to the Eno River will live on as the Association continues to pursue its mission to protect land and water in the Eno River basin.

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Heritage Trust Fund, which has been the primary funder for acquisition of each of these properties.

These properties are already supporting populations of several rare and endangered plants, including Glade Wild Quinine, Hoary Puccoon, Blue Wild Indigo, Prairie Dock, and Narrow-leaf Aster. The Plant Conservation Program will use management tools including prescribed fire and thinning in order to promote establishment of the plants throughout the properties.

RIVERFRONT PROPERTIES

On January 5, the Association purchased 13 acres on the Eno from Rufus and Marjorie Coulter who used to run a commercial nursery on the site. The Coulters generously provided the Association with an option two years ago that allowed us time to raise the money necessary for the purchase. This property will provide a protected buffer of more than 3,000 feet along the Eno and its tributaries.

The tract is adjacent to a larger area already protected by our Diabase project and is along the proposed route of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. With the addition of this property, the Association has protected nearly a mile of continuous river frontage as open space along this stretch of the Eno, getting us closer to our goal of a continuous greenway between West Point on the Eno City Park and Penny’s Bend. Funding for the project came from Durham County, through its Open Space and Trails Commission, as well as the State’s Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

On March 27, the Association purchased six acres across the Eno from Penny’s Bend from Sid and Lori Williams. We will manage this property as open space and for low-impact recreation, with plans to construct a trail early in the summer. (Please contact us if you want to be notified of upcoming trail construction volunteer days!)

Funding for this project came from Durham County Open Space and Trails Commission, and from the City of Raleigh through the Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative. This unusual partnership is a testament to the multiple benefits that the property can provide, both within its boundaries and downstream as well. Located in an important area for drinking water quality in our region, it is less than a mile upstream of the critical area catchments for Falls Lake. Protection of this property will contribute to both drinking water quality and open space and recreational enjoyment of the public.

If you want to learn more about protecting your property in the Eno River Basin through a sale, donation, or conservation easement, or would like to hear about conservation management options, please contact Klugh Jordan at 919-620-9099 ext. 203 or klugh@enoriver.org.
On July 4th, 7th, and 8th we will celebrate the 28th annual Festival for the Eno.

That’s 28 years of creating parklands, of engendering a river-centered community, of educating families about the wonders of the natural world, and of raising money to preserve the clean waters and beautiful lands of the Eno.

Through the efforts of each of the 27 previous Festivals, we have earned money for land protection along the Eno, and brought international recognition to our successes and our river. There are now over 5,000 acres of land and water protected in the Eno River basin, but pressures are increasing. Lands that are not protected today may be gone tomorrow. The Eno River Association is working tirelessly to identify and acquire sensitive areas along the length of the Eno; and to place them in trust so that our children’s children can know the joys of swimming in clean water, of walking though sun-dappled dogwoods, or gazing at night stars in a prairie meadow.

Thousands of people have helped in our efforts so far. If we are to succeed in permanently protecting the Eno we will need the help of many more. And what more enjoyable way to pitch in than through the Festival for the Eno? Donations of time, money, and talent are always needed. Call and let us know how you can help out!

Youth Craft Show

New this year, the Youth Craft Show offers emerging artists ages 15 and under the opportunity to display and sell their wares at the Festival for the Eno. The artists do not need to be present (though we’d love to have them). Look for guidelines and application forms on our website. A big “Thanks” to See-Saw Studios of Durham for their generous assistance in putting this show together!

NEW this Year

Sustainable Home and Garden Expo (ShaG)

For the first time ever a limited number of spaces are open in the Sustainable Home and Garden Expo to businesses engaged in the production, distribution, or marketing of earth-friendly products and services. We are excited to be able to highlight our neighboring businesses that care about the environment as much as we do! Look for the ShaG Expo in front on the Mill each day of the Festival. Application forms and information are available on our website.
Festival for the Eno presents
Bearfoot Bluegrass Camp for Kids

June 30, July 2, and 3, 2007 • 10am – 3:30pm daily
Durham, NC
Open to kids age 5–17
Beginning to advanced instruction in banjo, guitar, bass, fiddle, and vocals.

About the camp
The Bearfoot Bluegrass camp is organized and instructed by the Bearfoot Bluegrass Band, a dynamic, talented, young ensemble which hails from Anchorage, Alaska.

The camp curriculum features instrumental and vocal instruction, and is supported by a songbook and CD. All attendees will learn the basics of group play in various camp band ensembles. The instructors are adept at teaching at all ability levels. The camp provides a series of three instructional periods combined with one band period daily and a final camp performance by all campers on-stage at the Festival for the Eno on July 4th. Camp applications are available at www.enoriver.org/festival/camp. For more info or to request an application be mailed to you, call the Festival for the Eno at (919) 477-4549 or email camp@enoriver.org. The fee for the three days is $160. Instruments for loan and private lessons are available upon request.

About the Instructors
Hailing from Anchorage Alaska, Bearfoot is fast-rising on the acoustic music scene. The band features three part vocal harmony, solid rhythm and soloing on mandolin and guitar, twin fiddles, and acoustic bass. Their repertoire ranges from the band’s original contemporary acoustic songs to fast-paced instrumentals to arrangements of traditional tunes evoking the high lonesome sounds of Bill Monroe. Bearfoot has a lively and engaging stage presence with an appeal that crosses generations—from younger audiences to older and traditional bluegrass fans.

They have won awards at such prestigious competitions and Festivals as the Telluride Bluegrass Festival Band Competition and the National Bluegrass Playoff. They have been featured on NPR’s “Mountain Stage” and released their fourth album, “Follow Me”, last June.

To request an application or for more info call (919) 477-4549, email camp@enoriver.org or visit www.enoriver.org/festival/camp.

Volunteers are always welcome:
before, during, or after the Festival.
If you’d like to help present NC’s preeminent Independence Day Celebration, please call Pam, our Volunteer Coordinator at 620-9099 ext. 205 or email pam@enoriver.org.

Join the Teen Team
Do you know a teenager or young adult who enjoys working with kids? Protecting our local environment? Holding a leadership position? The Festival for the Eno is looking for highly responsible teenagers and young adults to help manage aspects of the 2007 Festival for the Eno, July 4, 7, and 8. For more information visit the website, call the Festival office at 620-9099 ext. 207 or email maddiey@enoriver.org.
NEW STAFF & INTERN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our staff is growing! In late May we welcomed a new Land Protection Specialist to our Eno staff, and this year we have two summer interns as well. Kurt Schlimme, our new Land Protection Specialist, will be working with Klugh Jordan, Director of Land Protection, in the development and implementation of strategies for land acquisition, as well as managing stewardship plans for our growing number of conservation easements and protected land holdings. Kurt graduated from the University of Michigan in 1999 with a B.Sc. in Environmental Policy and moved to Durham in 2004 to pursue his Master of Environmental Management at Duke University. He traces his interest in land use to his early years spent visiting his grandparents at their farm in Indiana, and his experiences as an AmeriCorps volunteer working with land trusts solidified his commitment to land protection.

Because of the limited funding through governmental agencies, the land protection responsibility has been taken up by organizations such as Eno River Association. Anyone who has taken a walk along the Eno realizes what would be missing if these organizations did not exist.”

Kurt can be reached by email at kurt@enoriver.org or by phone at 919-620-9099 ext. 206.

SEASONAL STAFF

Each year a team of seasonal staff and volunteers work with Greg Bell, Coordinator of the Festival for the Eno, and Pam Watkins, Volunteer Coordinator, to present our annual three-day extravaganza. We are excited to have Maddiey Straubel returning, and this year she’s wearing two hats! Maddiey is a senior at Northern High School and she is an active member of the Young People’s Performance Company in Durham. She chose the Eno for her work-study project this semester and is developing and implementing new programming in the children’s area at the Festival, including the newly formed leadership program called “The Teen Team”. Following the completion of classes she will also be working as the Assistant Coordinator at the Festival.

For more information about the Teen Team contact Maddiey Straubel at maddiey@enoriver.org

SUMMER INTERNS

We are very pleased to have Erin Hagan on board this summer to develop a model relating stream flow to aquatic habitat in the Eno River. She will be working closely with the NC Division of Water Resources in designing and carrying out her study. The results of Erin’s project and analysis will be used to evaluate the effects of various water management alternatives in the Eno basin, particularly as they impact the flow needs for aquatic habitat downstream of withdrawals. Erin is currently pursuing her Masters degree at Duke University’s Nicholas School of the Environment, focusing on watershed management and aquatic ecology. We are grateful for the support of the Edna Bailey Sussman Fund, which sponsors internships that apply hard science to solving environmental problems.

Through funding provided by the Stanback Internship program at The Nicholas School of the Environment and the Duke Summer of Service program we were able to create an Education and Outreach intern position this summer. Duke sophomore Isaac Warren will be working with Kathy Lee, our Director of Education and Outreach, on expanding our Eno River Watch volunteer monitoring program. He will also work with our Land Protection staff on landowner outreach and with Erin on her aquatic habitat research. Isaac became familiar with the Eno River as a Research Learning Service student in Dr. Julie Reynolds’ Writing in Biology class—a community-based
Did you know that if you are at least 70 1/2 years old and required to take annual distributions from an Individual Retirement Account you can use a Charitable IRA Rollover to make that distribution tax-free and support the Eno River Association at the same time? During 2006 and 2007, Charitable IRA Rollovers permit taxpayers to satisfy minimum distribution requirements by making tax-free distributions of up to $100,000 per year. All it takes is a written direction to the Plan Owner or Administrator to make the distribution directly to a public charity such as the Eno River Association. This kind of gift can be especially beneficial to people who don't itemize their deductions, in effect giving them the equivalent of a charitable deduction. Currently this great provision expires at the end of 2007, but legislation has been introduced to make it permanent. If you're interested in learning more please call Robin Jacobs at 919-620-9099 ext. 202 or email robin@enoriver.org

Support the Eno with a Charitable IRA Rollover Gift

Donation Wish List

Our Eno staff is growing (see New Staff announcements)
Needed: 1,600–2,000 sq.ft. of office space in Durham

When a department at Self-Help Credit Union upgraded their telephone system they passed along the switching hardware and telephones to us. Thanks to Self-Help we now have individual voice mail boxes, making it easier for you to get in touch with us!
Eno River Association Membership

Join us! We are always in need of members who want to help protect the nature, culture, and history of the Eno River. If you are not a member, why not join today? 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. Memberships also make great gifts!

Eno River Currents is online!
The Eno River Association’s newsletter, Eno River Currents, is also available online at our website, www.enoriver.org. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically instead of (or in addition to) the paper edition, please call 919-620-9099 or email: association@enoriver.org

Eno River Association Membership

Membership Application/Renewal Form

Clip and Mail to: 4419 Guess Road, Durham, NC 27712

Name ________________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________________
City ____________________________State_________ Zip ________________
Phone_____________________________________________________________
Email _____________________________________________________________

We do not share our email list.

I would like to make an additional contribution of $ ___________________

All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your contribution.

Method of Payment

☐ Check (Please make payable to the Eno River Association)
☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa  Credit Card # _______________________________

Signature______________________________ Exp. Date ____________

Membership Level

☐ $10 Student
☐ $25 Friend
☐ $35 Patron
☐ $50 Supporter
☐ $100 Protector
☐ $250 Steward
☐ $500 Conservator
☐ $1000 Guardian
☐ $5000 Champion

Volunteer for the Eno

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

Clip and mail this form or join online at www.enoriver.org