

Duke Energy company gives 170 local acres for river conservation

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LANDSFORD CANAL STATE PART – A pledge to protect hundreds of miles of area riverbanks and streambanks has local environmentalists predicting cleaner drinking water.

Charlotte-based Crescent Resources announced Wednesday it is permanently designating 320 acres of property along the Catawba River to land trusts in the Carolinas.

The Catawba Valley Land Trust received a 170-acre easement on property neighboring Lansford Canal State Park in Chester County.

Crescent Resources, the real estate development arm of Duke Energy, also gave the Catawba Land Conservancy a 150-acre easement along

Catawba Creek near

.....protect nearly 200 miles of riverbanks and streambanks in the Carolinas.

“This certainly was a good day for the Catawba River,” said Lindsay Pettus, president of the Catawba Valley Land Trust.

“We have hundreds of thousands of people drinking from the Catawba River, and we need to protect it. Crescent Resources has set a high standard.”

In addition, the company has also established a \$500,000 fund to provide grants for other property owners along the Catawba River to create additional easements.

Carla DuPuy, Crescent’s director of environmental affairs, said the grants will help pay for survey costs and legal fees.

She estimated that the money will help protect another 100 miles of river-.....

