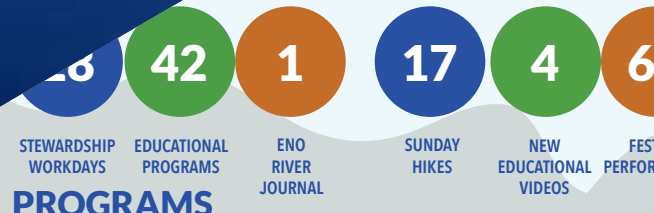


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WINTER 2022
AN UPDATE FROM ENO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings Friends,

On behalf of the Eno River Association staff and board, I am pleased to share this issue of Eno Currents. I hope you will enjoy the enclosed 2021 Annual Report, and a preview of what is shaping up to be another great year on the Eno!



The work we do at the Association is made possible by people like you. We are tremendously grateful for you; our community of advocates, members, volunteers, donors, and friends. Millions of people and an abundance of wildlife and plants benefit from the ongoing work we do together, ensuring the Eno River is one of the cleanest in the State.

Now, I know the impact the Eno has on our lives runs much deeper than these numbers and statistics. Oh, how I love hearing the Eno stories from you, our members and friends!

*About that first date between soul mates, held at Fanny's Ford.
About your daily walks on the Eno, for refuge and healing.
About coming to this place, and feeling the reawakening of your childhood self.
About the student who overcame her fear here, and now loves holding snakes.
About a recipe for persimmon bread, and a 'secret' spot on the lower Eno to find them.
About a beloved Eno dog, who walks by your side.*

We all have an Eno story! It's what makes the Eno so dear to us; what inspires us to give, volunteer, and join in the work of the Eno River Association. I hope you will continue to share these stories with me, and with one another. Thank you for being a part of our Association.

Warmly,

Jessica Sheffield

Jessica L. Sheffield, Executive Director



2021
BY THE NUMBERS:

1
MILLION

VISITORS TO
ENO RIVER STATE PARK
& OCCONEECHEE
MOUNTAIN STATE
NATURAL AREA

8,600

FESTIVAL FOR
THE ENO ATTENDEES

96

ACRES PROTECTED FOR
FUTURE INCLUSION
INTO ENO RIVER STATE
PARK

\$290K

IN GRANTS AWARDED
TO EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS

842

STEWARDSHIP
VOLUNTEER HOURS
WORKED

1,942

ENO RIVER
ASSOCIATION
DONORS

\$1.1
MILLION

RAISED TO
FURTHER OUR
MISSION

Turn the page for our
full Annual Report!

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



STEWARDSHIP

- Hosted 28 workdays with 270 volunteers contributing 842 hours
- Improved the Confluence Natural Area by adding a pollinator garden, updating roadside signage, improving trails, and adding two new benches
- Added pollinator garden and improved parking and trail access at our Guess Road office
- Re-routed Laurel Cliffs Nature Trail and the South River Trail at West Point on the Eno with Rotary Club of Durham
- Re-launched the Eno Trail Stewards program with over 70 volunteers contributing 750 hours

TRAIL STEWARD VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are assigned to specific trails within Eno River State Park, West Point on the Eno Durham City Park, Penny's Bend Nature Preserve, and the Confluence Natural Area to perform regular monitoring and maintenance, as well as DIY trash pickup



LAND PROTECTION

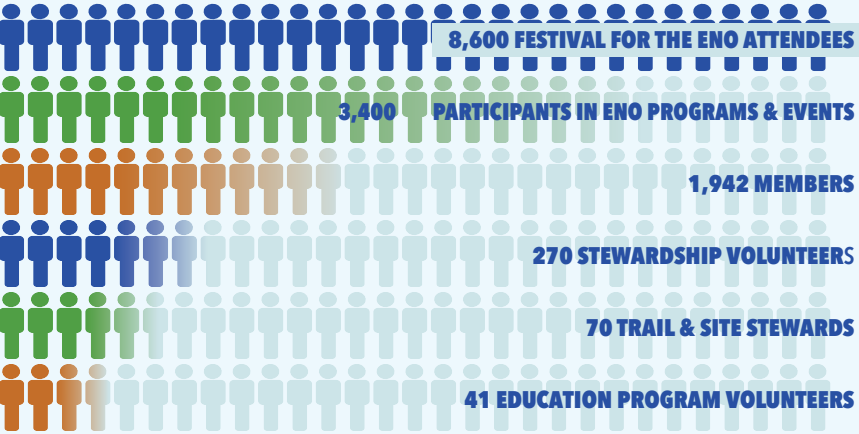
- Protected 96-acre forested property for future inclusion into Eno River State Park; includes 4,500 feet of Eno River tributaries and two Natural Heritage Areas
- Donated 8 acres on Landis Drive to the City of Durham for inclusion into West Point on the Eno Durham City Park, part of the Middle Eno River Bluffs & Slopes Natural Area



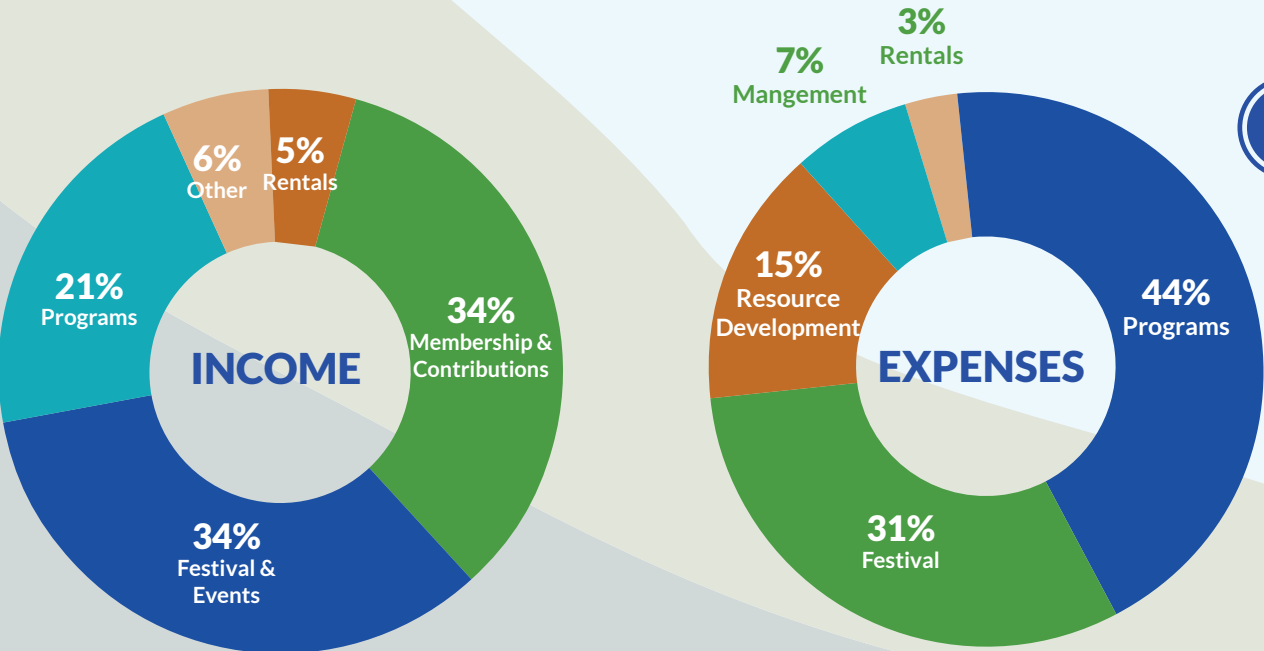
EDUCATION

- Expanded the Education Team with a full time Director of Education & Outreach and an AmeriCorps Environmental Educator
- Hosted 42 public & private educational programs, 6 youth stewardship workdays, 17 Sunday hikes, and 3 weeks of summer camp
- Published 4 new education videos, 1 Eno River Journal, and the 2022 Eno River Calendar

PEOPLE



PROGRAMS



FESTIVAL FOR THE ENO

- Hosted two events: a broadcast from St. Joseph's AME Church and an in-person event at West Point on the Eno Durham City Park
- 8,600 attendees
- 64 performances across 4 stages
- 55 craft artist booths
- Over 670 volunteer shifts
- 2,000+ volunteer hours
- 623 orders sent to 23 states in our brand-new online store

ADVOCACY

In 2021 we went back to our roots and rededicated the Eno River Association to advocacy work. We've partnered with local groups and coalitions to advocate for sensible development that will minimally impact the Eno River watershed. These projects included Buccee's, Bragtown, and Black Meadow Ridge



ENO RIVER STATE PARK & OCCONEECHEE MOUNTAIN STATE NATURAL AREA

- Over 1 million visitors in the past year
- Began construction of the new Eno River State Park visitor center, the result of the statewide 2016 bond referendum



DEVELOPMENT

- 1,942 individual members
- 199 Wildflower Society members
- 334 new donors
- 151 Sustaining members
- **TOTAL RAISED: OVER \$1.1 MILLION**

*Complete annual financials and audits are publicly available on our website: www.enoriver.org/who-we-are

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

You make protecting the land, water, wildlife, and history in Durham & Orange counties feasible. Each and every gift we receive is vital to making our work possible. The following lists highlight our Wildflower Society members, funding partners, and special honorary and memorial gifts. From this edition forward, we will now only be including these lists in our annual report newsletter, which will be published once annually. These lists will continue to be published quarterly on our website. We make every attempt to ensure accuracy when acknowledging donors and appreciate you notifying us of any errors at development@enoriver.org.

Wildflower Society

Members of our Wildflower Society have made special commitments to the Eno River Association with annual contributions of \$500 or more in 2021.

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TRILLIUM - \$500 & ABOVE

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EVENTS ON THE ENO 2022

Our education and awareness programs are designed to ignite youth and adults with a lifelong love of the Eno. Join us throughout the year for fun, hands-on, feet-wet adventures on the Eno. Subscribe to our eNews or visit the Events on the Eno calendar on our website for regular updates: www.enoriver.org.



JAN
THRU
MAY

WINTER & SPRING HIKE SERIES

Our Winter Hike Series takes you on a guided exploration of the history and geology along the river. In the spring, our Wildflower Hike Series helps you catch the ephemeral blooms before they disappear for another year.

Hikes are free, but registration is required. Visit our website for more information on dates, locations, and how to register.

SEP
THRU
MAY

MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP WORKDAYS

From September until May, join us once a month for outdoor service projects along the Eno. Build trails, pull invasive species, plant trees, or clean-up waterways with our Stewardship team. Saturdays, from 9am-Noon.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Our education team hosts at least one program or event per month to provide you the fun of learning about nature and history! Themes and subjects change regularly – and explore everything from bird watching to wood whittling to youth hikes and more! Check the Events on the Eno calendar on our website to check out our programs throughout the year.

FEB

RIBBONS OF COLOR ALONG THE ENO

Ribbons of Color No. 2: The History of People of Color Living on the Eno, being released in February, includes first and second-hand stories of those who have long lived in the Eno watershed. Purchase a copy at enofest.org/store.

MARCH
7

MEMBER ORIENTATION

7PM - If you're new to the Association, or just want a refresher on the benefits of being a member, join us for a one-hour virtual orientation. Meet the staff, get our updated schedule of events, and learn about the incredible impact of your gifts to the Association. If you must miss the live session, a recording will be available on our iHearttheEno YouTube channel.

MARCH
13-19

DURHAM CREEK WEEK

Creek Week has been celebrated in Durham since 2009. In partnership with local environmental agencies such as Keep Durham Beautiful and Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, the Eno will provide you with opportunities to discover and clean up our local streams. To date, these efforts have collected 163,783 pounds of litter with 3,409 volunteers!

APRIL
23

EARTH DAY WEEK

Hit the trail, dig in the dirt, or attend a special event during our celebration of Mother Earth.

JUNE

IWALK THE ENO SCIENCE & NATURE CAMP

These camps will be offered June 13- 17 & June 20-24 for youth ages 8-12. See back page for details.

JULY
2 & 4

FESTIVAL FOR THE ENO

While none of us have a crystal ball to predict how the continuing pandemic will affect our plans, if 2020 and 2021 were any indication, you can count on us to pivot with the times to bring you art, entertainment, and Eno fun for the whole family. Save the dates to celebrate with us: July 2&4, 2022!

JULY
18-22

ENO RIVER FIELD STATION

During the week of July 18-22 we will host our one-of-a-kind education program that brings teens together with scientists and researchers at our Confluence Natural Area. See back page for details.



UPCOMING LAND PROTECTION PROJECTS

Our team is always juggling multiple property transactions & conservation easements. More often than not, this work has to remain strictly under wraps until contracts are signed or closing has occurred. However, we have SO many exciting projects in the pipeline for 2022 and beyond, we can't help but give you a sneak peek:

- A conservation easement on the 87-acre Bluestem Conservation Cemetery, see pg 10

SEP

JAMBORENO

We hope to reimagine & bring back this fall event that's a favorite of members and staff alike.



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST POINT ON THE ENO

Happy Birthday West Point on the Eno Durham City Park! West Point was one of the first parks the Association helped protect along the Eno.

COMING
SOON

ENO RIVER STATE PARK VISITOR CENTER

The new visitor center at Few's Ford will sit near the major trailheads, with through-forest views of the park's most popular beach. The space will house exhibits, a broad breezeway and projecting overlook, and the expansive deck will offer new areas for visitors to enjoy the park. *Stay tuned for special first-look opportunities!*

ONGOING PROJECTS

- **New website:** We're working with Code the Dream and Tomatillo Design to build an engaging, modern website which we cannot wait to unveil this year. The new Eno site will be mobile-friendly and easier to navigate, learn, connect, and donate!
- **Strategic plan:** We've contracted with Mayes Wilson & Associates, LLC to facilitate our strategic planning process. We are working closely with Sara Wilson, ACC, CPCC, to develop a three-year plan to move the Eno ahead in defining and meeting our goals in land preservation, water quality improvement, DEI and environmental justice work, financial sustainability, preserving culture and history in the region, resiliency, and deep community engagement. Stay tuned for more!
- A land transaction that will add 2.8 miles of river frontage, 4 miles of trails, and 200+ acres of important natural areas to Eno River State Park
- 71-acre conservation easement on the Historic Moorefields property in Hillsborough, in partnership with Orange County, NC Land & Water Fund, and the City of Raleigh
- Protecting 96 acres of property adjacent to the Confluence Natural Area
- Protecting 71 acres of wetland in the lower Eno
- Opening our second public nature preserve, including 2+ miles of trails and over a mile of river and stream frontage, by 2023

Stay tuned to our monthly Eno e-News as these projects go public!

RESTING IN A GREEN SPACE: CONSERVATION BURIAL

You may be wondering why we, a land trust and watershed organization, are talking about burial. Most people think of the burial of our loved ones in conventional cemeteries, but there are alternatives. A conservation burial ground or conservation cemetery is a conservation property that allows green burial. It takes the deliberate conservation of a green burial property and equally protects a recognized natural space for plants, animals, habitat, and other redeemable conservation values. Sound familiar? As with the mission of the Eno River Association, conservation cemeteries ensure natural spaces remain viable, climate resilient homes for plants and animals, including humans, in perpetuity.

In 2017, the Eno River Association was introduced to the green burial concept by Jeff Masten and Heidi Hannapel, the conservation professionals behind LANDMATTERS. LANDMATTERS collaborates with community organizations, land trusts, private landowners, nonprofits, and conservation burial professionals to increase capacity for conservation, connect people with the land, and turn big picture thinking into strategy and action. Heidi and Jeff did just that when they developed the vision for a conservation cemetery in the Piedmont – Bluestem Conservation Cemetery.

Bluestem Conservation Cemetery honors and protects the unique attributes of a Piedmont landscape. Located in Cedar Grove, a short 12-minute ride from Hillsborough,

Bluestem straddles the boundary between the Neuse and Roanoke Rivers. The 87-acre property contains 3,500 linear feet of stream frontage, 40 acres of agricultural fields, 47 acres of forest habitat, and a quintessential Piedmont farmstead. Upon completion this spring, the nature preserve and conservation cemetery will offer a 2-3 mile natural trail system that connects visitors with sensory experiences amidst a serene and sustainable burial option. Bluestem will be an open and inviting space for everyone to celebrate, honor, grieve, mourn, heal, and restore.

A **conventional cemetery** has a density of 1,200 burials per acre. As a certified conservation cemetery with the Green Burial Council, **Bluestem** will average only 100 burials per acre.

Bluestem is a true community conservation project of which the Eno River Association is proud to be a part. It preserves the natural, historical, and cultural resources of these watersheds while providing a place for community connection to these resources, to one another, and to our deceased. Two local conservation organizations have partnered on its creation. Eno River Association and Triangle Land Conservancy will co- hold a conservation easement on Bluestem and monitor the development and management of Bluestem's land to ensure its conservation values are protected in perpetuity. In return, a small portion of the revenue generated from Bluestem's burial sites will go to support our land trust operations, stewardship of the land, and the acquisition of additional conservation lands. This unique and meaningful project will help diversify the conservation portfolios of both land trusts while providing continued opportunity to collaborate and connect with our community.

For more information on Bluestem, visit www.bluestemcemetery.org. For more information on Heidi and Jeff's conservation work with LANDMATTERS, visit www.thelandmatters.com.

Green Burial is an alternative, low-impact choice for burial that respects and restores nature. Bodies are not embalmed, nor encased in metal caskets or concrete vaults. Instead, bodies are interred in biodegradable materials such as a pine box, a cloth shroud, or a favorite quilt. Green burial sites are recorded just as with any other cemetery, and family and friends are able to return to visit the site anytime.

Conservation Burial Grounds are green burial cemeteries that have conservation easements placed upon them. These easements are voluntary, legal agreements between a landowner and a land trust (or governmental agency) that permanently limits the uses of the land to protect its conservation values.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

The Eno River Association is powered by people, and we are thrilled to introduce you to a few community members who make up our leadership team. The following individuals joined the Eno River Association board in 2021; nominated and elected by you, our members.

If you'd like to learn more about joining the board of directors or one of over a dozen volunteer committees, please email us at association@enoriver.org.



EMILY FRIEDMAN

"I am indebted to those who came before me to create all of these trails..."

Emily is a long-time Durham resident and a frequent user of Eno trails. She is a CPA currently serving as VP of Finance at Premier Research, a clinical research organization. She has extensive professional experience in accounting, financial management, tax and human resources, and has worked in both public accounting and private industry with both commercial and non-profit organizations. Her previous volunteer work includes Board positions with SEEDS and the Self-Help Venture Fund. Emily will serve on the Eno board as a member of the HR/Personnel Committee.



MEL GILLES

"A truly sustainable life has to be lived with inclusion at the heart, and a deep connection to the lands we walk on and the people who belonged to the land long before us."

Mel moved to North Durham to be by the Eno to support her wellness during the pandemic. As a long-time community outreach expert, she has served on countless boards and committees, managed organizations with dozens of staff and volunteer programs with hundreds of volunteers, and consulted with nonprofits nationwide over the past 30 years. She is currently the Recycling Education and Outreach Specialist at DEQ. For the Eno, she will serve on the Environmental Justice/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.



KEVIN REINER

"These lands reawakened something profound from my childhood that I didn't even realize I'd lost..."

After decades of urban living in Cincinnati, Kevin relocated to Durham in 2012 and began exploring around the Eno. Prior to joining the Eno board in February 2021, Kevin coordinated Burt's Bees volunteer stewardship workdays with the Eno staff. Kevin is a Senior Scientist at Burt's Bees, where he currently works on formula development for international markets. He is an art school dropout, and a chemist with a variety of experiences in industrial and consumer product applications. Kevin co-chairs Eno's Environmental Justice/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.



DELPHINE SELLARS

"Having access to open green spaces and the wonders of nature is impactful, powerful and healing..."

Delphine is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Urban Community AgriNomics (UCAN). UCAN runs a community garden and conducts many nature-based programs at the Catawba Trail Farm in Durham, located along the Little River just above its confluence with the Eno. Delphine was an upper-level manager in her career at the Durham Cooperative Extension, and has served on the Triangle Land Conservancy and other local boards. She will serve on the Environmental Justice/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.



LINDSAY WHITE

"The Eno is such an incredible hub of our community and provides resources for all of us - from recreation to habitat connectivity to water quality..."

Lindsay works for The Conservation Fund with a focus on working forest conservation, and has experience in forest management, land protection and conservation easements. Lindsay has previously volunteered and interned for a variety of conservation organizations, and is currently an At-Large Member of the Durham County Farmland Protection Advisory Board, and a Preserve Steward for the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association. Lindsay will bring this expertise to the Festival Committee.



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Summer Camps Connect Students to the Eno



iWalk the Eno Science and Nature Camp welcomes children ages 8-12 to spend a week or two in June playing, exploring, and learning at Eno River State Park and West Point on the Eno Durham City Park. This hands-on, feet-wet day camp inspires kids to engage with the outdoors and helps them develop a love for, and understanding of the natural world. Offered June 13-17 & June 20-24, 2022.

Eno River Field Station invites students ages 12-15 to get out of the classroom and into the field at the Confluence Natural Area in Hillsborough for a week in July. Students spend five days and one optional night outdoors with science professionals, researchers, and environmental educators to gain new perspectives on science and observation. We study everything from hummingbirds to bats to rocks during this exciting week in the field. Offered July 18-22, 2022.

Registration for iWalk is open through April 30 and registration for Field Station is open through May 31: www.enoriver.org/education

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