

ANNUAL REPORT

2017

A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

The Land Trust of Virginia's accomplishments during 2017 were worthy of its yearlong Silver Anniversary celebrations.

Conservation Easements

Our land conservation program continued to grow and included easements on a number of notable properties in Fauquier, Loudoun, and an expanding number of counties.

LTV recorded 10 easements in 2017 that conserved natural resources, conservation values, and scenic beauty on 1,603 acres. We are honored to have helped the landowners who donated those easements. Through their generosity they protected some of Virginia's important historical and cultural resources.

In addition, LTV's Board of Directors approved eight more conservation easements that will be recorded in 2018. Those easements will conserve another 980 acres.

By the end of the year, LTV had recorded a total of 160 conservation easements protecting 17,647 acres in 14 counties in Virginia.

Strategic Conservation Projects

In 2017 LTV continued our efforts to conserve more land along the northernmost 40 miles of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. This is the longest section of the Blue Ridge not protected by national or state parks.

This strategic conservation project began with LTV's mapping of natural resources along the Blue Ridge from the Shenandoah National Park to the Potomac River. The eastern boundary of this study area is a series of Virginia Scenic by-ways in Loudoun and Fauquier Counties. The western boundary is the Shenandoah River in Clarke and Warren Counties. Of the roughly 200,000-acres within this area only about 30,000 acres is protected by parks or conservation easements. Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation ranks the entire area as highly vulnerable to development.

Another phase of LTV's Blue Ridge Study involved mapping of conservation values found on properties surrounding rural villages within the study area. This 2017 project identified properties whose conservation will help maintain the rural landscape around those villages. LTV received funding for this project from the Land Trust Alliance's Excellence Grant program.

Collaboration and Outreach

LTV continues to expand our involvement with local, regional and national land conservation communities. Here are some examples:

- We work with members of the Blue Ridge Conservation Alliance (BRCA) to leverage our collective resources for the protection of the precious environment of the Blue Ridge. The BRCA's Steering Committee members include the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), Piedmont Environmental Council, National Wildlife Federation, Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains, The Downstream Project, and LTV.
- LTV presented our Blue Ridge Study results at the ATC's Large Landscape Initiative Conference held in Shepherdstown, WV in October. Members of the regional and national land conservation communities were in attendance. ATC has announced that the Blue Ridge, from the Shenandoah National Park to the Potomac River, will be one of its Large Landscape Initiative conservation priorities. Their decision creates opportunities for collaboration and demonstrates significant support for the conservation efforts of LTV and the BRCA.

- LTV's membership in Virginia United Land Trust (VaULT) connects us with others interested in conserving Virginia's natural and historic heritage. LTV staff and board members attended VaULT's Annual Meeting in Williamsburg in April and its business meeting in Waynesboro in September. LTV made brief presentations at both.
- Our annual participation in the Land Trust Alliance's National Land Conservation Conference, or Rally, connects us to the national land conservation community. At the 2017 Rally in Denver, LTV spoke at the Conservation Defense Network session about our experiences defending conservation easements. We also joined Leslie Ratley-Beach, LTA's Director of Conservation Defense, in leading a seminar about easement defense.

Stewardship

Conservation easement donors know that LTV will steward those easements in perpetuity. The stewardship commitment we make to easement donors is at the heart of our work. In 2017 LTV staff monitored all of our easement properties, as we do every year, either by site visits or aerial monitoring, to ensure that the terms of each easement are enforced.

LTV bolstered the capacity to meet these ever growing responsibilities in 2017 by hiring Ana Elisa (Isa) Bryant as our new Stewardship Program Manager. Among Isa's many duties, she will train volunteers to assist LTV's staff with the annual monitoring of our easement properties.

Building a Legacy of Conservation

Many of the Land Trust of Virginia's land conservation successes during its first 25 years can be attributed to the generosity of our easement donors and our financial supporters. We have also benefitted from the time donated by our Board and Advisory Council members and by the many volunteers that support LTV's work.

Since our founding in 1992, LTV has grown from an all-volunteer land trust to one that is professionally staffed. Our status as one of the first land trusts in the nation to be accredited by the Land Trust Alliance's Accreditation Commission is the result of a shared commitment by the staff and the Board to excellence in land conservation.

In 2017 we increased our capacity to do even more land conservation through the addition of Sally Price as LTV's new Executive Director. Sally brings a wealth of conservation and development experience to her role at LTV. She has improved all aspects of our fundraising and outreach operations and her dedication to her work has already brought positive results.

In order for us to increase our capacity for conservation and stewardship, LTV will depend on the continued generosity of all those who have supported us during our first 25 years. It will also require that we reach out to more landowners, expand our base of financial supporters, grow our staff and seek ways to build our enthusiastic corps of volunteers.

With their help, and with yours, we can all be a part of the Land Trust of Virginia's Legacy of Land Conservation.

For the board,

Chairman

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CONSERVATION LEADERS

Over the course of the Land Trust of Virginia's 25 Year Legacy of Land Conservation, as 2017 came to an end, 160 easements have been entrusted to us. The following people have donated a conservation easement to LTV and are to be thanked for their part in conserving our beautiful landscape, important historical and natural resources. Thank you for your leadership and your dedication to conservation.

Names are listed in the order in which

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Forest: 7,295 acres



Wetlands, Riparian Areas,

and Floodplains: 975 acres

Farmland and Agricultural Lands: 9,178 acres



Mountain Areas and Steep



Slopes: 1,645 acres

Battlefield Properties (33 properties): 1,781 acres

Protected Cultural

and Natural Resources

Properties adjacent to national, state, or local parks, forests, and wildlife areas: 32 properties

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- Loudoun: 8,599 acres
- Fauquier: 4,419 acres
- Greene: 1,353 acres
- Albemarle: 637 acres
- Culpeper: 575 acres
- King George: 318 acres
- Madison: 263 acres
- Rappahannock: 278 acres
- Stafford: 187 acres Hanover: 70 acres Louisa: 53 acres
- Clarke: 41 acres

Nelson: 850 acres

Fredericksburg: 3 acres

Conserving Open Space, Farmland, Water, Forests, Mountains, Wildlife Habitat, and History

The Land Trust of Virginia appreciates the contributions of our donors and the conservation leadership of the landowners we worked with in 2017. Together we are conserving the Virginia we all love.

Millington Property, Upperville

The 4-acre easement is located in the heart of Upperville and contains open Civil War battlefield acreage on the south side of the John S. Mosby Highway (Rt. 50). The easement will retain the land as one property rather than four by-right parcels. It is also adjacent to two properties in easement with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, serving to expand upon already existing conserved land.





Historic Vineyard, The Plains

The easement permanently extinguishes nine lots and will ensure that this 200+ acre farm will never be divided more than once. The easement complements other nearby conservation efforts as it adjoins five other easements and it protects over a quarter-mile of Little River with excellent forested stream buffers.

Hague-Hough Property, Waterford

The easement strengthens the protection of this historic property in Waterford, part of which was already protected by a State-held historic preservation easement. The historic Manor House (circa 1745), is in excellent condition (pictured below left), and LTV is proud to play a role in its protection, along with the preservation of the historic character of the surrounding 17-acre farm.



Atoka Farm, Marshall

The historic 350-acre Atoka Farm includes nearly 100 acres of core battlefield from the Civil War Battle of Upperville. The battlefield acreage is totally open and visible, and will remain so thanks to the easement. The property also includes one mile of Goose Creek, two and a half miles of public road frontage, and is adjacent to four other easements. Prior to the easement, the property could have been divided into 20 lots and the easement limits the total divisions to three.



Richards Property, Marshall

The 59-acre property is located along a Virginia Scenic Byway outside of Rectortown and the easement permanently protects the pastoral views of the open landscape. The property is adjacent to three other easements, enhancing the protection of the surrounding community. The farm is notable as it consists entirely of NRCS-designated "Prime Farmland Soils." But for the easement, the property could have been divided into five lots.





Inglewood Farm, Arrington

This 850-acre farm is LTV's first easement in Nelson County. The property has almost three miles of road frontage, contains 400 acres of forest, and includes over three miles of perennial streams. The majority of the farm is used for cattle pasture and the property contains over 400 acres of important farmland soils. The easement limits division of the farm to a total of three separate future properties. Otherwise, the current zoning would have allowed the property to be divided into 46 lots.

Heller Property, Sperryville

Located next to one of the entrances to Shenandoah National Park in Rappahannock County, the property contains 50 acres of woods on the forested western slopes of Pickeral Ridge Mountain, as well as a section of Piney River, which runs through a portion of the property.

Southall-Stewart Property, Louisa

This easement represents LTV's first recorded contribution in Louisa County. The South Anna River flows through the middle of the property and the undeveloped surrounding landscape will be forever protected as no building will be permitted. The South Anna River is recognized as an especially important waterway in the Virginia Outdoors Plan. The land, which was formerly used for intensive cattle grazing, will slowly be converted to forest, which will help increase water quality in the river. If not for the easement, the property could have been divided into eight lots.







Fauquier County's Upperville Park, Upperville

The location of the Park is coincident with one of the most important points of action during the Civil War Battle of Upperville. The high ground at the Park was historically known as "Vineyard Hill" and, as a result of the easement, the landscape views from within the Park will be retained. These views are crucial to an understanding of the military engagement that took place during the height of the battle, and provide important educational opportunities for learning about the Civil War.

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FORMER EASEMENTS AMENDED FOR GREATER PROTECTION



Bronze Hill, Middleburg

This 47-acre property, which is located on a Virginia Scenic Byway, was already under easement with LTV from an original contribution made in 2002. The current landowner agreed to strengthen the existing easement to prohibit any division, reduce the number of permitted residences, and increases water resource protections.



Lenhart, Hillsboro

This project presented another opportunity for LTV to strengthen an existing conservation easement. The landowner agreed to remove a division, reduce the overall footprint of buildings, and strengthen various other portions of the easement, which was originally donated to LTV in 2008.

ESTABLISHNG AN ENDURING CONSERVATION LEGACY THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

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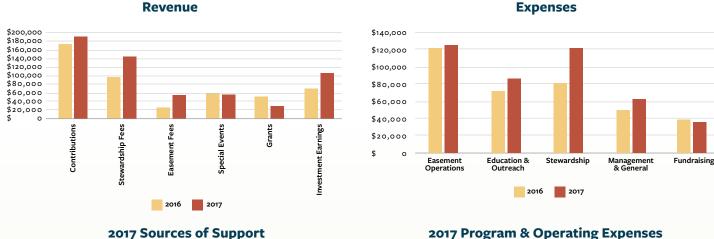
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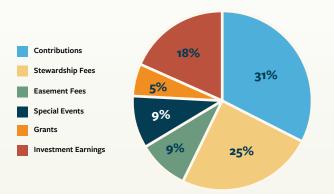
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Donating a planned gift to the Land Trust of Virginia's Legacy Giving Fund demonstrates a strong and deep commitment to protecting, in perpetuity, Virginia's beautiful open spaces and natural and cultural resources. By so doing, you will be supporting the continued growth of our easement program and ensuring the protection of the properties already entrusted to us for generations to come.

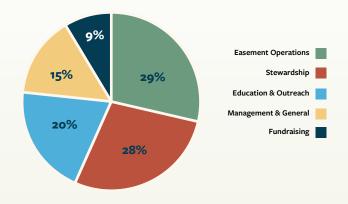
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2017 Program & Operating Expenses



A GREAT GIFT FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS



LTV wants to thank Marion Chungo and Margaret Douglas Wise, the organizers, for the generous donation from the North American Junior Field Hunter Championships (NAJFHC). Saving land takes a village, and the young participants got a great education with a wonderful opportunity to see vast open spaces. This is our future; farmers, horsemen, landowners, and conservationists. These young riders paid a fee to participate in several hunts. Part of this fee was donated to LTV to further our mission.

The NAJFHC's mission is to encourage children, 18 years old and younger, to come out for a great day of hunting, to meet new friends, see new country, and realize how important our countryside is, and to do their best to protect it for future generations.



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