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Piedmont Land Conservancy Receives Funding to Improve Recreational Opportunities in Northwest Guilford County

Piedmont Land Conservancy (PLC) is pleased to announce that it has been selected as a 2008 grant recipient of both the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and the Future Fund. The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro awarded \$10,000 to PLC in support of the Piedmont Regional Greenway. The Future Fund awarded the Conservancy \$7,500 to restore a native warm-season grassland at Price Park, located in northwest Greensboro.

The Piedmont Regional Greenway is a multi-year, cross-jurisdictional effort to connect northwest Greensboro to southeast Winston-Salem through Kernersville and Triad Park. The 10-foot-wide trail will provide safe, publicly accessible outdoor recreation along a 19-mile route. Last fall the Conservancy completed the first phase of the Greenway by paving a stretch from Bur-Mil Park to Summerfield.

Price Park is one of the Piedmont Land Conservancy's signature projects. In partnership with the City of Greensboro, PLC acquired a significant portion of the Jefferson-Pilot Club House property in 1999. The Conservancy subsequently transferred the property to the City of Greensboro's Parks and Recreation Department subject to a conservation easement. The Future Fund grant will allow the Conservancy and partners to create a piedmont prairie grassland in the fields near the intersection of Hobbs Road and New Garden Road. The grassland will provide an educational tool for wildlife and the natural history of the region.

"Piedmont Land Conservancy is very fortunate to have such tremendous local support," says Kevin Redding, the group's Executive Director. "Both of these projects will be valuable recreational and educational tools for the citizens of Guilford County for many years to come. We're grateful for the support of the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and the young leaders comprising the Future Fund."

For more information about Piedmont Land Conservancy, the Piedmont Regional Greenway or Price Park please contact Kevin Redding, Executive Director, at 336-691-0088 or kredding@piedmontland.org.

ABOUT - 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 farmland 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 15,000 acres in 135 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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