From the Director

The Confluence of Land, Water and Culture

The cleanest waters of the Southeast flow from the mountains that surround us, and these waters are home to the rarest and greatest diversity of species in our region. These waters have always been the lifeblood of mountain people, from those who built the ancient mounds along the rivers to those who become baptized in them today.

The most beautiful, natural, and historic landscapes of the Southeast also lie in the mountains and valleys that we call home: the Hiwassee, the Little Tennessee, the Tuckasegee, the Cheoah. These are the great river valleys that define LILT’s conservation geography.

With your help we are investing in the greatest assets of our region. When conserving four miles along the Blue Ridge Parkway, when restoring shade to a half mile of Lakey Creek, when connecting young people to the natural wonders on the bottomlands of Tessentee and the Welch Farm, when enabling a community forest on Hall Mountain, when restoring the oldest building stock in north Macon County, and when monitoring the health of the aquatic community at Needmore and the upstream watershed.

Within the next twenty years, serious water shortages are predicted to overtake many metropolitan areas of the Southeast. Clean water and beautiful landscapes may then only be found in our mountains. This is why our work in conserving the land and waters of this region often feels like a higher calling.

This is why LILT works to unite the conservation of land and water. This is why we are here.

Paul J. Carlson

THE LAND STEWARD
The annual update on the activities and organizational status of LTLT (Land Trust for the Little Tennessee).

November, 2012

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Back to School

For more than 70 years its massive CCC-built rock walls gave solidity to the community. Now LTTLT is partnering with Macon County to repurpose the building and restore its importance.

After hearing of plans to close the Cowee School and build a new school to serve the northern part of the county, the Cowee community began efforts to ensure that the school would not be demolished or sold, that it would remain a community center. In 2008, the school was identified as key in the development of the north Macon area and the Cowee-West’s Mill Historic district as a heritage tourism destination. Later, in 2010, Macon County, LTTLT, and the Cowee Community Development Organization (CCDO) jointly sponsored a three-day workshop where nearly 100 residents and 14 organizations developed a vision for the reuse of the school as the Macon County Heritage Center at the Historic Cowee School. Macon County contracted with LTTLT to produce a business plan. With the public vision as a guide, LTTLT presented the plan in 2012, and the county has since allocated funds for the first year of operations of the Heritage Center and formalized its partnership with LTTLT in its development.
The school will become a community center and visitor destination that will benefit the area by serving as an educational, cultural heritage, recreational and economic development resource. The entire county will benefit from classes, programs, historical museum exhibits, entrepreneurship development, recreational and entertainment opportunities and a shared-use kitchen. The center will provide a local heritage focus to preserve and promote mountain and Cherokee culture through classes and training in arts, crafts, cooking, food growing, harvesting, preparation and preserving, music, dance, oral tradition and other skills unique to this area. A mix of county, grant and private funding, as well as space rental and class fees will sustain the center.

The Cowee School project is part of a larger heritage-based economic development effort in north Macon County that includes the preservation of the Needmore Tract, designation of the Cowee-West’s Mill Historic District, preservation of the Rickman Store, development of interpretive areas for the Cowee Mound and historic battlefields and designation of the Highway 28 Scenic Byway.

The vision of our local leaders, the work of the CCDO and residents, and your support of LTLT mean that our grandchildren will be able to walk the halls of the old stone-built Cowee School and reconnect with the area’s rich history and heritage.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Cowee School, shortly after it opened in 1943.

THIS PAGE, clockwise from top left: Old and worn, but still a strong community landmark; wisdom on the gymnasium wall; an empty classroom, waiting to be filled with heritage and opportunity; 70 years of thirst-quenching; the CCC camp where the school was built, and the men who helped build it.
A stream “owns” more than just the channel it flows through. Protecting the full buffer surrounding it is the best way to keep it healthy.
If you own a house, that structure is only part of your “home.” It may be where you spend most of your time, but when you think of home your thoughts are likely to encompass your lawn, garden, field and woodlot. In the same way, a river may spend most of its time in its channel, but it “owns” the riparian zone and the floodplain. In fact, it built them, and is continually remodeling them.

Thinking about it this way should inform our treatment of streams. The river will tolerate your crops and livestock in its floodplain, and it will even fertilizer for you now and then. But infringe on the river’s ownership rights with fill or permanent structures and you’ll face the consequences.

Rivers are just as touchy about their riparian zones as about their floodplains, yet even those of us who value our streams, who hunt and fish respectfully, and who respond to requests to “fight water pollution” often disrespect the right of a stream to a healthy riparian buffer. The single most positive thing we can do for our streams is to maintain full riparian

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Stream Protection Basics

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<td>Protect, or plant, native shrubs, trees, or other vegetation along stream banks to help prevent bank erosion, trap sediment, and filter out pollutants.</td>
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<td>Farm up to the edge of a stream.</td>
<td>Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District for cost-sharing information to pay for wells, fencing, and other best management practices.</td>
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<td>Allow livestock direct access to the stream.</td>
<td>Fence livestock away from streams to avoid damage to stream banks and existing plants.</td>
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<td>Straighten sections of stream (channelization).</td>
<td>Keep natural meanders in the stream to prevent erosion and loss of habitat.</td>
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Why Is Shading Important?

Water Quality
Vegetation along stream banks keeps soil, pesticides, and fertilizers from getting into the stream.

Roots
Roots anchor the soil, reduce flood damage, and take up excess fertilizers.

Food & Shelter
Leaves and branches provide food and shelter for insects, fish, and other aquatic life.

Water Flow
A healthy shaded stream slows down water, which helps to maintain stable stream banks and protects downstream property.

Cool Temperatures
Shade keeps the water cool, allowing fish and aquatic life to thrive.

Wildlife Habitat
Shaded streams provide valuable habitat for wildlife.

For years the advanced biology class at Franklin High School has helped with the Little Tennessee River biomonitoring project. Using the Index of Biotic Integrity metric scoring criteria, students are able to classify the biotic integrity of a section of the river, and learn first-hand the importance of collecting and interpreting data to assess biodiversity and determine stream health.
Green

Brothers Tim and Mike Davis—and their sister Crystal—are no newcomers to the farming business. The Davis family is one of the oldest farm families in Cherokee County, and in fact can trace their roots to Native American ancestry. Their parents, James and Reba Raper Davis, have been involved in the USDA Farm Service Agency for decades, and the extended family farms hundreds of acres of cattle, corn, greens, and more.

Davis Farms of Culberson, owned by the three siblings, is one of the major growers in southwestern...
Men

North Carolina, supplying Ingles and other supermarkets with produce. Their reputation among their peers as hardworking, honest, farsighted folks is undisputed.

In late 2011 LTLT requested bids on 44 acres of the 101-acre Welch Farm property in Cherokee County, and recommended that farm management plans be included with the bids. After reviewing the bids received, LTLT’s Board accepted the offer from the Davis siblings, and in April, LTLT finalized the sale to Davis Farms.

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Rescue a Treasure

In late 2011, LTLT moved quickly at the opportunity to conserve a 130-acre parcel on Lakey Creek with streams, pasture and woodlands. The property less than 1/2 mile from the Little Tennessee River before it enters the gorge at Needmore, includes the William Morrison Sr. house. This two-story house is the oldest structure in northern Macon County, and its original portion was built in the early 1830s of hewn poplar logs. Later alterations have not diminished its austere quality or the mountain vistas it commands.

The house could serve as a primary residence or make a lovely guesthouse or inn. With a view of the Nantahala Mountains, the property lies 3 miles north of the Cowee-West’s Mill National Register Historic District, and Cowee Mound. It includes a large barn and other outbuildings, streams, ponds and fertile pastureland. There is superb fishing in the river and abundant birds and other wildlife in the surrounding private woodlands and upland National Forest. The land and house will be protected by a conservation easement and restrictive covenants.

Unfortunately, the house has suffered significant damage and deterioration and will need a complete rehabilitation.

LTLT in partnership with Preservation North Carolina is seeking a conservation-minded buyer to purchase the property and restore the house and surrounding land that lie within one of the most historic and intact cultural landscapes in Western North Carolina. For further details visit PreservationNC.org.

LTLT is looking for a buyer for this antebellum house and beautiful estate

FROM TOP: These logs were hewn more than 180 years ago; the view from the front door; the original kitchen hearth; one of three towering, hand-built stone chimneys.
LTTLT’s Service Area

The watersheds we’re working to conserve, with some of our recent projects highlighted.

1. Cowee School
   LTTLT is a partner in the restoration and repurposing of a cherished local landmark.
   See page 4.

2. Hall Mountain
   Cultural land to be returned to the Cherokee.
   See page 14.

3. Morrison House
   An antebellum farmstead in search of a new owner.
   See page 10.

4. Davis Brothers Farm
   LTTLT’s land sale helps local growers.
   See page 8.

5. Chunky Gal Trail
   An important wilderness tract is protected.
   See page 14.

Map art by Michael Scisco, BioGeoCreations
Welch Farm
LTLT is helping to restore an ancient craft material. See page 15.

Little Savannah Creek
LTLT is working with landowners to restore and enhance habitat within streams and wetlands, as well as streamside and floodplain areas.

Blue Ridge Parkway
LTLT, Forest Stewards, and The Conservation Fund completed work to establish easement boundaries and define a bald restoration opportunity on a conservation easement along 3.9 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway in Jackson County.

Albone Branch
Sandy Jackson’s legacy gift to LTLT, 35 acres in Clay County, was sold in June, 2012. While the property is permanently conserved, the proceeds will help LTLT further its work in the Hiwassee River valley.
Fresh Heirs

In the coming months the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will take ownership of the important Hall Mountain tract in Macon County. The tract was originally slated for development, but after those plans fell through, LTIL stepped in and purchased the property to conserve it.

The Hall Mountain tract, six miles north of Franklin, is the watershed of the historic Cowee Mound Site. The Cowee Mound was the largest, busiest diplomatic and commercial center for the Cherokee people—indeed, for all native people on the East Coast—until the late 1700s.

This project, a partnership between LTIL, The Wilderness Society and the EBCI, is among the first to receive a grant from the newly formed Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program—one of just ten recipients nationwide, and one of only two in the Southeast to receive funding.

The Tribe plans to create a scenic hiking trail system through the tract that will exhibit uses of natural.

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Raising Cane

As part of its restoration of the Welch Farm property in Cherokee County, LTLT partners and volunteers are restoring ecological health by controlling invasive plants, and planting trees and shrubs to expand streamside buffers and improve water quality. LTLT has received a grant from the Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources (RTCAR) to restore rivercane and other native plants on portions of the property. For centuries Native Americans have used the cane as a raw material for beautiful, functional woven baskets.

LEFT: Celebrating the return of the Cowee Mound to the Cherokee in 2007, Warriors of AniKituhwa dancers, Principal Chief Michell Hicks and Elder Walker Calhoun with Hall Mountain in the background.
A Big Hand for the Chunky Gal

A collaboration between public and private partners succeeded in conserving pristine mountain land in the Shooting Creek headwaters by bringing a 53-acre tract into the National Forest system.

The tract lies on the ridgeline of the Chunky Gal Mountains, which provide a source of beauty for motorists, hikers, hunters and fishermen. The trail follows the ridge and connects the Rim Trail and the Appalachian Trail.

LTLT purchased the land in 2009 and held it until the Forest Service had acquisition funds available. The Conservation Fund’s revolving loan fund provided a short-term loan for LTLT to acquire the land.

Mary Noel, Staff Officer and Director for Planning and Lands for the National Forests in North Carolina, said, “This acquisition provides for public ownership for the last private inholding along the scenic Chunky Gal Trail, protecting this unique backcountry experience for future generations of hikers. We appreciate the support of LTLT in helping make this purchase possible.”

The property has high conservation value; it is within 1,000 feet of the Riley Knob Natural Heritage Area and lies within the watershed of Muskrat Branch, designated Wild Trout waters by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. Rich soils make possible an atypical ridgeline forest with flora reminiscent of a verdant cove: buckeye trees, an open understory, and a lush layer of wildflowers. Two large rock outcrops occur, one at the northwest corner and another to the southeast, with the Chunky Gal Trail meandering between them, forming 3,100 feet of the parcel boundary and allowing hikers scenic views of the valley.

Richard Sullivan is Trail Maintenance Director of Mountain High Hikers, a local club whose members volunteer in maintaining trails in our National Forests. Sullivan described the parcel as “a beautiful tract of land.” He added, “With the entire area now in the National Forest, there is no threat of the trail being re-routed off of the ridge.

“That is an area we spend a lot of time in. I really appreciate what has been done to conserve that land.”
Fine Feathered Friends

This summer, Cherokee language learners had the opportunity to participate in a bird monitoring study taking place at the ancient Cowee townsite on the banks of the Little Tennessee River.

The Cherokee Language Program of Western Carolina University (WCU) met with the Big Cove Cherokee Language Immersion Summer School on June 6th and with the Snowbird Cherokee Language Immersion Summer School on June 21 to assist in the Cowee MAPS program (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship). The program is a continent-wide study which monitors the breeding success of nesting birds and evaluates the health of bird populations. Biologists explained the importance of the Cowee Mound site as a nesting habitat for many species of migrant birds.

The 70-acre tribally owned Cowee property is an important archaeological and natural site, having been populated for more than 3000 years. LTLT has collaborated with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians in acquiring and managing the property. Project biologists led the students through a maze of nets along the bank of the Little Tennessee River which was being used to capture birds harmlessly. Students observed as Orchard Orioles, Common Yellowthroats, Indigo Buntings, and other migratory birds were carefully removed from the nets, identified and banded. The biologists recorded sex, age, breeding condition, and other data that indicate the health status of the birds.

Tom Belt of WCU’s Cherokee Language Program discussed the economic and political importance of the town of Cowee in Cherokee and in English languages. Cherokee speakers/teachers Mary Brown, Marie Junalaska, and Shirley Oswald of the Cherokee Language Immersion Summer School talked about the day’s events and traditional Cherokee names for the birds. The groups are working together to develop a science study book based on the field trips for use in regional elementary science classrooms. The collaborative project is supported in part by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.
Shade Your Stream
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buffer zones along all of them, from the Little Tennessee to the tiniest spring branch.

That's why a major focus of LITLT for the future will be on protecting streams and their riparian buffer zones. We've published a "Shade Your Stream" guide to encourage landowners to restore a healthy riparian buffer on their land. And we're collaborating with Jeremy Sullivan at the University of Georgia in the development of a Stream Visual Assessment Protocol (SVAP) for this region, which will enable everyone to participate in evaluating the health of their streams with no more equipment than a pencil and a data sheet.

We're fortunate that so many miles of stream channel are protected within the National Forests, on the Needmore Game Lands and as part of the properties conserved by LITLT. But the task won't be completed until every landowner understands that the streams that pass through our properties set their own boundaries, boundaries which we should respect and protect.

Green Men
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Almost before the ink was dry on the paperwork the rich land was planted in collards, turnips and mustard greens, favorite crops for Tim and Mike.

Sale of the property to the Native-descended Davises seems a fitting coincidence, given the significance of this tract in the history of the Valleytown Cherokee people. The property contains most of the cropland and river frontage of the historic John and Betty Welch plantation. "Welch's Town" consisted of two village areas in the lower Snowbird Mountains where several Native families escaped the tragic 1838 removal on the 'Trail of Tears' by accepting safe haven provided by John, who was Cherokee, and his wife Betty, who was European. According to the records of William Holland Thomas, 27 Cherokee families were living in Welch's Town by 1840.

LITLT is working to develop a multi-use plan to include agriculture, passive recreation, restoration of culturally significant native plants such as rivercane and butternut, and stream and wildlife habitat enhancement on the remaining 57 acres of the Welch Farm that it owns.

LITLT looks forward to a long-term conservation relationship with the Davis family. The Davis conservation easement builds on the foundation laid by Ridgefield Farm, the Whitmire family, Bill and Jan Bolte, and David and Ann Setzer. LITLT continues to expand people-centered, working lands conservation in the Hiwassee Valley.

Fresh Heirs
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resources traditionally used by the Cherokee and will serve as an educational resource for regional schools and youth organizations. A community input process will be used to develop the plan for additional programs.

Sharon Taylor, Deputy Director of LITLT says, 'LITLT is thrilled that its partnership with the EBCI and The Wilderness Society has resulted in the Tribe receiving one of the very first Community Forest grants. Having the property conserved and managed as a community forest with public access fits perfectly with LITLT's overarching mission of conserving land, restoring water quality, and connecting people to those natural resources.'

THE LAND STEWARD
Laura and Harold Delong retired to Cartoogechaye Valley in western Macon County in 1997, the year that LTLT was founded. Laura, an always friendly yet unassuming woman, loved her garden, the mountains, and the diversity of nature found throughout the Little Tennessee Valley. Harold became a committed volunteer to Macon’s Habitat for Humanity. Together they were dedicated members of Memorial United Methodist Church and active in the Church’s community support projects.

They were first drawn to LTLT through what has become an annual June outing led by Jack Johnston to see the rare flowering mountain camellia on lower Sawmill Creek of the Needmore Tract. After that first outing Laura and Harold attended every LTLT event they could, quietly becoming among the most committed supporters of the land protection work of LTLT.

As loving couples do, Harold and Laura gave careful consideration to end-of-life planning. They agreed that they wanted to do something meaningful to support LTLT’s conservation work. In late summer of 2011 Laura was stricken by cancer which began to sap her strength. Thanks to Harold’s loving care, Laura was able to stay at home during the last four months of her life. Laura died three months short of her 80th birthday on December 13, 2011.

During Laura’s last days she and Harold decided to make an extraordinary gift, and Harold came by LTLT’s office on a somber December morning to write a check for $50,000 to support our work. The quiet generosity of a woman of faith who loved the mountains and believed in LTLT’s work made a huge difference to our work in 2012, and gave us renewed commitment to conserving the waters, forests, farms and heritage of these magnificent mountains.

**Thank You, Laura**

*We mark the passing of Laura Delong; nature lover, conservationist, and true friend to LTLT.*
Partner Spotlight

All of us at LTLT are grateful for the hard work and dedication of all the other conservation organizations who share our love of the mountains and our mission to protect their resources. Some of these organizations have partnered with us on projects now and in the past. We’d like to highlight three of them here, and thank them for their efforts.

The Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition
The Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition (HRWC) is a 17-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to sustaining good water quality in streams, lakes and rivers that flow into the Hiwassee River. The Coalition works with local landowners, governments, schools and businesses to recognize and address threats to our water resources. The Coalition implements on-the-ground improvement projects to solve problems before water quality is beyond reasonable recovery.

Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition
P.O. Box 889  |  39 Peachtree Street, Ste. 104
Murphy, NC 28906
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info@hrwc.net
www.hrwc.net

WATR
The Watershed Association of the Tuckasegee River (WATR) is a citizen-based group dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the health and quality of the Tuckasegee River and its watershed.

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www.watrnc.org

Forest Stewards
Forest Stewards, Inc. (FSI) is a non-profit corporation created to promote and implement forest stewardship in the Appalachians. FSI provides a wide range of stewardship services to forest landowners who desire to maintain and enhance the health and ecological integrity of their forests.

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LTLT Annual Report of Funds

**Sources of Funds, 2011**

- Individuals: $1,163,183 55%
- Government Grants: $829,474 40%
- Rent, Interest, Stewardship Contracts: $65,650 3%
- Foundations and Organizations: $36,862 2%
- Total: $2,095,170 100%

**Use of Funds, 2011**

- Purchase of Land: $1,114,206 67%
- Conservation Programs: $291,940 17%
- Program Support: $179,251 11%
- Fundraising: $65,835 4%
- Permanent Stewardship Fund: $16,814 1%
- Total: $1,668,146 100%

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**Gear up, get outside, and be a part of LTLT**

Popular Franklin outfitter Outdoor 76 is passionate about aiding local conservation efforts and is a partner to LTLT.

To support LTLT, Outdoor 76 will give a $20 gift certificate to those who donate $100 or more with the return envelope in *The Land Steward*.
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From June, 2011 through Present

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