

# York County Forever Commission

## Why Should We Preserve Our Re- sources?

### 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 a Healthy Life Style
- Provide Low-Cost Recreation
- Manage Growth Responsibly
- Improve Quality of Life

## Preserving our Past, Protecting our Future



## York County's Conservation Organization

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 10,583 acres of unique York County resources.

### How Can I Protect My Land?

YCF can work with land 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
- Fee Simple Donations
- Purchase of Development Rights
- Bargain Sales
- Life Estates

Please refer to the back of this page to find out more information. To contact YCF call or email York County Planning at 803-909-7221 or [Brittnay.brown@yorkcountygov.com](mailto:Brittnay.brown@yorkcountygov.com)

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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 Heckle Complex in Rock Hill. The Commission's quarterly newsletter, *The Resource*, can also be downloaded from 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 on the YCF webpage.

### **Here are some of York County Forever's successful projects**

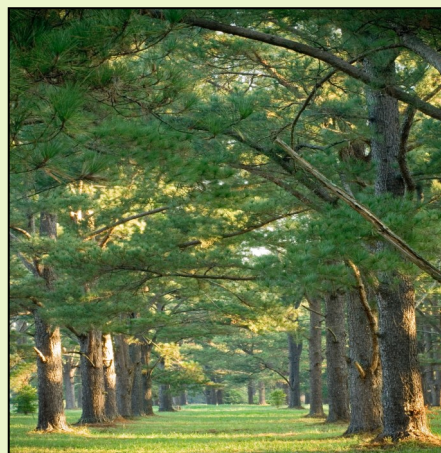


#### **Worth Mountain (left):**

YCF provided funding for bargain purchase of 1,647 acre tract with over two miles of river frontage on the Broad River which offers hunting, fishing, and hiking opportunities.



**Nanny's Mountain (above):** 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.



**Riverbend (above):** This 1900 acre property was purchased in late 2018. The former Bowater site has approximately five miles of river frontage on the Catawba River. Currently, the site is being developed for public recreation.



**Roddey Property (left):** The 52-acre Roddey Property has been in the same family since 1812 with the Roddey's residing in the same home for 216 years. For the last two centuries, the Roddey's have operated a family farm on the property in southern Rock Hill.