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Conservancy Assists Landowner to Protect Pacers Rest Farm

Piedmont Land Conservancy is pleased to announce the completion of its eighteenth Randolph County project – the protection of Judy Davis’ Pacers Rest Farm. Judy Davis donated a conservation easement on her 74-acre farm located at the junction of Alamance, Chatham and Randolph counties. Ms. Davis adopts pacer racehorses and allows them to live out their lives on the farm’s pastures. Hence, the farm’s name is Pacers Rest.

Ms. Davis’ affinity for Pacers Rest Farm is nearly equaled by her appreciation of North Carolina agriculture. “For several years I’ve been observing, with much alarm, the rapidly disappearing farmland in North Carolina” says Davis. “That coupled with the de-regionalization of farming prompted my conservation easement. For sustainability we need to return to using more products grown locally and consumed locally.”

The conservation easement assures the land will always be available for farm and forestry activities and not be developed for residential, industrial or commercial use. The easement also protects almost a mile of stream banks along two tributaries of the Rocky River. The Rocky River supplies drinking water for Siler City.

Ms. Davis was one of the first landowners in the Liberty Randleman farmland corridor to become interested in farmland protection. Beginning in 1999, she has been instrumental in the protection of other farms in the area through her support of PLC’s work in the corridor. With Pacers Rest, PLC has now protected over 1300 acres in the corridor.

In addition to Ms. Davis’s donations, generous contributions from the Mary and Elliott Wood Foundation and Triangle Land Conservancy made this project possible.

Piedmont Land Conservancy is a grassroots land trust dedicated to permanently protecting 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 date, PLC has protected over 13,900 acres in 127 projects across its nine county region of Alamance, Caswell, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin counties. To learn more about the Conservancy, and how you can support its efforts to protect farms, rivers, forests, wildlife habitat and urban greenways and parks, visit www.piedmontland.org or call (336) 691-0088.

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