

**Proposed Land Acquisition Report**  
**Morgan Creek Bluffs/Stillhouse Bottom: Clark/Sawyer-Clark Conservation Easement**

**Property:**

Owned by Kevin A. Clark & Heidi Sawyer-Clark at 907 Linden Road, Chapel Hill, Orange County, North Carolina (Parcel Identification Number 9787666058)

**Conservation Site:**

Morgan Creek Bluffs/Stillhouse Bottom Significant Natural Heritage Area

**Proposed Land Transaction:**

Landowners will donate a conservation easement on approximately 1 acre of a 2.8-acre property to the North Carolina Botanical Garden Foundation (NCBGF). The NCBGF will hold this conservation easement.

**Project Costs:**

Purchase Price	\$0
Transaction Costs	\$0
Stewardship Costs	\$0

**Funding:**

None needed

**Evaluation Criteria:**

The proposed conservation easement is located in a site identified in the Orange County Inventory of Significant Natural Areas and Wildlife Habitats as the Stillhouse Bottom Significant Natural Heritage Area, within Morgan Creek Bluffs, within the Jordan Lake Macrosite. Stillhouse Bottom is “ the only undisturbed, steep, north-facing ravine left in the county. For a hillside ravine, it displays a strikingly high plant diversity with over 100 species recorded.” This natural area is one of the highest priorities for land protection by the NCBGF. The Clark/Sawyer-Clark conservation easement would preserve mature, relatively undisturbed Dry-Mesic Oak—Hickory Forest and serve to buffer the NCBGF Stillhouse Bottom Nature Preserve from development.

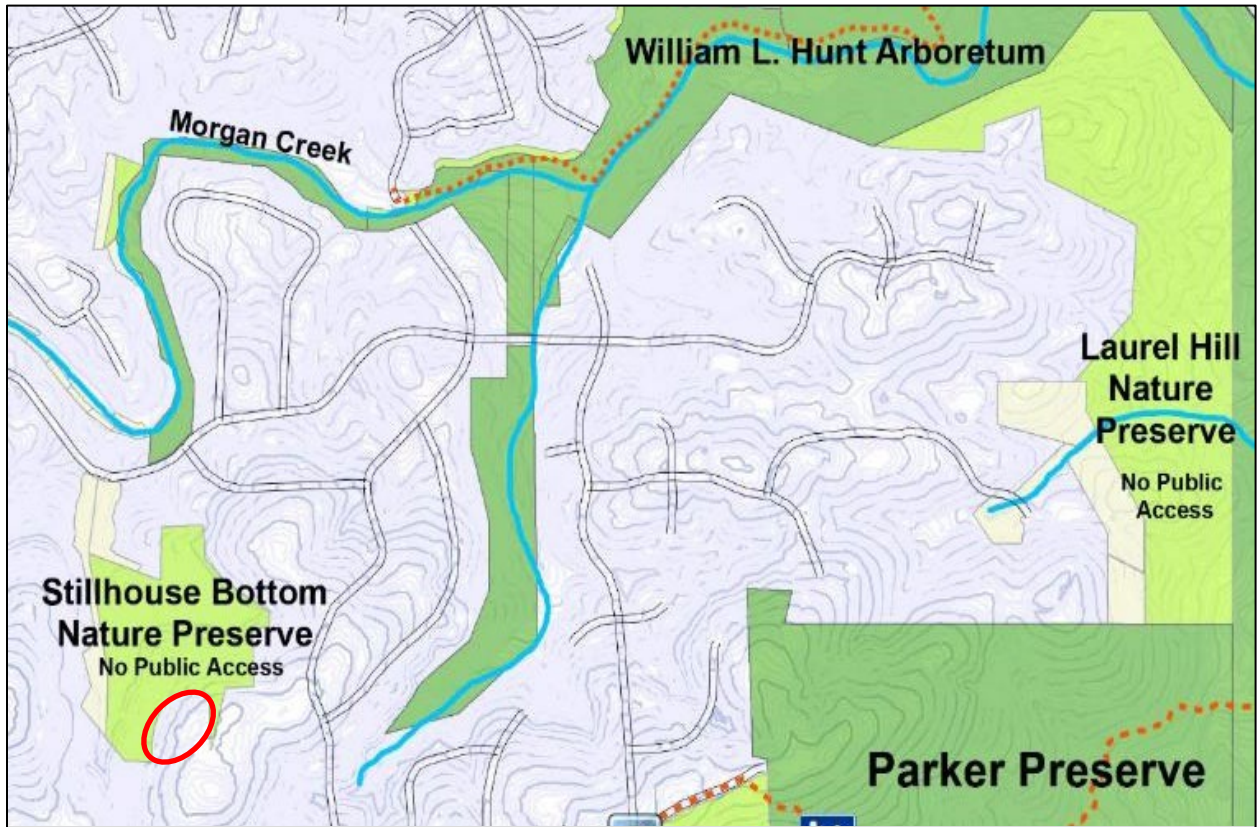
**Administrative Considerations:**

There is no risk to accepting donation of this conservation easement and managing it. Annual monitoring of the conservation easement can be conducted at little to no cost due to its location and size.

**Approvals Sought:**

- The North Carolina Botanical Garden Foundation will accept donation of an approximately 1-acre conservation easement on property owned by Kevin A. Clark & Heidi Sawyer-Clark in the Morgan Creek Bluffs/Stillhouse Bottom Significant Natural Heritage Area of Orange County, North Carolina.

## Location Map



# Detailed Map

