

# York County Forever Commission



*Preserving our Past  
Protecting our Future*

## WHY Should We Preserve Our Resources?

### Economic Benefits

- Increase Property Values
- Attract New Business & Industry
- Reduce Cost of Services
- Stimulate Local Economy

### Environmental Benefits

- Pollution Control
- Floodplain-Stormwater Management
- Protect Wildlife & Vegetation

### Community Benefits

- Promote Healthy Life style
- Provide Low-Cost Recreation
- Manage Growth Responsibly
- Improve Quality of Life

The loss of open space, population growth, and infringing development led to increasing citizen concern that York County's picturesque scenery and cherished way of life were vanishing. Faced with this need to manage growth responsibly, protect exceptional resources, and preserve unique character, York County Council created the York County Forever Commission (YCF) in 1998, to serve as the county's land conservation organization, with the mission of promoting and protecting significant natural, cultural, historic, and environmental resources. Working in partnership with other public agencies and private landowners, the Commission has utilized its limited funding to preserve over 9,000 acres of unique York County resources.



**York County Forever funds have helped to preserve a variety of our county's most valuable resources.**

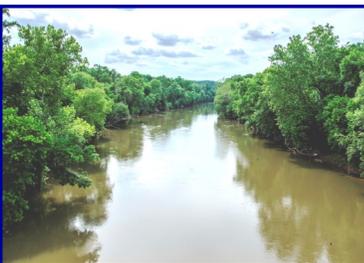
**Historic Brattonsville:** Assisted with purchase of over 500 acres of the 800 acre living history site near McConnells.



**Nanny's Mountain:** Assisted with purchase of this 92 acre monadnock in the Clover area, which was home to the Revolutionary War mines for Hill's Iron Works. The site offers walking trails, picnic areas, and viewing for a variety of plants and wildlife.



**White Home:** Aided with funding for purchase and restoration of this National Register property, which was built by one of Rock Hill's earliest settlers. The home is available for public tours and social functions.



**Worth Mountain:** Provided funding for bargain purchase of 1,647 acre tract on Broad River which offers hunting, fishing, and hiking opportunities.

*(Pictured left, top to bottom: Historic Brattonsville, Nanny's Mountain, White Home, & Broad River at Worth Mountain.)*

For further information, please contact: York County Planning Department  
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Visit our website through the link on the Planning Department page at [www.yorkcountygov.com](http://www.yorkcountygov.com)

## HOW Can I Protect My Land?

YCF can work with owners whose property meets their conservation criteria by coordinating with local land trusts and assisting with appraisal, legal, and administrative costs associated with the donation of conservation easements or development rights. A variety of conservation tools is available for owners who want to retain their property rights, and continue to use and enjoy their land, while protecting their family legacy. Tax benefits are another incentive that make these protection options good economic sense.

- **Conservation Easement**
- **Purchase of Development Rights**
- **Fee Simple Donations**
- **Bargain Sales**
- **Life Estates**

YCF accepts *Landowner Conservation Statements of Interest* from **January through April** for consideration for tentative project completion by December of the same calendar year, and from **July through October** for consideration for tentative project completion by June of the following calendar year. York County Council must authorize all property negotiations and approve any expenditures of funds for easements or purchase agreements. All negotiations are confidential. YCF does not provide legal, accounting or other professional services.

*The Commission is composed of nine members: a citizen appointed from each of the seven Council districts and non-voting representatives from Nation Ford Land Trust and Culture & Heritage Commission. YCF meetings are normally held at 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the York County Office Complex in Rock Hill. The Commission's quarterly newsletter, The Resource, can also be downloaded from the Documents section of the YCF webpage at [www.yorkcountygov.com](http://www.yorkcountygov.com).*

Landowners who are interested in preserving their property should complete the statement of interest form below, detach, and return to the Commission at:

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**Rock Hill, SC 29732**  
**Phone: 803-909-7220**  
**Fax: 803-909-7478**  
**E-mail: [Planning@yorkcountygov.com](mailto:Planning@yorkcountygov.com)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of property: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Property Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of property: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tax map number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Unique characteristics of property: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Vision for your property: \_\_\_\_\_  
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