

TLC GENERAL INFORMATION

- *Acres Protected: 12,229*
- *Number of Properties Protected: 80*
- *Membership: 3,100+*
- *Volunteers: Hundreds*

2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In 2008, TLC played a role in 17 conservation projects protecting 1,633 acres to benefit water quality, to sustain local farms, to provide habitat for a diversity of wildlife, and to provide places for people to connect with nature.
 - *Deep River (Chatham and Lee):* Conserved three parcels totaling **286 acres in Chatham and Lee counties** near TLC's White Pines nature preserve to expand the water quality and wildlife habitat benefits of our work in that area. The Lee County parcels, which some biologists have called the most significant of the White Pines natural heritage site, will become part of the Deep River State Trail state park unit. TLC has now led the conservation of 1,835 acres in this area, and 3,015 overall on the Deep River.
 - *Upper Neuse (Durham):* Conserved two more properties totaling **275 acres with Treyburn developers** Bryan Properties and associates. TLC has now created a necklace of eight conservation projects looping more than three miles along Snow Hill Road and Vintage Hill Parkway and encompassing 833 acres, providing enormous water quality benefits upstream of Falls Lake, the drinking water source for half a million Triangle-area residents. In all, TLC has helped to conserve 2,145 acres in the Upper Neuse River basin.
 - *Mark's Creek (Wake and Johnston):* With our partners in the Mark's Creek Rural Lands Initiative (Wake County Parks, Recreation & Open Space and The Trust for Public Land), TLC helped to conserve **519 acres on four tracts in eastern Wake and northern Johnston counties**. The 330-acre Riverwalk tract will become part of a state park node on the Mountains to Sea Trail along the Neuse River. Overall, TLC and our partners have conserved 1,550 acres in the Mark's Creek area, 20 percent of our 7,500 acres goal.
 - *Working Lands:* TLC conserved **310 acres of farm and forest land** on four tracts in Johnston and Wake counties, keeping good soils in production, protecting water quality and providing wildlife habitat.
 - *New Hope Creek (Durham and Orange):* Our partners, Durham and Orange counties, completed the purchase of a **44-acre tract on Erwin Rd** that will form the core of a public park, known as New Hope Preserve. This property was at the heart of a public battle in 2005 and 2006 to stop a development on a piece of former Duke Forest land. TLC contributed funding to help make the conservation deal happen. Planning for the park, which will be co-owned by Durham and Orange counties, is underway.
 - *Expanding existing conservation lands:* In Wake Co., TLC worked with Cary, Raleigh and Wake County governments to conserve 38 acres adjacent to TLC's Swift Creek Bluffs nature preserve that expands the water quality and habitat benefits of the preserve. Also in Wake Co., TLC accepted the donation of a 13-acre tract adjacent to land conserved at Harris Lake. The land includes remnants of the Rollins Mill dam and conserves habitat for native plants and animals.