



The Land We Love

*Preserving the rural heritage of the
Northern Neck since 2004*

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Thanking the Community We Love!

The Northern Neck Land Conservancy (NNLC) is dedicated to preserving the land you love. But we could not conserve land without the community we appreciate. As we all reflect on our blessings at Thanksgiving, NNLC would like to thank our conservation community, our supporters, our sponsors, our leaders, and our easement donors.



THANK YOU BOOTS 2015 SUPPORTERS

The best party of the season happened on September 13, 2015! "Boots and Barbeque 2015" was held at the historic King Cop-sico Farm, home of the Honorable and Mrs. W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr.

Thank you to the Murphys, for hosting this wonderful event on the banks of the Potomac River.

Thank you to Secretary of Natural Resources for Virginia, the Honorable Molly Ward, for a wonderful and informative keynote speech.

Thank you to our attendees: There were nearly 400 of you enjoying a special day. Your support is critical! We hope you had fun and learned a lot.

Thank you to our sponsors, you provided generous financial support (Note: sponsors are

listed by name on the following page).

Thank you to our donors: Mums from Allison's Ace Hardware, oysters from Bevans and Faunce's, and hay bales from Carter Wellford-thank you all.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and NNLC staff: You all worked and promoted the event with great energy and enthusiasm

Thank you to our volunteers: You baked the deserts, parked, organized,

loaded and cheerfully made all the details of the day go beautifully.

Thank you to our exhibitors: From bees to the Bay to everything in between, we so enjoyed interacting with our more than 20 environmental exhibitors. A big thank you to the Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation Service for sharing their interactive display "Discover the World Beneath Your Feet".

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, STEVENSON WALKER:

BOBBIE BURTON A SPECIAL LEADER

Among the treasures of NNLC is Bobbie Burton, our Land Conservation Specialist.

Bobbie was a member of the NNLC board of directors when we were in need of a new Specialist. She had been Executive Director of Hull Springs Farm, waterfront home and acreage owned by Longwood Foundation in Westmoreland County. She was very familiar with conservation easements.

Bobbie stepped down from our board and hit the ground running in her role as a member of the staff.

Bobbie served Longwood University in Farmville as vice president and well understood the basic needs of helping others by providing attentiveness and timely responses. Land owners in the Northern Neck trusted her advice on the process and procedures of conservation easements.

Bobbie will soon retire from NNLC. We thank her for her excellence, and we wish her the best. *Thank you Bobbie.*



**Bobbie Burton,
Retiring Land
Preservation
Specialist**

CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS NAMED



The Northern Neck Land Conservancy's recently awarded its first ever Conservation Champion Award. President of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy, Steve Walker stated, "Tayloe and Helen Murphy are being recognized as leaders in conservation in the Northern Neck and the Commonwealth"

W. Tayloe Murphy Jr., is a former state delegate and state Secretary of Natural Resources, and a local attorney.

Helen Murphy is a former president of the Garden Club of Virginia as well as former board member of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, the Nature Conservancy, the Virginia Historical Society and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

In order to protect King Cop-sico Farm from development, the Murphys donated a perpetual conservation easement in 2001.

Mr. Walker added, "Tayloe and Helen have significantly contributed to conservation in the Northern Neck, not only by conserving their environmentally sensitive property, but also by educating others about the benefits of conservation but also by a lifetime spent educating others about the benefits of conservation".

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Pristine Land Conserved at Henry's Island

A Richmond developer has teamed with the Northern Neck Land Conservancy to protect a rare example of Chesapeake Bay maritime forest near the tip of Windmill Point in Lancaster County.

The special environmental characteristic: low dunes and marshes that make the 51-acre parcel so beautiful, also posed environmental concerns that eventually proved too daunting to allow development according to owner Gibson M. Wright.

The easement that Wright has now donated to the con-



servancy vacates eight building lots that had been approved for the property and limits future development on the parcel to one home and outbuildings. A large stand of pines on

Henry's Island provides habitat for bald eagles and ospreys; the tract fronts the Chesapeake Bay and contains more than 2,000 feet of forested shoreline along Windmill Point

Creek. When members of the land conservancy's board examined the property last month, they spotted bald eagles perched in the pines and numerous southbound migratory plovers and sandpipers feeding on the beach. The tract is designated as "very high ecological value."

The property lies next to a similar 110-acre waterfront parcel that was also protected with an easement recently. Together, the two tracts leave much of the tip of Windmill Point as permanent open space that will never be developed.

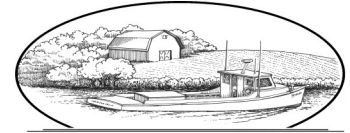
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