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Bringing Durham Home

Durham Community Land Trustees (DCLT) 2024 Annual Meeting: *Celebrating a Year of Transformation and Community Impact!*

The Durham Community Land Trustees (DCLT) 2024 Annual Meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, bringing together our community, partners, and supporters to celebrate an extraordinary year of accomplishments. This year's meeting wasn't just a reflection on what we've achieved—it was a rallying call for the future of equitable, sustainable housing in Durham!

Our work this year, driven by three impactful themes, reached new heights: Expanding Land Trust Homeownership, Maximizing Properties for Community Benefit, and Championing Accessibility and Sustainability.

A Year of Unforgettable Milestones

Attendees were treated to an inspiring 8-minute highlight reel showcasing DCLT's incredible 2024 achievements, including:

- **East Durham Block Party:** A lively event where the community came together for music, food, and fun, strengthening ties.
- **HUD Showcase & Reception:** DCLT's innovative work in affordable housing took center stage at this prestigious event, earning national recognition.
- **Guthrie Village Groundbreaking:** A ceremony marking the start of an affordable housing project for veterans and their families.

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- **Anderson Street Acquisition:** A major step in preserving naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) for long-term community stability.
- **DCLT Dig Day:** A grassroots effort to rejuvenate the Ashe Street Community Garden, engaging volunteers in hands-on community building.
- **Big Sweep Creek Cleanup:** Collaborating with residents to restore and protect Durham's beautiful waterways.
- **Community Leadership Institute (CLI):** Equipping local leaders with the tools to advocate for sustainable, equitable development.
- **The Conservation Fund:** Parks with Purpose Pure Exchange: Advancing green spaces through innovation and partnership.
- **Monthly Homebuyer Sessions:** Hosting virtual and in-person sessions to guide prospective homeowners on their journey to achieving homeownership.
- **Premio Winner DCLT:** Receiving a distinguished award recognizing excellence in affordable housing solutions.
- **Recognition by HUD Acting Secretary Adrianne Todman**: A moment of pride as DCLT was highlighted at the Innovative Housing Showcase in Washington, D.C.

Exciting news for those who couldn't attend—the full highlight video will be available to view on DCLT.org in 2025. Be sure to check it out and relive this incredible year with us!

A New Chapter with Fresh Leadership

This year's annual meeting also ushered in the election of our new Board of Directors, a dynamic group of leaders dedicated to guiding DCLT into 2025 and beyond. You'll meet them on the subsequent pages of this newsletter—don't miss their inspiring biographies!

A Heartfelt Thank You

We extend our deepest gratitude to our partners, supporters, and community members. Your unwavering commitment fuels our mission to create vibrant, inclusive communities.

What's Next for 2025?

As we turn the page to 2025, we're excited to announce upcoming projects that will continue to transform Durham:

- EcoGrace: Integrating sustainability and affordability in groundbreaking ways.
- LMI Solar Program: Expanding solar energy access for low- and moderate-income families.
- East Point Phase II: Building on the success of Phase I to bring even more affordable housing to Durham.

This is just the beginning—stay tuned for more updates as DCLT continues its mission to empower and uplift our community!

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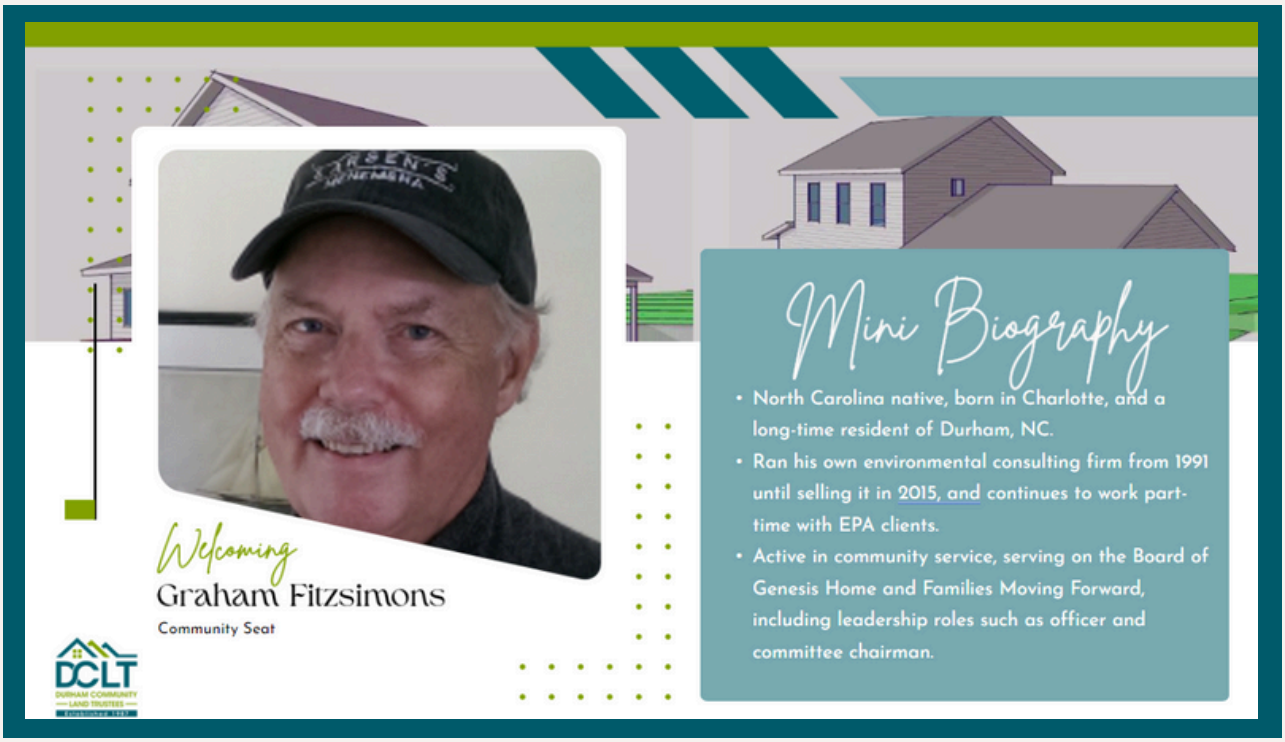

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A Heartfelt Thank You for a Wonderful Community Garden Workday!

On the first Saturday of the month, our community came together with gloves on, tools in hand, and a shared commitment to making a difference. Your incredible efforts transformed this garden into a thriving community hub, and we couldn't be more grateful.
Beyond the physical labor, your time, positive energy, and dedication are growing something even more impactful—a stronger, more connected Durham.
To everyone who rolled up their sleeves and contributed, thank you for being part of this meaningful work. Your support reminds us that together, we can create spaces that not only nourish but also unite our community.
Stay tuned for more opportunities to volunteer and make a lasting impact. Together, we're not just cultivating a garden—we're building a brighter, greener future for all.