

15 Years and 25,400+ Acres Preserved BRFC Thanks Its Members



Land preserved in Greene County by conservation easements donated by William and Carole Schmidt and James and Anne Reel.

In 1999, a handful of people in Madison and Greene counties started the Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy (BRFC) to share ideas with their neighbors about how to preserve the rural way of life in our region. At the time, only about 1,500 acres of farmland in the two counties were protected.

After 15 years of neighborly conversations, and great cooperation with State and regional conservation partners,

BRFC is celebrating the preservation of a total of more than 25,400 acres of agricultural production, forests, and scenic beauty in our two counties.

Thank you BRFC members for encouraging your friends, neighbors, co-workers, church groups, and civic organizations to learn about how conservation easements can save the land we love for our grandchildren and their grandchildren.

Conservation Scorecard from December 1999 until November 2014

	Land Under Easement	Number of Landowners	Percent of Private Land
Madison – 1999	1,181 acres	5	0.7%
Madison – 2014	14,987 acres	67	8.5%
Greene – 1999	374 acres	3	0.5%
Greene – 2014	10,466 acres	61	12.6%

BRFC is a local, all-volunteer organization. One hundred percent of your donations support the preservation of land in Greene and Madison counties. We look forward to working with you to protect 20,000 more acres of farms and forests in the coming years.

For information about conservation easements or becoming a member of the Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy, please visit our website, www.BlueRidgeFoothillsConservancy.org.

Inspiration and Encouragement from Kat Imhoff

Montpelier CEO keynotes BRFC Annual Meeting

Kat Imhoff, President and CEO of Montpelier Foundation, spoke to our members, synthesizing her background in nature conservation and historic preservation with the goals of the BRFC.



2014 Annual Meeting with Kat Imhoff, Eugene Guisepppe Center, Stanardsville

"What I have taken and keep with me is the love of these places and people. We are so very fortunate to live in a world with so much beauty--and the bittersweet potential of loss that always hangs over much that we do love."

"What you do--the painstaking, day-to-day conversations with your friends and neighbors about how best to take care of this place you love and live--the bones of very old mountains--is how all true, great work is truly accomplished. . . acre by acre, person by person, sometime glacially slow, sometimes sweeping along but always inexorably."



Facing the Blue Ridge Mountains from the front doors of Montpelier, where the majority of the estate's 2,650 acres have been placed under conservation easement.



Denim & Diamonds
Bring your dancing shoes for an evening to celebrate land conservation in 2015!

Prince Michel Vineyards
154 Winery Lane, Leon, VA 22725

January 30th, 2015
6-9 PM

\$10/person

RSVP by January 23rd to TheLegacyoftheLand@gmail.com

Board Transitions

- We would like to thank retiring board members Kit Johnston (Madison) and Carol Merrill (Greene) for their service. Kit was vice president and Carol served as our legislative liaison.
- BRFC welcomes James Maloney to our board. James Maloney and his wife, Elizabeth, recently purchased Bluff Mountain Farm, a property under conservation easement in Graves Mill. The fact that the farm was protected by an easement--and surrounded on three sides by the Wildlife Management area-- was attractive to the Maloney's as it meant that the environs were unlikely to change in their lifetimes.



l-r: Trish Crowe, Louise Hayes, Event Chair Gail Trimmer-Unterman, Ethyle Guisepppe & Dreama Travis

Doug Graves Receives Outstanding Service to the Board Award



Doug Graves is a 7th generation resident in Graves Mill, Madison County. He was a Fairfax County police officer before returning to Madison County, where he serves as BRFC treasurer. He was involved with the Jacks Shop Civil War sesquicentennial, held September 2013, and serves as state registrar for the Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America. He volunteers his time in community service to the Graves Chapel facility, and is owner of the Graves Mill Historical Park, which is also a Virginia Cultural Historical Site.

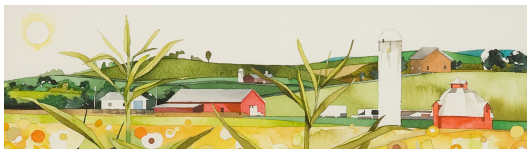


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It is the mission of the Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy to help facilitate an effective partnership between all of the various conservation groups and willing landowners who desire to make a commitment today for the benefit of future generations.

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