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For

PIEDMONT LAND CONSERVANCY

Protecting the nature of the Piedmont

Piedmont Land Conservancy permanently protects important lands to conserve our region's rivers and streams, natural and scenic areas, wildlife habitat, and farm land that make the Piedmont a healthy and vibrant place to live, work and visit for present and future generations.

To fulfill our mission we strive toward the following goals:

- Recognize and encourage personal and community responsibility for conserving our natural heritage
- Identify and work with willing landowners to permanently protect native plants, animals, and natural communities; conserve farm land and areas with significant geographical features and scenic beauty
- Protect and improve the ecological function of our region, including its air and water quality, and biological diversity
- Manage our enterprise efficiently and effectively on behalf of our members, supporters, partners and staff
- Manage the lands we own and make them accessible to the public as appropriate

Program Service Accomplishments

a) Land Protection Projects:

- Completed 11 projects protecting 1323.51 acres of watersheds, farms, green space, and natural heritage areas.
- Placed conservation easements on three properties.
- Acquired three donated properties.
- Facilitated the acquisition of two tracts for the State of North Carolina.
- Facilitated the acquisition of two tracts for the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park.
- Purchased one tract on Fisher Peak with funding from NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund and private donations.

b) Public Education:

- A vital component of our mission is Education and Outreach. Last year we continued to publish our quarterly newsletter, LandLines, informing members and constituents of project closings, outings and general PLC happenings. We also spoke to civic clubs and other groups, held recreational outings for our members, and clean up sessions on PLC-protected properties. We also began hosting hikes on one of our protected properties that we are working to establish as a nature preserve (Knight-Brown in Rockingham County) – to be used by school groups and others for environmental education purposes.

Outreach at festivals and other public events included opportunities that allowed us to spread awareness about our work and the need for further land protection to several thousand people and potential supporters. To this end, PLC also successfully hosted its very first “LandJam” concert – a musical event designed to reach a large audience and a different demographic.

c) Land Stewardship:

- With most of our land protection projects comes the duty of perpetual stewardship. Our Stewardship Director visits each property under our stewardship program at least once per year. The Stewardship Endowment Fund is maintained by the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro while the Emily Allen Wildflower Preserve Endowment and Stevenson Endowment were maintained with the Winston-Salem Foundation. We reviewed our stewardship resources and schedule to assure we continue effective stewardship of our protected lands. PLC continued its stewardship responsibilities on protected sites including monitoring and

boundary posting and expanded our efforts at managing properties owned by PLC.

Financial Statements

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Board of Directors

See Attached List of Board of Directors.