



***Just in Time for Earth Day***  
**NNLC and The Nature  
Conservancy Preserve  
Bayview-225 Acres of  
Pristine Waterfront Land in  
Northumberland County**

April 20, 2020

Greetings from the Northern Neck Land Conservancy,

Although NNLC is working a bit differently in the face of COVID-19 restrictions, we are thrilled to let you know that we are still actively conserving wonderful land. Several conservation easements are forthcoming and the NNLC's new Bayview conservation project was finalized in the midst of COVID-19 restrictions. As things change quickly around us all, it is gratifying to continue to be able to rely on the constancy of our natural world and NNLC's role in forever conserving the precious land around us.

As we look toward the celebration of that natural world and 50th Anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2020, the Northern Neck Land Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy are sharing the news about our new partnership to protect this ecologically-significant property. Below is an excerpt of the press release sent out today.

Last month, the Northern Neck Land Conservancy secured an environmentally-sensitive, 225-acre site near Dameron Marsh in Northumberland County. Known locally as "Bayview," the site is located near the intersection of Balls Neck Road and Balls Lane and has extensive Balls Creek and Chesapeake Bay frontage.

"This land is a key habitat a part of the Chesapeake Bay estuary and sits in the vicinity of Hewlett's Point, Dameron Marsh, and the Northern Neck Land Conservancy's recently conserved Ditchley and Gascony sites," says Elizabeth Friel, Executive Director of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy. "Connecting these conserved areas allows us to truly protect this landscape for the long term."

The purchase of this property is in partnership with The Nature Conservancy and is funded through the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. The Nature Conservancy will maintain its conservation easement on the property and will restore a portion of the wetlands in an area of the site.

**“This site provides a unique opportunity to restore former wetland areas to functioning forested wetlands within the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and we are excited to embark on the full restoration and protection of this ecologically-important property,” says Karen Johnson, Director of Wetland and Stream Mitigation for The Nature Conservancy.**

**The partnership is beneficial to both organizations and to the local community, as it will help further preserve the rural heritage, scenic resources, and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.**

**“The Northern Neck Land Conservancy spent more than a year evaluating this proposal, and we are thrilled to take on this partnership to ensure the property is forever protected,” stated Kirwan King, President of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy**

**Wishing you all health and time spent out in the beautiful lands of the Northern Neck.**

Sincerely,

Kirwan King, President

Elizabeth Friel, Executive Director



**NNLC Board Member Betsy Washington and The Nature Conservancy's Karen Johnson look over Balls Creek out to the Chesapeake Bay at the Bayview site.**