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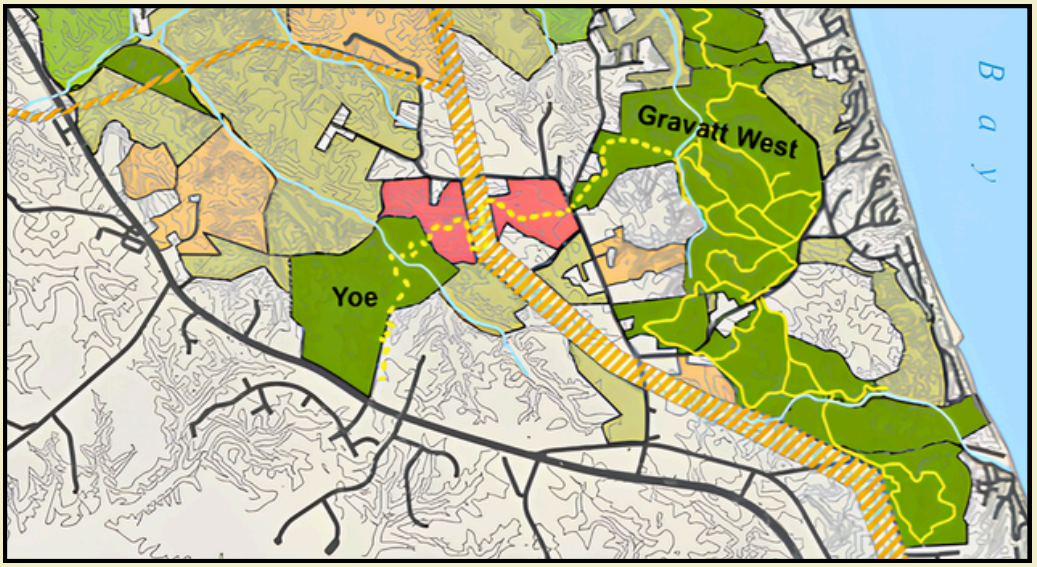
ACLT Acquires 90-Acre Helfrich Property

By Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Executive Director

After an effort that required patience and perseverance by all parties involved, we are very excited to announce that the 90-acre Helfrich property has been purchased by ACLT! This newest acquisition represents a key piece of the ACLT puzzle by connecting the Yoe property to the rest of ACLT's preserved lands. In addition to preserving a continuous corridor of protected land for wildlife, the Helfrich acquisition also provides the missing link needed for a hiking trail between the Yoe property and ACLT's 26-mile trail system. The planned trail will run through the eastern side of the Yoe property, cross the neighboring Helfrich property, and ultimately tie into the Flint Trail on ACLT's Gravatt West property.

In 2024, the former owner, George Helfrich, reached out and indicated that he would like to sell his property to ACLT. This began a chain of activities that included ensuring the property was eligible for the Rural Legacy Program, getting appraisals and a survey, and working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development (Southern Maryland RC&D) to determine the terms and value of the conservation easement that would be placed on the property at the time that ACLT purchased it.



Helfrich property shown in light red. Full map here: www.acltweb.org/property-map

The Rural Legacy easement will be co-held by DNR and Southern Maryland RC&D, and it will further protect the conservation values of the property. While the restrictions in the easement largely align with ACLT's values and the management activities that we would have implemented even if the easement wasn't in place, this legal document provides an extra layer of protection and restrictions that will stay with the property in perpetuity. Equally as important for ACLT is the fact that legally and permanently placing restrictions on the property

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The American Chestnut Land Trust is dedicated to the preservation of Calvert County's natural and cultural resources. Since it was established in 1986, ACLT has helped to preserve just over 3,500 acres. ACLT owns 1,728 acres, manages 1,810 acres owned by the State of Maryland, and holds conservation easements on 374 privately-owned acres.

From the President's Desk ...

Goings on at ACLT ... and Many Thanks!

When you receive this edition of the Watershed Observer, let's hope the worst of the summer heat is behind us. ACLT transitions from summer with our annual Sip & Save on Saturday, September 12th! It is a lot of fun with live music, lots of beers to taste from breweries throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (including NA beer), food, and beautiful bouquets from Double Oak Farm. We encourage you to get your tickets in advance but walk-ups are welcome. It is a great time to share with our ACLT members, and a great time to invite a friend who may not already know of us! One of the easiest ways for us to grow is to mention ACLT to everyone you run into. Case in point, I was at a Blue Crabs baseball game in Waldorf last week and in connecting with some old friends, talked up ACLT and got several promises from folks to visit soon!

Once we reach October, there is the spectacular ACLT Dinner & Auction on Sunday, October 11th at Jefferson Patterson Park. It is our in-person fundraiser for the year and includes our silent auction and a quick review of some ongoing works by Executive Director Autumn Phillips-Lewis and the great ACLT staff. It is from 4-8 pm and the time passes quickly with so many of our ACLT community attending! We all hope that you can join us.

Well, I have just crossed the six-month mark as Board President and have a few thoughts to share. First, we are blessed to have such an enthusiastic Executive Director and staff! They work very hard to make ACLT as good as it possibly can be, balancing needs, wants, and resources. It is not easy work every day, but I can easily see that they enjoy working together to get stuff done. They are assisted by an active board of directors and even more active cadre of volunteers. I'm constantly amazed by our volunteers who serve our cathedral of nature in so many ways. In addition, our various committees are all working to enhance ACLT in ways that range from determining how to acquire the next pieces of the land puzzle to replacing toilet flappers at the Double Oak office! There are many ways to serve ACLT and our community of members and users. A few words of thanks are not enough, but thank you anyway!

It was with great pride that I represented ACLT along with Autumn at the settlement table to complete our acquisition of the Helfrich property. So much work went into that particularly from my predecessor Dave Farr. It takes patience and persistence, and money, but I sure hope that I will be representing ACLT again in future settlements!

And finally, thanks to each of you for all that you do to contribute to making ACLT what it is. Even the simple act of logging in at the start of a hike has ramifications for our success.

Until next time, take care, John Yoe, President

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in the form of a Rural Legacy easement resulted in ACLT receiving compensation for the rights that were extinguished by the easement. The easement extinguished the right to develop the property, as well as other rights such as timber harvesting and the ability to undertake commercial activities such as having an event venue. The funding that was provided by the easement was essential in enabling ACLT to purchase the property.

The timing of the settlement was of the utmost importance as well. The easement needed to be placed on the property immediately following the transfer from Mr. Helfrich to ACLT so that the full contract price could be paid to Mr. Helfrich without ACLT needing to provide all of the funding. The easement preparation was quite a lengthy process, and ACLT is grateful to Mr. Helfrich for his dedication to seeing his property permanently preserved.

The property is composed of both older growth hardwood forests and younger pine forests. It is bisected by a BGE right-of-way that provides beneficial early successional wildlife habitat for a variety of species that may not thrive in the forest. There are also floodplain habitats and a first-order stream that flows into Parkers Creek, and invasive species on the property are currently minimal. Its location between other preserved properties means the Helfrich property provides habitat for Forest Interior Dwelling Species, known as FIDS in the conservation world. These are some of the species of greatest conservation concern because they require large amounts of contiguous habitat to survive–something that is relatively rare in today's world.

Overall, the Helfrich property is a great ecological asset that we are thrilled to have added to the Parkers Creek Preserve. There is a special sense of pride, excitement, and relief anytime we successfully preserve more of the precious rural lands that are the fabric of our region. I hope all of our membership rejoices in this great accomplishment and that it inspires us to keep relying on patience and perseverance to do this work that makes a lasting impact.

Needles in a Haystack: Results from ACLT's 2026 EDRR Surveys

By Clara Brill-Carlat, Land Manager

At the beginning of June, ACLT wrapped up its 2026 Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) surveys. These surveys are a bit like combing through a haystack for a needle that may not be there to begin with, but if it is there and doesn't get found, the consequences could be disastrous. The goal is to survey hundreds of acres of ACLT land (the metaphorical haystack) and find high-priority invasive species that have either never been spotted at ACLT before, but are known to be spreading in the region, or have only been found in limited areas at ACLT. Conducting EDRR surveys is a key step in the process of protecting ACLT's ecosystems from the invasive species that threaten to overtake them. The longer an invasive goes undetected, the more time it has to spread, and the more time and resources it will take to eradicate it. After a certain point, the species will have spread too much for eradication to be feasible. Because of this, ACLT started an EDRR program in 2024, splitting all of the land trust's owned and managed properties into five sections with the goal of surveying each section once every five years. This year, the survey area included eight of ACLT's southern properties, totaling 720 acres.

The surveys had two components: an April survey period for several invasive spring ephemerals and a June survey period for a longer list of species that are identifiable in late spring and early summer. Each survey period consisted of three mornings during which teams of staff and volunteers set out on foot to look for invasives, equipped with species identification guides and the CalTopo mapping app downloaded on their phones. The app allows users to track their location on a map, follow designated routes drawn out by staff ahead of time, and add pins to the map at the location of any invasive species that are found. Although

each route was only approximately one mile long, each team typically spent two to three hours per survey, depending on the difficulty of the terrain and the density of vegetation that might obscure one of the high-priority invasives. Covering these routes would not have been possible without the help of more than 20 volunteers who participated over the course of the surveys.

Using an ID guide to identify the tell-tale sign of early-stage beech leaf disease during the EDRR surveys.

During the April surveys, staff and volunteers walked along streambanks and floodplains, looking for incised fumewort, summer snowflake, and lesser celandine, which all typically prefer stream-side habitats. These species had to be searched for during a short window in the spring because, like native ephemerals, they only show themselves for a brief time before dying back. Luckily, the April surveys yielded no findings of these three high-priority invasive species. Of course, we can never be certain that the "needles" aren't hiding somewhere out there in the vast haystack of ACLT land, but we can be much more confident than if we hadn't taken the time to look closely for these species.

While the April surveys focused on only three ephemeral species, the June surveys were far more extensive given the larger number of species that are identifiable in late spring and early summer. The June surveys covered all habitat types–not just streambanks and floodplains–and 18 high-priority invasives including forbs, vines, shrubs, one type of grass, and a nematode (microscopic worm) that kills beech trees. Because of the wide array of habitat types and growth patterns, survey participants quite literally had to look high and low–and everywhere in between–to try to spot these invasives. Of the 18 that were prioritized, six were found during the course of the surveys.

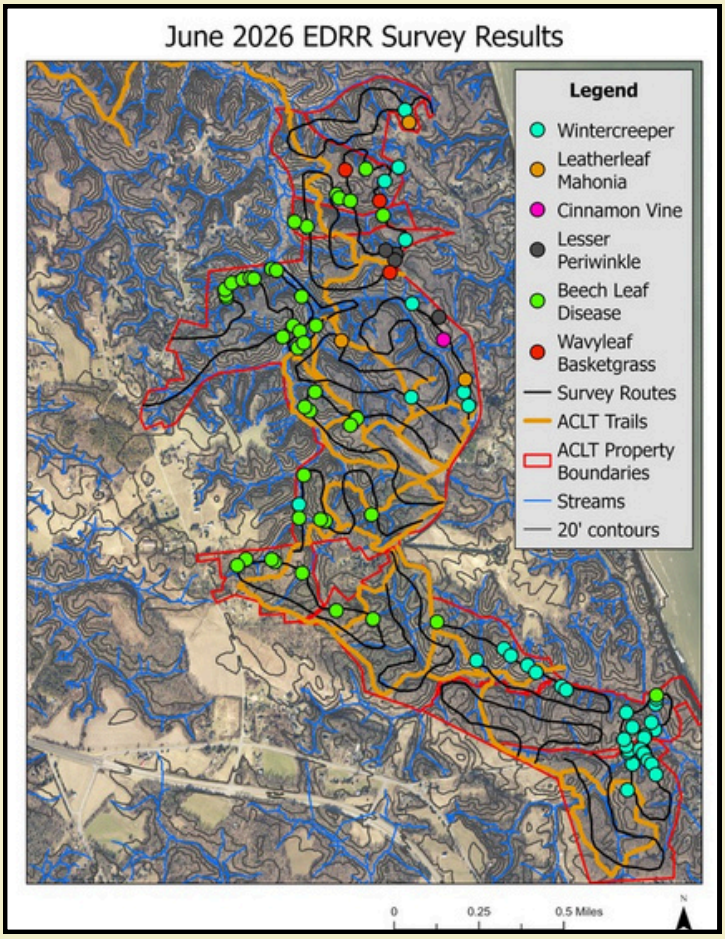
The discovery of several of these species during the surveys was not terribly surprising. Wintercreeper (a vine that grows along the ground and climbs trees), leatherleaf mahonia (an evergreen shrub), and lesser periwinkle (a vine that grows exclusively as ground cover) were known to be scattered throughout ACLT's properties already, but they were included in this year's surveys to find out how widespread the infestations were and to make sure there were not any large patches that had gone undetected. While the findings of lesser periwinkle and leatherleaf mahonia were limited, the surveys demonstrated that wintercreeper is very prevalent in some areas of the surveyed properties. The discovery of a very small patch of cinnamon vine (a climbing vine that grows distinctive, potato-like tubers) was a bit more unexpected since there were previously only two areas on ACLT property where cinnamon vine was known to be growing. However, the spot where it was found during the June surveys is not far from one of the known patches, which staff and volunteers first identified in 2024 and have been working to control since then. The new patch found during the 2026 surveys highlights how rapidly invasive species can spread and underscores the importance of addressing new invasives as quickly as possible.

One of the most unwelcome surprises from the June surveys was the identification of three patches of wavyleaf basketgrass, a highly invasive grass that spreads far and wide when its sticky seeds attach themselves to passing wildlife, dogs, and hikers. Unlike many invasive species that prefer edge habitats because they need sunlight to thrive, wavyleaf basketgrass is perfectly content growing in the shade, which means that it can infiltrate deep, pristine woods. As ACLT's land management volunteers know all too well, there are extensive infestations of wavyleaf basketgrass on many of ACLT's properties north of Parkers Creek. However, this past June was the first time that wavyleaf was found on the properties near the south side trailhead. Once these new patches were identified, staff and volunteers sprang into the "rapid response" portion of the EDRR surveys, pulling the wavyleaf that was found and conducting more thorough sweeps of the areas surrounding the patches to see if any had been missed. With any luck, these surveys and quick actions will protect ACLT's south side forests from the

dense, widespread wavyleaf infestations that have unfortunately become established on the north side properties in spite of ACLT's best efforts.

The final unpleasant–but important–finding from the June surveys was the presence of beech leaf disease (BLD) at ACLT. BLD is caused by a non-native, microscopic worm that feeds on the buds of American beech trees, disrupts leaf growth and photosynthesis, and eventually kills the trees. BLD can kill large beech trees within 6-10 years and small trees within only one or two years of infecting them (Porter, 2025). An Ohio study of 263 American beech trees found that 75 of the trees (nearly 29%) died between 2014–when BLD was first reported in the county where the study took place–and 2023, with the highest mortality rates occurring in the last three years of the study period (Shepherd et al., 2025). The nematode responsible for this disease, Litylenchus crenatae ssp. mccannii, was first found on Japanese beech trees in Japan but has since made its way to the United States, and American beech trees have proven to be far more susceptible to the disease than the Japanese variety (LIISMA, 2021). After first being spotted in 2012 in Ohio, BLD worked its way east and south and was ultimately found in Maryland in September of 2023 (University of Maryland Extension, 2026). It was only a matter of time before the disease hit ACLT, so each year during the EDRR surveys, staff and volunteers have searched for the tell-tale sign of early-stage BLD: dark green banding on the leaves of infected trees. While the 2024 and 2025 EDRR surveys did not produce any sightings, numerous infected trees were reported throughout the survey area in 2026, and more have since been spotted on other parts of ACLT property. Unfortunately, available methods for combatting this disease–which include injecting a pesticide into the root flares of beech trees on a recurring basis to kill the nematodes – are limited and very costly. Nevertheless, given the widespread findings of BLD during the EDRR surveys, and the fact that ACLT's infected trees are still in the early stages of the disease, staff have begun investigating whether any treatments might be feasible.

Throughout the next year, staff will be keeping their ears to the ground and staying up to date on emerging invasive species in the region in preparation for the 2027 EDRR surveys. While many of the high-priority species from this year's surveys will be prioritized again in 2027, some may be swapped out in favor of newer invasives that are just beginning to make their way onto



Full map here: www.acltweb.org/edrr-survey-2026

the scene in Southern Maryland or the surrounding areas, and the survey focus area will shift to a new 685-acre section of ACLT's land. Undaunted by the enormity of the task, ACLT's land management crew will once again forge ahead into the haystack, ready to find whatever might be hiding inside.

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Around ACLT

Introducing ACLT's 2026-2027 CCCC Members

Hello! My name is Fiona Kortyna, and I will be serving as one of two Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members at ACLT for the next year. I will be filling the role of Outreach Coordinator, working to increase ACLT's outreach and relationships with community members and partners. I feel lucky to fill this role, which will allow me to learn about the amazing community that surrounds ACLT. I could not be more excited to be here!

I am originally from just outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and while I will always hold a special place in my heart for my hometown, the love and appreciation Southern Maryland has for its environment keeps bringing me back. From the beautiful waterways to ancient forests, it is clear that there is something magical here that is undoubtedly worth protecting.

This past May, I graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies with a focus on community-based environmental stewardship. The incredible faculty and staff allowed me to cultivate my relationship with the Maryland environment, which is how I found out about the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Corps program and ACLT. Knowing that I am here, and walking into the office every day, I can say that I feel the exact same excitement I did when I first learned about ACLT and its work.

Everyone that I have had the pleasure of interacting with so far in my time at ACLT has been wonderful and welcoming, and I look forward to continuing to meet more and more of this community. I can mostly be found in the office, but I hope to explore as much of the trails and gardens at ACLT has as possible. If you see me, please say hello!

Hi, everyone! My name is Lindsay Fisher and I'm one of the two Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members at ACLT this year. I'll be stepping into the role of Farm Manager after my predecessor, Adelaide Dunbar. From day one, I was amazed by the abundance and beauty of Double Oak Farm, and I'm excited to see how it grows and changes throughout the seasons! As a Corps member new to Maryland and farm management, I have plenty of growing to do myself and look forward to getting to know and learn from the knowledgeable volunteers at ACLT.

Before I moved here, I grew up in Williamsburg, Virginia. I was born in Portland, Oregon, where my family is from, but my parents and I moved to Williamsburg when I was less than a year old. Growing up, I spent time on both coasts to visit family, exploring the mountains of the Pacific Northwest and the swamps of the Tidewater. I stayed in Williamsburg for college, where I attended William & Mary and graduated with a degree in Integrative Conservation. I'm often asked what integrative conservation even means, and that's a fair question! I describe it as being similar to a typical environmental science major (that's where the conservation comes in), but with a focus on interdisciplinary coursework at the intersection of human and environmental health (that's where the integrative comes in).

Now a college graduate, I want to explore what's out there and try to narrow down my many interests within the environmental field, so I joined the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps. With my experiences at a community garden in college and my passion for the intersection of human and environmental health, I was curious to explore agriculture in particular. Long story short, it led me here to ACLT and Double Oak Farm. Thanks to everyone I have met so far for the warm welcome, and I hope to meet more of you soon!

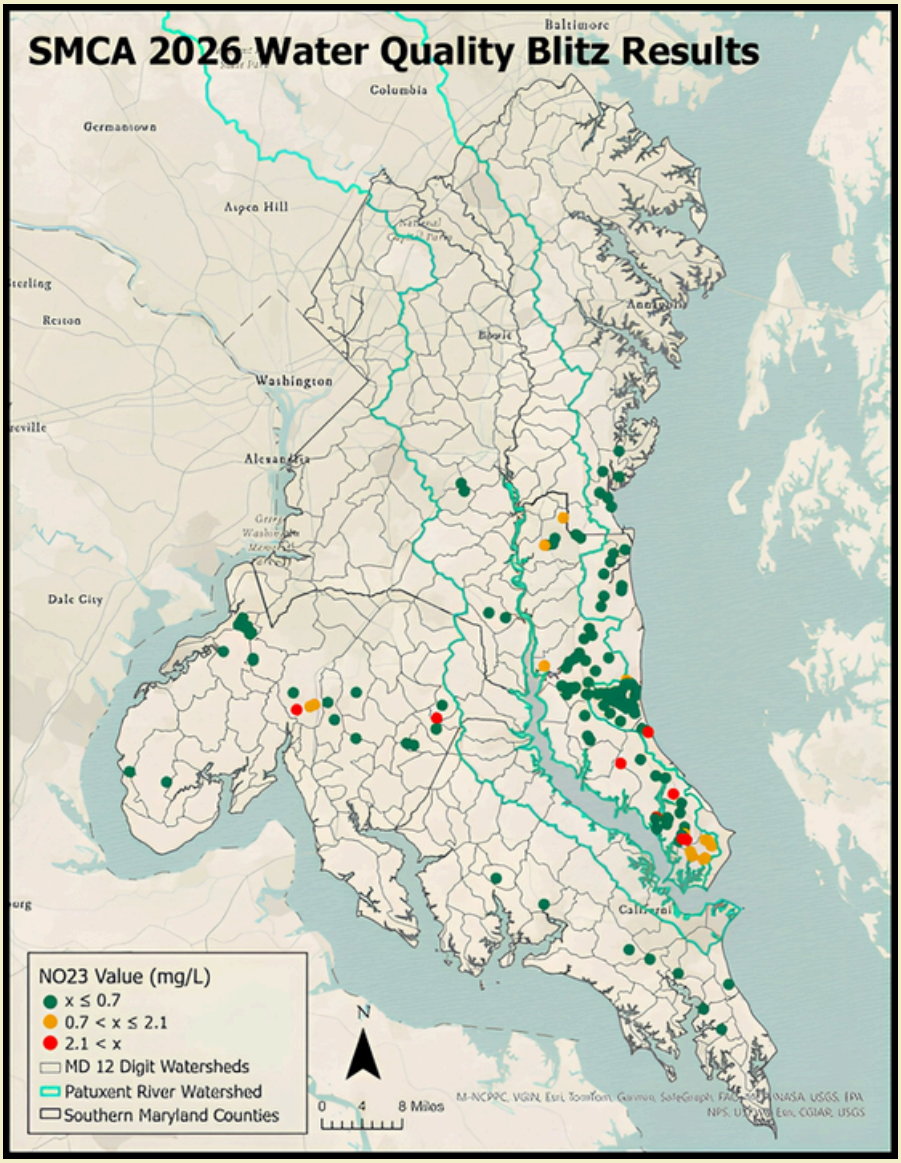
2026 Blitz

By Mary Hoover, Regional Conservation Partnership Coordinator

It was a temperate spring morning, as volunteers convened outside the ACLT office under the dappled shade of the resident tulip poplar. With hiking boots laced, sample bottles in hand, and the collective spirit of citizen science in the air, it was a perfect day for the annual Water Quality Blitz. This scene, however, represented only a portion of the regional effort underway. All across the five counties of Southern Maryland, volunteer groups were gathered in a similar fashion, ready to explore their local streams and collect water samples for nitrate + nitrite (NO23) analysis.

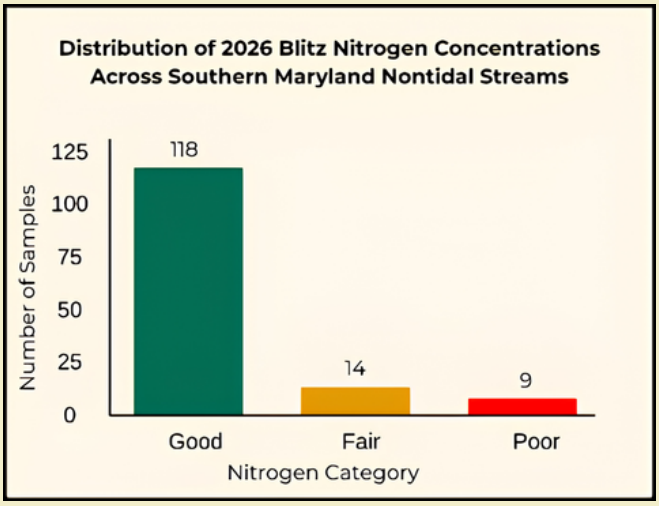
This year marked the 9th annual Water Quality Blitz. What began as a small event in 2017, sampling 17 sites within the Parkers Creek Watershed, has grown to an impressive regional program, with 141 sites sampled across five counties in 2026.

Pictured, Volunteers gather at the ACLT office to hear Blitz instructions.



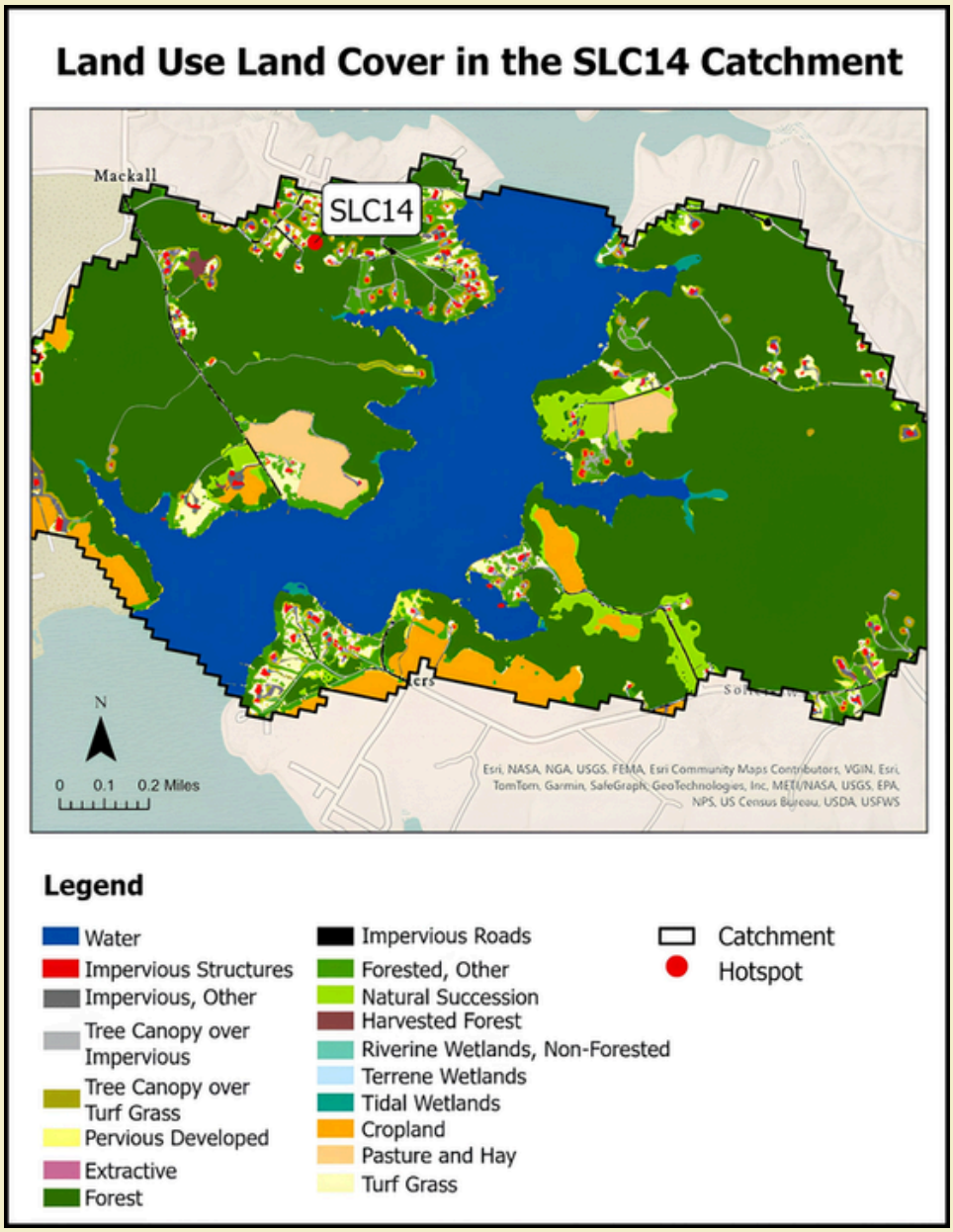
View blitz results maps here: www.acltweb.org/2026-blitz-results

An immediate glance at the results map shows largely good NO23 concentrations for the region's nontidal streams. Out of 141 sites, 118 were less than 0.7 mg/L, or "good." Only 14 sites had concentrations between 0.7-2.1 mg/L, or "fair," while a mere 9 sites were greater than 2.1 mg/L, or "poor." This distribution is more or less typical compared to previous years of testing.



Although sites with "poor" NO23 concentrations made up the smallest share of the results, these findings are often the most informative. Elevated nitrogen levels can signal pollution from sources such as fertilizer runoff, septic systems, or other land use activities occurring within a watershed. By identifying these hotspots, the annual Water Quality Blitz helps local organizations and communities better understand where additional monitoring or remediation efforts may be needed.

Interestingly, 2026 saw the highest NO23 concentration ever recorded in the nine-year history of the Water Quality Blitz, at 20.3 mg/L. The watershed responsible for this astronomical result was St. Leonard Creek, specifically site SLC14. For comparison, the previous record of 10.5 mg/L was also recorded at SLC14 in 2024. While this site has consistently been a hotspot since it was added to the Blitz in 2024, its results have fluctuated from year to year, rather than following a steady upward trend. In 2025, for instance, SLC14 dropped to 6.79 mg/L before skyrocketing to this year's level.



It's unclear at this time what may be causing the high NO23 concentrations at SLC14. When looking at the Land Use/Land Cover (LULC) for the catchment encompassing this site, we can see that it is primarily forested. However, the land in close proximity to the site is largely residential, characterized by turf grass, impervious surfaces, and pervious developed land. None of this is an immediate red flag for nitrogen, but it does introduce potential non-point sources associated with the land use, such as lawn fertilizer, septic runoff, and stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces. Further monitoring and additional analytes are needed to determine the source of the pollution. For example, measuring an analyte such as caffeine could provide insights into whether the pollution originated from human wastewater inputs.

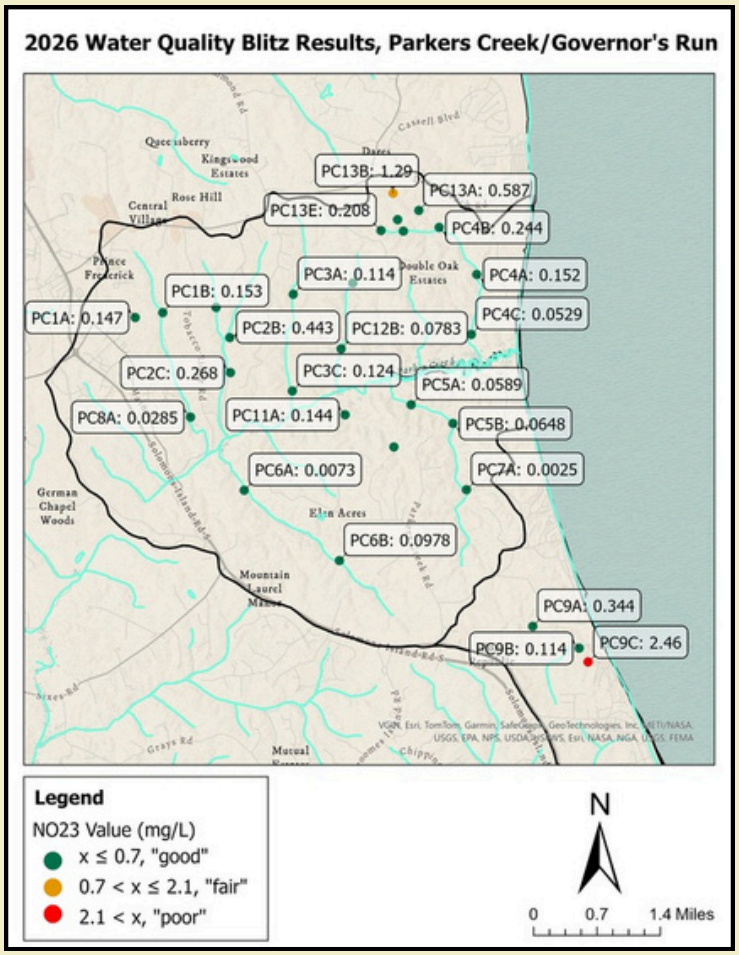
Unlike SLC14, which earned an unsurprising hotspot status again in 2026, a new hotspot has emerged in ACLT's own Governor's Run watershed. After 9 years of data collection, Governor's Run saw its first hotspot in Blitz history at PC9C. Here, the NO23 result fell just slightly above the 2.1 threshold at 2.46 mg/L.

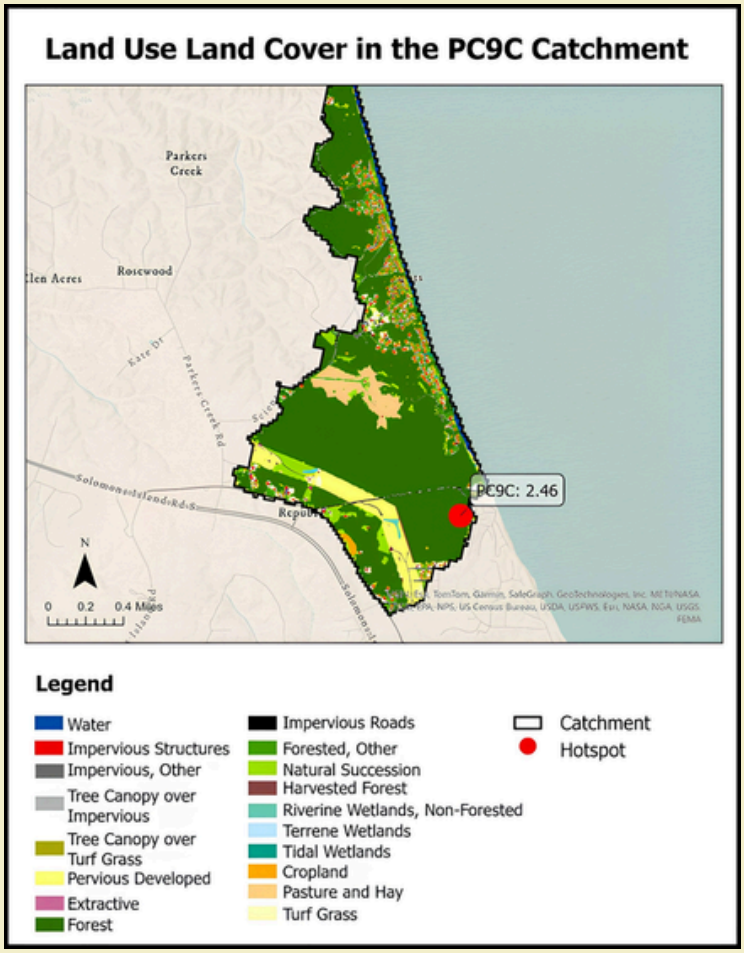
In 2025, analysis of Blitz trends in the Parkers Creek and Governor's Run watersheds revealed a "soft" increasing trend at this site. That is, the increasing trend was approaching statistical significance, but not yet firmly significant. The 2026 data seem to follow this trajectory, suggesting that this stream may be experiencing a gradual upward shift in NO23 concentration over time.

At this time, it is not yet clear whether this represents the beginning of a sustained trend or a short-term fluctuation. Continued monitoring is imperative for discerning whether PC9C remains elevated in future years.

The 2026 Blitz results have been some of the most interesting yet. With the highest concentration in Blitz history identified in St. Leonard Creek, and a new hotspot seemingly emerging in Governor's Run, the 2026 Blitz reminds us of the importance of continued, long-term watershed monitoring to distinguish between persistent conditions, emerging trends, and natural variability across sites.

ACLT staff and volunteers collecting and testing water samples





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