



### CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

In the past year Brenda Mead, our Executive Director, has put Valley Conservation Council on course to tackle our immediate conservation challenges. When VCC retained Brenda's services in February 2016 we asked her to:

- **Put the VCC financial 'house' in order** so that we could not only be a strong advocate for landowner and public land protection practices but also begin to take on new conservation easements as a land trust.
- **Continue to work on developing land protection policies** that work for production farm producers.
- **Grow VCC membership.**

VCC has also formally committed to become accredited by the Land Trust Alliance, a nation-wide consortium of land trusts. Completing this process (sometime in 2018) means that VCC is properly prepared to accept, steward and defend easements in perpetuity. Adopting LTA standards is the best assurance we can give to landowners who entrust their property to our stewardship that we can execute those responsibilities. It further tells the funding agencies and you, our members, that Valley Conservation Council is committed to using established best practices in organizational management and in the stewardship of the lands we help sustain.

As a farmer concerned about my responsibilities as a land steward, I'm particularly aware that existing land protection tools are not always a good fit for a farmer's business needs. The days when you could make a successful living off a single type of agriculture are mostly behind us. Farmers today are diversifying to cultivate multiple income streams. VCC

has developed a new easement template with that in mind to help address some of those needs. In the process of working with those producers VCC has and will continue to be their agent—helping them to develop other strategies for protecting farmland from non-agricultural development. Farmers' impact on the view sheds of our region is out of proportion to their percentage of our population. We all need to support the agricultural vitality of the greater Shenandoah Valley.

Finally, membership is the biggest challenge facing conservation here and across the nation. VCC membership is not young and is not large, but our staff and our board are committed to changing this. We ask you, our members, to join in this vital effort. Send VCC suggestions for members; with the recent hiring of Natasha Skelton and Scott Kelly, VCC can follow up on your names and ideas.

In addition to all of the above, our staff is working on ways to address the fragmentation of conservation efforts across the region. How does someone in Shenandoah County learn about the good efforts, cool events and fun venues in Rockbridge County and vice versa? Protecting and nurturing the conservation value of our region CAN be sustained. VCC needs all of us to build a community that is more unified in its commitment to the conservation values that we all share.



**Butch Snow**  
Chairman  
Valley Conservation  
Council  
Board of Directors

### Building the Future



**Mark Battin** is the newest addition to the VCC Board. He's recently retired from a real estate career in the Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta region, and

also brings to VCC a wealth of experience in sustainable farming and ranching. Since retiring, Mark is focused on spending time on local waterways, kayaking and fly fishing, reinvigorating his lifelong commitment to sound water and land use.



**Scott Kelly** joined VCC as Associate Director for Land Protection. Scott has worked and volunteered with several land trusts (including VCC) and the National

Park Service. He is eager to apply his education and experience in environmental science and nonprofit management to protecting the Shenandoah Valley's rural charm, growing economy, and outstanding natural resources.



**Natasha Skelton** joined as Associate Director for Outreach. She was raised on a beef and poultry farm in Rockingham County and believes that our

wonderful Shenandoah Valley culture is built on the strong foundation of agriculture. She'd love to talk to you about the Shenandoah Valley and how we can work together to preserve it.

Reach Scott or Natasha by calling the office at 540-886-3541 or emailing [natasha@valleyconservation.org](mailto:natasha@valleyconservation.org) or [scott@valleyconservation.org](mailto:scott@valleyconservation.org).



## Just to Name a Few Virginia Outdoors Foundation

We work hand in hand with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) on many of the conservation easements donated in the greater Shenandoah Valley. Each year this partnership results in the placement of more permanent protections on land in our region.

### Pure Water Forum

In late summer 2017, we'll be partnering with the Pure Water Forum on a float down the South Fork of the Shenandoah River. Participants include local decision makers and land stewards. Education opportunities will abound, as together we make our way through conserved properties and build strong connections between people, land and water.

### Virginia Environmental Endowment

Our history with the Virginia Environmental Endowment goes all the way back to a grant that helped establish VCC and continues to this day. We're delighted to congratulate them on celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2017.

# Going Further with Friends

## The beauty of the greater Shenandoah Valley is more than skin deep

Our vistas are second to none but we're more than just a pretty face. Spread across the hills, valleys, and towns of our region are some of the best people in the world and they know the meaning of community. VCC is honored to partner with many organizations across the region to maximize the impact of our work. In other words, for almost every dollar we receive in support of our mission, we're able to increase its power by partnering with other groups headed in the same direction. Paddling together takes us further down the river.

## Backyard Botetourt

Held in partnership with Mountain Castles Soil & Water Conservation District, the Backyard Botetourt series extends free educational programming to Botetourt residents—opening participants eyes to the many natural resources just beyond their back door.

### 2016 TOPICS

- Native Tree Identification
- Water Quality/ Riparian Easements
- Caves and Karst Topography
- Preserving Dark Skies

### UPCOMING TOPICS

- Greenway Expansion
- Gardening for Pollinators
- Local Amphibians
- Geologic Formations



Email [genevieve@valleyconservation.org](mailto:genevieve@valleyconservation.org) to learn more about Backyard Botetourt.



## Financial Overview

YEAR ENDED 12-31-2016 (UNAUDITED)



80% Programs  
20% Administrative



53% Corporation and Foundation Grants  
43% Individual Contributions  
4% Special Events and Other



**VALLEY  
CONSERVATION  
COUNCIL**

We extend our sincere gratitude to the corporations, foundations, government agencies, and individuals listed below for their generous support in 2016.

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## Our partnerships with these organizations leveraged your contributions in 2016 for more conservation in the Valley:

Augusta Bird Club  
 Eagle Rock Ruritan Club  
 Friends of the Middle River  
 Headwaters Soil and Water  
 Conservation District  
 Lewis Creek Watershed Advisory  
 Committee  
 Mountain Castles Soil & Water  
 Conservation District  
 Natural Bridge Ruritan Club  
 Trout Unlimited  
 Virginia Master Naturalists  
 Headwaters Chapter  
 Virginia Department of Conservation  
 and Recreation  
 Virginia Department of Forestry  
 Virginia Department of Game and  
 Inland Fisheries

## We are proud to have been sponsored by these fine organizations in 2016:

BotkinRose PLC  
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 Central Blue Ridge  
 First Bank  
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## We couldn't have succeeded without these volunteers who gave so generously of their time in 2016:

Tom Benzing  
 Jennifer Callison  
 Abby Carinder  
 Faye Cooper  
 John Goss

## Grant funding for our Programs in 2016 was generously provided by the following foundations:

Agua Fund  
 Alleghany Foundation  
 Chesapeake Bay Funders Network  
 Keith Campbell Foundation  
 New Venture Fund  
 Oak Hill Fund  
 Shenandoah Valley Pure Water Forum  
 Virginia Department of Environmental  
 Quality  
 Virginia Environmental Endowment

## We also want to thank our staff for their generous contribution of time in 2016.

# Partners in Preservation

## Preserving and protecting for future generations

Another important partner in the work that we do is our local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD). VCC co-holds 37 riparian easements with various SWCDs across our service area. A riparian easement allows important protections to be put in place on the land immediately adjacent to a stream or river, supporting filtration of excess nutrients from runoff, protecting shorelines from erosion, providing habitat to plants and animals and improving the health of the rivers and streams in which our communities boat, fish and swim. We also partner on events, such as the Upper James River float scheduled for September 16 in partnership with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Mountain Castles SWCD.

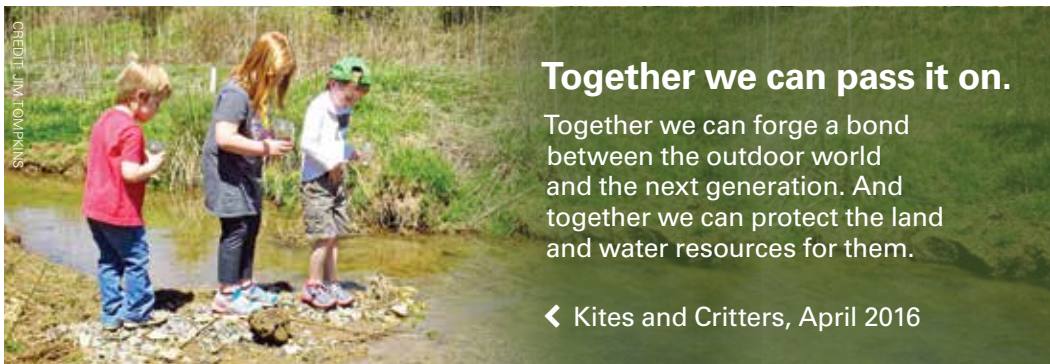
## Conservation easement ensures farming legacy for future generations

The average Virginia farmer is almost 60 years old, presenting a truly significant challenge for the future of the industry. Young, progressive farmers like Alex Moore provide hope, both for his parents, Lewis and Gayle Moore, and for others longing to see the legacy of farming passed on to another generation. Alex raises beef cattle, hogs and chickens and appreciates the opportunity to apply sound conservation and sustainable farming practices as he grows his agriculture business. In 2016, the Moores made a commitment to future generations by donating a conservation easement on their 231-acre Augusta County farm.



*"One of the more beautiful aspects of farming...is the generational nature of the profession – the way that the love for preserving, honoring, and stewarding the land gets passed down – from my forefathers, to my father, and now on to me. And in this age of increasing pressure to develop farm lands for a myriad of non-farm uses that promise a quick profit, the hope of passing this love on to future generations becomes increasingly difficult to imagine. It has been such an encouragement to work with conservation groups like VCC and VOF who affirm our work as farmers and declare it beautiful and vital, and it is an immense comfort to know that this rich heritage is now protected for generations to come." — ALEX MOORE*

Through the same "Land and Water Connection" program, six other Augusta County families placed conservation easements with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF), our key land conservation partner, resulting in nearly 1,200 acres of protected working farm, forest and open land as well as forest buffers along more than three miles of stream banks and 14 springs that provide the headwaters of the Middle and South rivers. Thanks to a generous grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), this is a three year program that will conclude in 2017.



## Together we can pass it on.

Together we can forge a bond between the outdoor world and the next generation. And together we can protect the land and water resources for them.

◀ Kites and Critters, April 2016

# Save the Date!

Our Annual Meeting is set for **September 10, 2017** and it just won't be the same if you can't attend! Put a note on your calendar and we'll get more details to you soon.



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## Green Fire and A Sand County Almanac

COMING SOON TO A VENUE NEAR YOU!

*Stay tuned for dates and places!*

Considered by many to be the father of wildlife ecology and the United States' wilderness system, Aldo Leopold was a conservationist, forester, philosopher, educator, writer, and outdoor enthusiast. Among his best known ideas is the "land ethic," which calls for an ethical, caring relationship between people and nature.

VCC is hosting a series of readings from Leopold's collection of essays, *A Sand County Almanac*, and screenings of *Green Fire*, a full length documentary that explores the life and philosophy of Aldo Leopold. We'll be coming to various locations across the Valley and we hope you'll join us for one or more!

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# LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

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**W**hat could be a more fitting legacy for your family than a gift of real property to Valley Conservation Council? If you're like most families in rural America, real estate comprises over 30% of your assets. There are many ways to make real estate gifts to VCC and many of the options could result in tax benefits for you.

### Outright Donation

Outright donation may be the best option if you do not wish to pass your property onto heirs, own property that you no longer use, own significantly appreciated property, or own a large amount of property and are concerned about estate tax burdens that you may pass on. Donating second or third homes, and investment real estate, like retail or commercial property, can provide substantial income tax deductions and estate tax benefits, while avoiding any capital gains taxes that would have resulted from selling the property.

### Donating Land by Will

Want to maintain ownership and control of your land, but assure its protection after your death? Donating by will may be a good fit for you. Before donating by will, work with VCC to make sure that your property fits within the scope of the land that the land trust is willing and able to protect.

### Conservation Easements

Conservation easements are legal agreements that permanently restrict the use of land with the goal of protecting its conservation values, and allow owners to use, sell, or pass the land onto their heirs.

When donating a conservation easement to VCC, you give up some commercial, development, and industrial rights associated with a parcel of land. Flexible restrictions may allow you to retain the ability to farm, build additional agricultural structures, or harvest timber. If sold, future owners of the property will be bound by

the easement terms. VCC is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the terms of the easement in perpetuity.

Working with VCC to create a conservation easement for your property may result in Federal charitable gift deductions and Virginia Land Conservation Tax Credits. Conservation easements can be essential tools for passing land on to your heirs. Removing a parcel of land's development potential lowers its market value, resulting in lower estate taxes. Easements can be donated during your lifetime or by will and may provide your heirs with the ability to keep your land intact.

### Leave a meaningful legacy today!

VCC is interested in talking with you about real estate gift possibilities. Call Brenda Mead, Executive Director, 540-886-3541.