

### 4,700 Acres Along Yadkin River to be Conserved

In September, Alcoa obtained their new license for operating four dams on the Yadkin River. One component of this new license is the opportunity for a significant amount of land to be conserved. The LandTrust for Central North Carolina was an integral part of the original negotiations for the Alcoa relicensing settlement agreement, and was able to successfully advocate for the opportunity to conserve 4,700 acres of land comprising 76 miles of shoreline.

The LandTrust and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission are partnering to raise funds to purchase these lands. The LandTrust is seeking to acquire the lands along the South Yadkin River and High Rock Lake, and the Wildlife Resources Commission is working on acquiring the lands along Tuckertown Reservoir. The total cost for acquisition of these lands is anticipated to be approximately \$12 million.

"The conservation of the Alcoa lands represents a significant undertaking in the history of The LandTrust," states Executive Director Travis Morehead. "We have permanently conserved 25,000 acres of land in our 21 year history, and working with the Wildlife Resources Commission we could help protect nearly 1/5 of that amount with just one project. The significance of conserving these lands cannot be overstated, it is the culmination of what The LandTrust has sought to achieve since its inception - protection at a landscape scale along the Yadkin River."

The LandTrust will be seeking funding from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Acres for America program, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, other smaller grant sources, and private donations. We invite you to follow the link below and contribute to the acquisition of these lands at whatever level you are able to give, so you too can be a part of this momentous conservation achievement.

More information can be found at [landtrustcnc.org/alcoa-lands-conservation](http://landtrustcnc.org/alcoa-lands-conservation).

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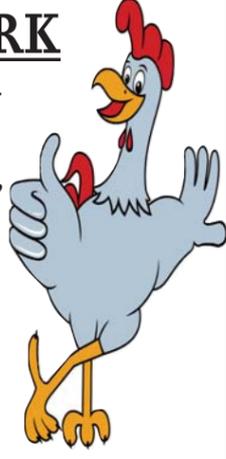
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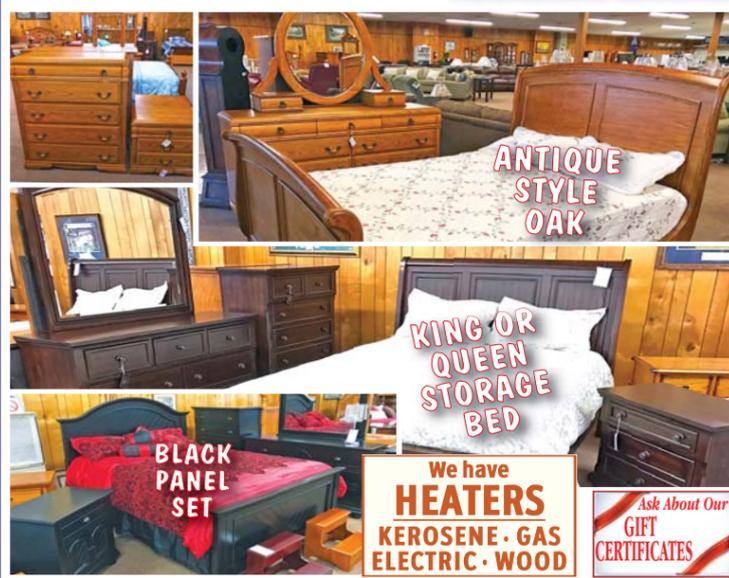


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