



Top 10 Reasons to Support Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy The Land Trust for Henderson, Transylvania, Western Rutherford and Parts of Neighboring Counties

Your Support Will...

- #10 – Ensure that the water you drink is high quality.** CMLC safeguards water quality by preserving natural lands that contain drinking water resources. Local conservation also saves money by reducing the cost of water treatment.
- #9 – Protect vital wildlife habitat.** CMLC has more than 21,000 acres of protected natural land that are home to rare and native animal species. Our corridors are key for migrating wildlife – including bear, deer and a variety of birds.
- #8 – Save endangered plant species, native flora and fauna.** CMLC is a diligent steward of the lands we conserve. We provide local property owners with the most effective land management and conservation practices.
- #7 – Contribute to the creation of new parks and public recreational opportunities.** CMLC has a long tract record of turning over conserved lands to become state and county parks. Your support will effectively give rise to increased enjoyment of our mountains, waterfalls and lakes, including the creation and connection of trail networks.
- #6 – Bring together a community of supporters that share like-minded values and a vision for the future.** CMLC hosts an array of events, hikes, seminars and speakers. For example every month we offer outdoor excursions on conserved lands to educate and involve the public.
- #5 – Reduce sprawl and traffic congestion** by working with decision makers to encourage thoughtful planning. For many decades, our region has created tax laws, zoning, and transportation policies that have fueled the all-too-often unwise development of natural areas. We promote sustainable land use practices.
- #4 – Conserve farmlands and encourage local agriculture.** CMLC has worked with our area's farmers to conserve their family land when they were feeling the pressure to develop. Your support of conservation ultimately results in support of the local food movement.
- #3 – Embolden local economies and create jobs.** Reforestation, stream and riverbank restoration, sustainable agriculture—these all require new and lasting work commitments. In North Carolina, conservation and natural land management have resulted in millions of dollars being invested here.
- #2 – Enhance public health.** An outdoor adventure improves personal health and well-being, and natural recreation can be a vital part of a community's quality of life. Take pride!
- #1– Preserve nature and access to green, native places for generations to come.** This means ensuring that tributaries, woodlands, farmlands and community parks all have a way to live on in perpetuity.

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