



**Board of Directors**



**John Burke, President**

John and his wife Erin moved to Davidson because of its commitment to community values such as the preservation of green space, citizen engagement, farmers' market, and promotion of local businesses. As Manager for Strategic Projects and New Business Development, John is responsible for the Daimler Truck North America Aftermarket Group's Project Management Office. He enjoys painting, landscape design, and travel in his spare time.



**Yancey Fouche, Vice President**

Yancey is the Sustainability Director for Davidson College, and prior to that, was the Associate Director of the David Shi Center for Sustainability at Furman University. Yancey says she is particularly interested in enhancing the relationship between Davidson College and the DLC. Yancey was intimately involved in environmental and sustainability issues in the Greenville, SC community.



**Edie Surratt, Secretary**

Edie is a long-time Davidson resident, who has been involved with DLC in the past, working on fundraising for our Run for Green event in 2010. She also was one of the founders and first Co-President of the highly successful Davidson Farmers Market. Edie works in corporate marketing for WDAV and owns Carrburritos with her husband, Doug. She believes "natural spaces are essential for a thriving planet" and wants to be involved in saving green space around Davidson.



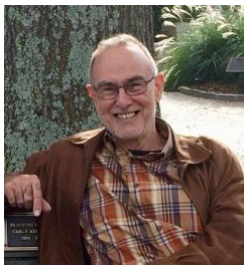
**Rodney Graham, Treasurer**

Rodney and his wife Melissa and two children, Marshall and Emma Claire, moved to Davidson in 2005. Rodney owns John Marshall Custom Homes in Davidson. His interest in preserving open space stems from a lifelong love of nature and coincides with his current interests in planning and development. “Our ability to preserve green spaces in large part depends on how we plan and build our homes.”



**Hayden Boyd, At-Large Exec Committee Member**

Hayden and his wife Margot moved to Davidson in 2005. An economist retired from the US Department of Commerce, he volunteers for Marion Medical Mission, helping rural villagers in Malawi and other African countries build protected wells for clean drinking water. “We in Davidson benefit from the many places of natural beauty in and around our community. DLC works to preserve these open spaces for future generations.”



**Clay Furches**

Clay moved to Davidson in 2005 after careers with both General Motors and the United States Air Force. He selected this community as a retirement destination due to its quaint small town charm and practical approach to development. His interest in conservation peaked while actively involved with the Town of Davidson’s Comprehensive Plan of 2010. He resides in



Runnymede where he initiated the process of successfully placing 51 acres of its common area in a conservation easement. He is also a member of the WDAV Community Advisory Board.



**Christine Lisiewski**

Christine is the Marketing and Community Manager at Dearness Gardens Nursery in Huntersville and is a member of the NC Native Plant Society. She is passionate about pollinators and spearheads DLC's pollinator work.



**Mike Minett**

Mike is an environmental scientist with a background in biology, marine science, ecology, remediation and environmental regulation. He is a Vice President and Regional Manager with Nova consulting, and is also a member of the Davidson town planning board. He lives in Davidson with his daughter Isabelle.



**Cambria Nielsen**

Cambria is a Davidson native and has been a legacy member of DLC since its inception. Her father was an early DLC Board member, so she knows first-hand the commitment DLC has to preserving Davidson's green space. As a former teacher and banker, and a long-time Boy Scouts



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of America leader, Cambria hopes to involve Scouts and other young people in the process of protecting our wildlife heritage.



**Pat Peroni**

Pat is a plant ecologist who serves as a Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies at Davidson College. She has lived in North Carolina since 1985 and moved to Davidson in 1992. Pat has extensive botany knowledge and has served on the DLC's Board in the past, as well as chaired the Land Initiatives Committee.



**Eric Stroup**

Eric is a resident of the Runnymede neighborhood, and has been active on the HOA Board in dealing with conservation related issues. Eric works as an Account Manager with Thomson Reuters, and is an avid outdoorsman. He is our newest board member and has already embarked on numerous land monitoring adventures with DLC!



**Tom Watson**

Tom is a retired lawyer, with an extensive volunteer background at Catawba Lands Conservancy as a Land Steward. He has also been a Trailmaster for the Carolina Thread Trail. Currently, he is retired and the co-owner of the Cedars Bed & Breakfast with his wife in Davidson. Having served for three years on the Land Stewardship committee of DLC and on the Mecklenburg



PRC's Greenway Advisory Council, Tom hopes to bring both his legal and land expertise to the DLC board.

## **Staff**



**Autumn Rierson Michael**

Autumn has been the Executive Director for the Davidson Lands Conservancy since April 2015. Prior to that, she served on the Board of the DLC for many years. She has previously served as the Executive Director of Historic Charlotte, and as Regional Director for Preservation North Carolina. She was an attorney with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, DC for five years, and continues to teach as an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania and UNC-Greensboro. Autumn has been actively involved in the Davidson community for more than a decade, as an elder at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church, as a parent leader at Davidson Elementary School, and as a past member of the Davidson Planning Board. She is married to Jeff Michael of the UNC-Charlotte Urban Institute and they have four young tree-hugging children.