

Winter/Spring 2015



# ENO RIVER Currents



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



## 18 acres of Forest Protected along Pea Creek

Just in time to celebrate at the annual New Year's Day hike, the Eno River Association has completed acquisition of the 17.52 acre Rees Property on Pleasant Green Road in eastern Orange County, about 1000 feet east of Eno River State Park. Joe Rees, who served on the Eno River Association's Board of Directors from 1996 to 1999, donated the property to the Association.

The Rees property is identified as a high-priority parcel, within the top 2% of all properties in the



Eno basin, in the Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative watershed protection plan, completed in 2006. The property will provide wildlife habitat and permanent stream buffer protection for approximately 2,480 linear feet along Pea Creek, a major tributary of the Eno River. Pea Creek flows into the Eno River Aquatic Habitat Significant Natural Heritage Area located approximately two miles south of the property. This

section of the Eno supports eight rare freshwater mussels and three rare fish, including the federally endangered dwarf wedgemussel and state endangered eastern lampmussel.

In addition, the property provides a forested wildlife corridor that allows movement between adjacent privately-owned forest lands. The tract is covered in mature hardwood forest consisting primarily of oak, hickory, yellow poplar, and a mix of other hardwood species. Open areas created from a selective harvest of loblolly pine in 2006 have created ideal locations for plant species such as blueberries, that provide food for wildlife. This property is ideal for supporting a host of wildlife species including whitetail deer, great blue heron, frogs, salamanders, and a number of forest song birds.

Joe Rees' generous donation of this land is enhanced by a grant from City of Raleigh to the Association's stewardship endowment as part of the City's program to protect the headwaters of Falls Lake. The Stewardship Fund provides the financial resources needed to protect the conservation value of Association lands such as this one in perpetuity.

**Eno River Association – Celebrating 48 Years of Conservation**



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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## Closer to the Heart

### Letter from the Executive Director

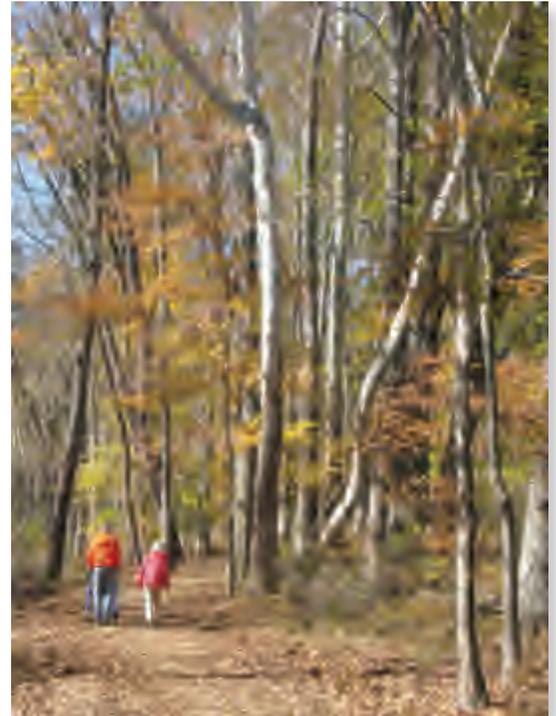
The very first thing I want you to know as you're reading this newsletter is that we have just accepted the protection of 18 acres of buffer land near the Eno River State Park along one of the Eno's major tributary streams. If all goes as planned, we will also soon be adding another 87 acres of high-priority conservation land to the park. Because after all, isn't that why we're all here? The value of the two properties is over \$650,000.

Sitting here at my desk, I'm looking at files for several other projects currently in progress. They won't close by December 31, but each represents an important land acquisition that will protect drinking water, wildlife, and create more places to play in our community. Eventually, one by one, next year or the following, we will bring them to fruition.

Successfully protecting land takes good strategy, patience, great allies, persistent fundraising, and a dedicated board and staff. Fortunately, Eno has these things in spades.

But, the most important ingredient in the recipe is a willing landowner. One of the best parts of our job is working with these wonderful people who not only own special places but want to protect them permanently to benefit our community. What an incredible legacy they are creating!

This holiday season I hope you will join me in thanking all of our Eno River landowners, past and present, for being such wonderful stewards of the land and partners in our bold endeavor. I also hope you will consider making a year-end gift to our annual campaign so that we can protect even more special natural places along the Eno. We've got the right recipe; we just need help stirring the pot!



Happy Holidays,

*Robin*

## Eno Welcomes Kim Livingston as Our New Conservation Director

**H**earts were broken when Kurt Schlimme, Eno's Director of Conservation, packed his car to the roof and moved out to the big city of Seattle. Kurt did a fantastic job of expanding the Eno's land protection and stewardship programs and we knew his boots would be hard to fill, but after a nationwide search we found the newest member of our team right here in the Triangle.

Kim Livingston graduated from North Carolina State University in 2004 with a Bachelors of Landscape Architecture. After spending a few years living in Seattle and a short stretch in New Zealand, Kim moved back to Raleigh to attend graduate school at NC State where she earned a Master's degree in Natural Resource Management, Restoration Ecology in 2011. Along the way she worked as an Open Space Assistant for Wake County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space where she assisted with land acquisition for Wake County's open space program. She also held a fellowship from the NC Museum of Art Park to develop a Comprehensive Management Plan for the Park.

After completing her Masters, Kim took a job as the Longleaf Program Coordinator at the NC Forest Service. She found working with longleaf very rewarding but wanted to get back to land conservation work. She accepted a position as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Manager at the state's Division of Soil and Water Conservation where she has managed a conservation easement and technical services

program that covers 76 counties in NC and consists of nearly 1,200 conservation easements.

Kim traces her interests in land use back to a childhood spent exploring nature in the woods around her home in Wilkesboro. Summers were spent at her grandparents' home near the swamps of central Florida. She remembers hours of catching tree frogs and letting them loose in her grandfather's greenhouses, much to his chagrin.

Kim has a great passion for conserving our natural environment and is very excited to put her passion to good use in the Eno River Basin. She is thrilled to work with a great community of people to protect such a outstanding asset to Durham and Orange counties.



Kim Livingston

### 2015 Eno River Association Calendar: More Hidden Gems of the Eno

The 44<sup>th</sup> edition of the Eno calendar invites you to explore the Eno, featuring photography by local artists and places to get out and discover from across Durham and Orange Counties. Each month includes beautiful images, GPS coordinates, maps and descriptions of locations found in and around the Eno Rive—places slightly off the beaten path and waiting for your next adventure.

Calendars are available in local stores—see them listed at [www.enoriver.org/store/calendar](http://www.enoriver.org/store/calendar)



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## Legacy Gift from Former Volunteer Makes a Difference along the Eno

**W**hen long-time member Rubye Diane “Dee” Burke died last October, the Eno River Association was deeply honored to receive not only some of her Eno-inspired paintings, but gifts in her memory from donors as far away as Florida and West Virginia. We were even more honored to receive an \$8,500 bequest from Diane’s estate this fall. These funds are now being used to advance our conservation priorities throughout the

watershed in Durham and Orange counties.

In her retirement, Diane fulfilled a lifelong dream of being an artist, and not surprisingly, the Eno was one of her favorite subjects. She also generously volunteered her time as a face painter at many Festivals for the Eno. Diane is fondly remembered and much missed.

The Eno community is full of gifted and extraordinary people who, like Diane, have found their center along the Eno. Leaving a gift to the Eno River Association in your will is one of the best ways to make a permanent and lasting impact on your local river and our shared environment. To do so, you will need to include the following information:

**Our Legal Name:**

**The Association for the Preservation  
of the Eno River Valley, Inc.**

**Our Official Address:**

**4404 Guess Road, Durham NC 27712**

**Our Tax ID Number:**

**56-1134204**

For more information about bequests and other legacy gift options, go to <http://www.enoriver.org/support-us/leave-a-conservation-legacy/>



Painting by Rubye Diane Burke



## Look for us in the INDY Week Give!Guide!

The Give!Guide’s is rallying year-end giving from new donors and promoting philanthropy among those who are 35 and under.

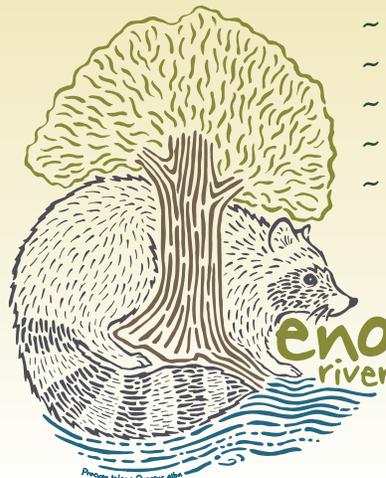
Check out the Give!Guide and support Yours Truly today!

## December Members Only Sale

Special members only prices on Eno tees for men, women, and kids—and Festival for the Eno posters.

*Also available:*

- ~ baby onesies
- ~ hats
- ~ bandanas
- ~ calendars
- ~ water bottles



Get your Eno  
gifts and  
support a  
great cause!

# CampOut Carolina



**A**t West Point on the Eno Park in October, families gathered together to spend a night camping out under the stars, learning about astronomy, hiking, playing, and exploring in the river. Forty kids and adults waded in and caught crawdads, learned about protecting water quality, and had a great day in the Eno!

## What Do 35 Tires, a Hobby Horse, and a Bed Frame Have in Common?

**A**long with countless bottles and other trash, they were the more interesting and entertaining items pulled from the woods at our Tanglewood Property October 4, in partnership

with Big Sweep. We had an excellent turnout of volunteers who quickly filled up an entire city dump truck in under three hours. There are still a lot of interesting artifacts behind Tanglewood and more work to be done on other Eno properties. Interested in volunteering for a clean up or other activity in support of the Eno? It's simple: just fill out our volunteer web form at [www.enoriver.org/support-us/volunteer/](http://www.enoriver.org/support-us/volunteer/) and we'll add you to our email distribution list.

*Beautiful weather and a stellar crew of stewardship volunteers helped put a big dent in the historic trash dump behind the Tanglewood neighborhood adjoining West Point on the Eno. Not everyone is pictured here, but a huge thank you goes out to Matthew Kulani, Charles Tuck, Erin Epley, Margaret Wainwright, Elizabeth Rees, Teale Walheim, Milo Pyne, Judith Timyan, David Delgado, Cara Johnson, Cheryl Wicker, Lisa Brown, Paul Sherblom, Fred Johnson, Corinne Linardic, Joanie Alexander, Erik Jolles, and Erik Bruinsma!*



# Eno River Tour

## Paddle the Eno with the Eno River Association and Frog Hollow Outdoors

May 23 - Hillsborough

June 7 - Occaneechee Mountain area

July 26 - West Point on the Eno Night Paddle\*\*

August 29 - West Point to Penny's Bend

September 26 - Penny's Bend to Redmill Road

October 3 - Three Rivers Area exploration

10:00 am Meet Time • Trips Run 2 – 5 hours

Join Frog Hollow and Eno River Association as we make our way down the Eno River. Starting at Hillsborough, each month we will paddle a new section of the Eno River until it ends in Falls Lake. Over these various trips we will discover the hidden gem that is the Eno, let your imagination go wild as you paddle past areas that used to be home to Shakori, Occaneechi, and Eno American Indians, check out 867-foot Occaneechee Mountain, watch turtles sunbathe, and more!

These trips include:

Canoe or kayak and guide service

**\$49 (Day Trips) / Non-ERA Member**

**\$39 (Day Trips) / ERA Member (contact ERA for discount code)**

Register online at <http://www.froghollowoutdoors.com/exploring-nc-paddle-trips/eno-river-tour>

IF THE TRIP YOU WANT TO REGISTER FOR IS WITHIN 3-DAYS PLEASE DO NOT MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE. INSTEAD PLEASE CALL THE FROG HOLLOW OUTDOORS OFFICE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION OVER THE PHONE (919) 416-1200.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Mack McFall

**M**ack first came to the Eno as a volunteer for the Festival for the Eno a dozen years ago.



Mack McFall

After working the parking lot, he became a Gatekeeper and has spent the last decade working the gates and buddying up to train new volunteers. After being a member for years, Mack heard about our volunteer Trail Stewards

program and signed up. He has been a trail steward for two years, regularly hiking the trail to Bobbit's Hole and helping maintain it, along with other trail stewards. He loves to get outdoors and hike, walking along the Eno with no purpose, just to enjoy it.

When he read about a training day for new hike leaders in *Currents*, he signed up to help lead hikes and will be taking groups out to Holden's Mill and Bobbit's hole in the winter and spring. Mack has also been a volunteer steward at the Confluence Natural Area in Orange County, working to remove invasive species, maintain natural habitat, and improve the property so events and educational programs can take place there. He grew up at the end of a road, next to 100 acres of natural forest, and played in the woods frequently as a child. Today, getting outside and spending time in the woods is "like visiting an old friend."

## Help Us Meet this Challenge so We Can Buy a Truck!

If you read the last newsletter or follow us on Facebook, you may be aware that the Eno River Association is in desperate need of a truck. More specifically, we need a new or lightly used four-wheel drive truck that can haul tools and equipment, and get our Conservation Director to meetings with landowners and stewardship workdays all over Durham and Orange counties.

The kind of truck we need will likely cost \$25,000. However, an anonymous donor has made a \$10,000 matching gift in memory of the late Dr. Robert E. Beck to help us get nearly halfway there. Please consider a gift to help us meet this challenge. Our anonymous donor will match every single dollar you donate up to \$10,000!

The Eno River Association has made it easy for you to donate towards our truck purchase. Simply write "Truck Challenge" in the memo of your check, or go online and select "Truck Challenge" on the Eno donation page at <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1433486>. Thank you!



### Eno River Association Now Benefits from Vehicle Donations

If you have an old car, boat, RV, jet ski, motorcycle, or other vehicle taking up space in your driveway or garage, you can now donate it to the Eno River Association and support the permanent protection of land, water and wildlife.

We have partnered with CARS to make the process as easy as possible. Just call 855-500-7433 or fill out a simple web form at <http://www.enoriver-cardonations.org/>. CARS will come to your house and tow or haul the vehicle away, give you a receipt for tax purposes, and send Eno River Association a check. So, what are you waiting for?

# ENO WINTER DANCE PARTY FUNDRAISER

**FEBRUARY 21, 8PM**

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## Eno and Climate Change

The Eno River Association Board is working to better understand the potential effects of climate change on the Eno River, and finding ways to reduce our contributions and mitigate the effects. We likely can expect more storm events to flood the Eno, more bank erosion and sediment loss, and undercutting of overhanging vegetation that normally provides shade. Warmer river waters may reduce diversity, perhaps causing some native species to migrate away and invasive species to enter our river basin.

We have been conserving and protecting local lands for nearly fifty years, one of the most important means of sequestering carbon in trees and providing critical habitat for all wildlife, especially those sensitive to a warming

planet. We must continue and succeed in this important work.

And how else can our Association and its members reduce our demand for fossil fuels for energy and increase habitat resilience? We invite your thoughts!

To start: there is no better time to solarize your home, business, school or nonprofit! NC and federal tax credits reduce your cost by 65% (expiring December 2015) and solar panels are the cheapest they have ever been. Imagine covering your home energy needs and, in turn, not demanding your utility to burn two tons of coal per year on your behalf.

Go renewable!



## By the time a child born today reaches high school, 140,000 more people will call Durham and Orange counties home

By planning a gift to the Eno River Association, you can help build an environmentally sustainable future for our community. It's easier than you think to:

- Leave us a bequest in your will.
- Name us as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k) or other qualified retirement plan.
- Name us as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

You should know that:

- The Eno River Association has nearly 50 years of experience saving and stewarding land, water, and wildlife habitats, and creating public parks for all to enjoy.
- The Eno River Association has low administration and fundraising costs. More than 85% of gifts are used for programs that advance our conservation mission.

- The Eno River Association is nationally accredited. We meet the highest industry standards for our administrative, fundraising, and conservation practices.

- Your gift can be unrestricted, designated to one of our special funds, or both.

Consider a gift that will help us save the places you love for generations to come. We invite you to visit <http://www.enoriver.org/support-us/leave-a-conservation-legacy/> for more information about becoming a member of our Legacy Society. You may also wish to share the following information with your attorney or planned giving professional: our legal name is The Association for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley, Inc. Our office is located at 4404 Guess Road, Durham, NC 27712. Our tax ID # is 56-1134204.



# Riverwalk

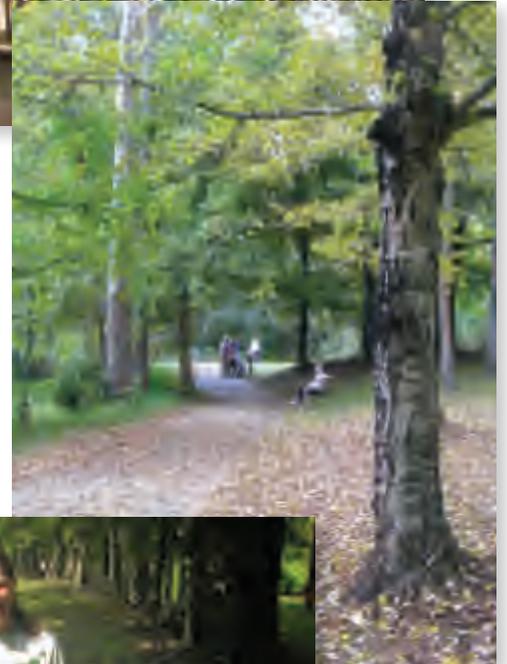
in Hillsborough  
Invites You to the River



After nearly two decades of planning and work, the Town of Hillsborough dedicated its beautiful Riverwalk along the Eno River on October 14. Mayor Tom Stevens, ardent supporter of efforts to protect and celebrate the Eno, presided over the happy ceremony.

Hillsborough's Riverwalk is one of the newest segments of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST), and includes two bridges and several miles of asphalt and loose-stone trails. It winds its way along the Eno between Gold Park and the downtown commercial district, and within the next year it is planned to extend west to Occoneechee Mountain and to the east to the Historic Occoneechee Speedway, and eventually to Eno River State Park.

Many public and non-profit organizations helped to make Riverwalk a reality. The Town of Hillsborough, primary funder of project, was assisted the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the City of Raleigh's Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative, Orange County, Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District, Classical Homes Preservation Trust, and the Eno River Association.



## Members Explore the Confluence; See the Potential

Members and several of their four-legged friends enjoyed glorious weather, food, beverages, and a hike at The Confluence during the Eno River Association's Annual Meeting and Insiders Outside event on Saturday, October 18. Staff and board members, and stewardship volunteers who have adopted the property, hosted the event to bring attention to the site's potential for use as an outdoor classroom. Seed funding from the F.M. Kirby Foundation is helping remove deteriorated buildings from the site and make driveway and parking improvements so school groups can visit the property.



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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. Memberships also make great gifts!



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## Currents is online!

The Eno River Association's newsletter, *Eno River Currents*, is also available online at our website, [www.enoriver.org](http://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](mailto:association@enoriver.org)

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