



Group aims to conserve 719 acres in Catawba County

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SHERRILLS FORD, N.C. (AP) — A North Carolina group says it plans to conserve 719 acres at Lake Norman, including one of the lake's largest undeveloped tracts.

The Charlotte Observer reports that the plan by Catawba Lands Conservancy will protect about 10 miles of stream and shoreline and 16 miles of buffer in the Lake Norman watershed. The plan is to be implemented by the end of the year.

Catawba County also intends to develop a regional environmental education park and nature preserve on the land, as called for in the Catawba County Parks Master Plan.

Executive director Dave Cable of the Charlotte-based land conservancy says the total purchase price of the Mountain Creek tract is \$3.3 million.

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