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What's Going On?

September

**Paddle the Tar
with TRLC
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**Field Day on the Farm
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Celebration
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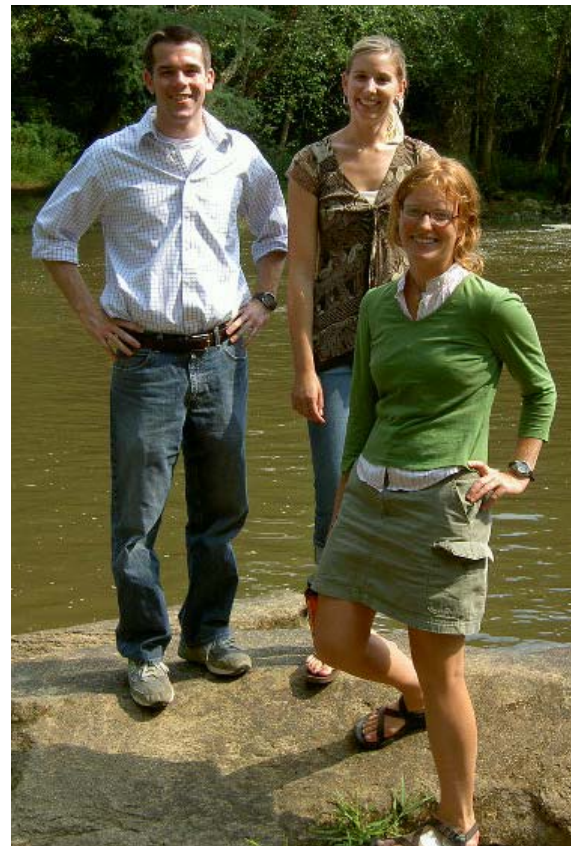
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Summer Brings Interns (continued from front page)

landowners to protect impaired streams in Person, Granville, Vance and Warren Counties. In her new position, she will continue to use her professional expertise to conserve our state's significant natural areas. The Staff and Board of Directors would like to wish Nancy the very best in her new endeavor!

While June saw the departure of Nancy Daly, it also saw the arrival of three new interns who have been helping TRLC achieve an enormous amount of conservation and other mission-related work. Maggie Lawrence is a native of North Carolina and graduated from ECU in 2006 with a degree in geography. Maggie is working on our Cedar Creek Riparian Corridor Conservation Plan, writing baseline documentation reports, and monitoring some of our existing easements. She is also an avid paddler and very excited about the future of the Tar River Paddle Trail. Heather Nagy, originally from Florida, received her Masters in Environmental Management from the Nicholas School at Duke University. Heather is working on TRLC's Upper Tar Riparian Corridor Conservation Plan and is also monitoring easements and writing baseline reports. Andrew Blackburne, a native of Oklahoma, graduated from Duke in 2006. During the school year, Andrew teaches science and history at Louisburg High School through Teach for America. He is also the coach of the women's tennis and soccer teams. He has been helping TRLC update and manage our donor database and assisting us with a lot of other critical administrative duties. Maggie, Heather and Andrew are all excited to be working to help preserve our region's beautiful natural resources for generations to come. We appreciate all of their good work!

*Left to Right: Summer interns Andrew Blackburne, Heather Nagy,
and Maggie Lawrence*



Top Left: PNC and TRLC Staff and Volunteers clean out an abandoned tenant house at Cascine Mill. Bottom left: Jim and Diane Davis of Henderson chat with Olivia and Alan Feduccia of Chapel Hill at the TRLC/PNC Benefit at Burnside Plantation in Vance County.

Partnership Adds 775 Acres to Game Lands

In June, Tar River Land Conservancy partnered with the North Carolina Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to protect 775 acres at the confluence of Shocco and Little Shocco Creeks in Warren County. The property adjoins 276 acres already protected by TRLC. The tract was sold by International Paper Company to The Nature Conservancy in September 2006. The Nature Conservancy held the tract until enough public funds could be raised by the state to acquire it. In a creative maneuver, TRLC used grant funding secured through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act Program to facilitate the State's purchase of the property. The 775 acres will be managed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and will be added to the Shocco Creek Game Lands.

TRLC and PNC Making Good Things Happen

TRLC's continued collaboration with Preservation North Carolina (PNC) has been nothing short of tremendous. In February, PNC and TRLC volunteers and staff participated in a clean up day at Cascine Mill (top left) which was acquired by PNC in 2006 simultaneous with TRLC's acquisition of a conservation easement along 3 miles of Cedar Creek. In May, PNC and TRLC hosted a joint fund/friend-raising event at Historic Burnside Plantation (bottom left), also a joint PNC/TRLC project. The event raised over \$12,000. With this track record, we can only anticipate what great partnership opportunities await us!

Consider TRLC In Your Estate Plans

TRLC regularly receives inquiries from landowners and supporters who want to know more about including us in their estate plans. Fortunately, there are a variety of planned giving options available to suit an individual or family's unique financial circumstances: from bequests and gifts of cash, stock, real estate, and life insurance to charitable gift annuities, remainder trusts, and lead trusts. Proper guidance from an experienced financial advisor and/or attorney can help you decide which option will allow you to meet your financial goals *and* leave a legacy of conservation and love of the land. TRLC now has a brochure available that briefly describes the planned giving options that are available. Simply call or email us to request a brochure: 919-496-5902 or info@tarriver.org. We can also provide referrals to qualified attorneys and financial advisors with estate planning experience.

Summer Brings Interns and Other Changes in TRLC's Staff, Board of Directors

Changes in TRLC's board of directors and staff have brought new challenges and a breath of fresh air to our organization this summer. Long-time Board Member and retired attorney Buzzy Sturges resigned this summer after 7 years of volunteer service with TRLC. We would like to thank Buzzy for his many significant contributions which ensured our organization's early success. Buzzy's son Boyd Sturges has since been welcomed to the Board of Directors. Boyd is a practicing attorney with the firm of Davis, Sturges and Tomlinson Attorneys in Louisburg. Land Protection Specialist Nancy Daly also left TRLC in June to take a position as Statewide Project Coordinator for the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP) in Raleigh. At TRLC, Nancy worked with (continued on back cover: see "Summer Brings Interns")

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Left: Properties like this one on Cedar Creek in Franklin County could not be protected without generous support from our members and sponsors, or without willing landowners who have a desire to protect their land for generations to come. Their commitment to our future makes TRLC's work possible.

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Easements Protect Wildlife in Upper Tar

TRLC has acquired nine conservation easements this year that protect 330 acres of stream and wetland buffers in Halifax, Franklin and Nash Counties. Two easements lie along Sandy Creek in Franklin County on tracts owned by Mrs. Helen Young of Weldon and Mr. Reginald Mullen, Jr., of Spring Hope. The purchase of the Young and Mullen easements were funded by the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (NCEEP). TRLC has purchased 58 easements since 2004 with NCEEP funding, which helps mitigate impacts to streams and wetlands during highway construction projects. TRLC has also just completed the first phase of a cooperative project with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to acquire easements along Fishing Creek through the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). So far this year, six easements in Halifax County have been purchased with funding from this Farm Bill Program, which restores and protects streams and wetlands. Be on the lookout; TRLC has many more projects to close in '07!



Above: Ray Hodges of Hodges Insurance in Louisburg worked with TRLC in 2005 to place a permanent conservation easement on his property along the Tar River in Franklin County. The project was made possible with funding through the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP). TRLC completed a total of fifty-eight EEP projects since 2002 and closed its last one in April of this year.



A Gift to TRLC's Stewardship Endowment will Live On

Once a year, each property we protect receives a site visit from our staff. Now that we have protected over 120 properties, that is a lot of site visits and a lot of staff time! To support our stewardship responsibilities, we have established a Stewardship Endowment, a fund that generates income and interest, a portion of which is disbursed annually to cover stewardship costs. Stewardship funds are managed separately from TRLC's general operating funds. Donors interested in making a gift to TRLC's Stewardship Endowment have the comfort and satisfaction of knowing their contribution will live on and won't be used for operating expenses. Tax-deductible gifts can be made directly to the "Tar River Land Conservancy Endowment", which is held by the North Carolina Community Foundation at Landmark Drive, 4601 Six Forks Road, Suite 524, Raleigh, NC 27609. For more information, call 1-800-201-9533 or go to www.nccommunityfoundation.org.

Left: On a stewardship visit, Land Protection Specialist Eric Jenkins stands next to an old growth American Holly (Ilex americana) in the floodplain of Fishing Creek in Nash County. The trunk of this tree measures almost twenty inches in diameter while the tree's height exceeded 100 feet!

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CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA LANDOWNERS

Above Left: TRLC Member and Volunteer Pat Scott works the registration table at TRLC's "Financial Benefits of Conservation Easements for North Carolina Landowners" workshop at Nash Community College in March. Above Right: Marty Hicks and his sister Wendy Petrie (of Kittrell and Raleigh respectively) compare notes during a break. Over 180 landowners and professional advisors attended the event.