

# **CONSERVATION EASEMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHARTER DEERLAKE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

## **PURPOSE:**

Manage the 29 (more or less) acres of woodland in the Conservation Easement (CE) area and all trails in other common areas.

## **GOALS:**

Establish guidelines and procedures, which will enable the DVCA to maintain and monitor the CE according to the standards of the agreement with the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy (CMLC) which has merged to become Conserving Carolina (CC), as well as for the enjoyment of the community.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Three to five members, appointed by the Board. The Board will appoint a Chair. The committee is encouraged to make recommendations to the Board for both.
- Qualifications:
  - A desire to serve the community
  - Enjoy working in a natural environment
  - Have the physical ability to periodically walk the boundaries of the Conservation Easement
- The chair and the members of the Conservation Easement Management Committee are appointed by the Board of Directors to serve three (3) year terms.
- No member of the Board of Directors shall serve as Chair of the committee. However, a Board member may serve as a non-voting Acting Chair until another Chair can be recruited.
- It is recommended that no more than one member of a household be a member of the committee.
- Individuals may be reappointed by the Board to serve multiple consecutive or non-consecutive terms on the committee.
- A committee member may choose to resign at any time.
- The committee may invite friends of the CEMC to volunteer to assist and advise the committee on special projects.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Become thoroughly knowledgeable about the terms of the CE agreement with CC/ CMLC. (Conservation Easement Baseline Documentation, Grantors: Greenwood Development Corporation, by Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, 11-8-04)
- Promptly report violations of the agreement and /or use rules to the Board of Directors.

- Work closely with CC staff, the Lake Management Committee (LMC), the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC), and the Landscape Review Committee (LRC) in managing the CE and protecting the wetlands areas.
- Discuss issues concerning the CE with CC as necessary.
- Schedule a meeting with CC to coordinate annual inspections.
- Educate DVCA residents concerning this policy as well as the restrictions of the CE.
- Be responsible for green spaces, streams and all areas in a natural state that are adjacent to the conservation easement area and that are not maintained by the Landscape Review Committee or Lake Committee.
- Periodically walk the conservation easement to check for violations of the agreement (dumping, tree cutting, and plant removal) and any hazards to residents.
- Work with the Board of Directors to establish goals for DVCA community use, such as, additional trails, picnic areas, etc.
- Consider any possible long-term problems and liabilities resulting from visitor familiarity with the property, since close DVCA monitoring of the CE is not feasible.
- The committee may be invited to report on their activities at a Quarterly Meeting of the general membership.

#### **MEETINGS:**

- Meet quarterly and/or as needed. The committee will keep minutes and written records, and the minutes will be sent electronically to the president and liaison as well as committee members.
- Submit a written report to the Board of Directors prior to each DVCA quarterly business meeting.
- Submit a written annual report to the Board of Directors prior to the DVCA year-end meeting.

#### **BUDGET:**

Submit an annual budget request for the forthcoming year to the finance committee chairperson at the time requested by the finance committee.

This Conservation Easement Management Committee Charter was approved by the DVCA Board of Directors on the 11th of October 2018.