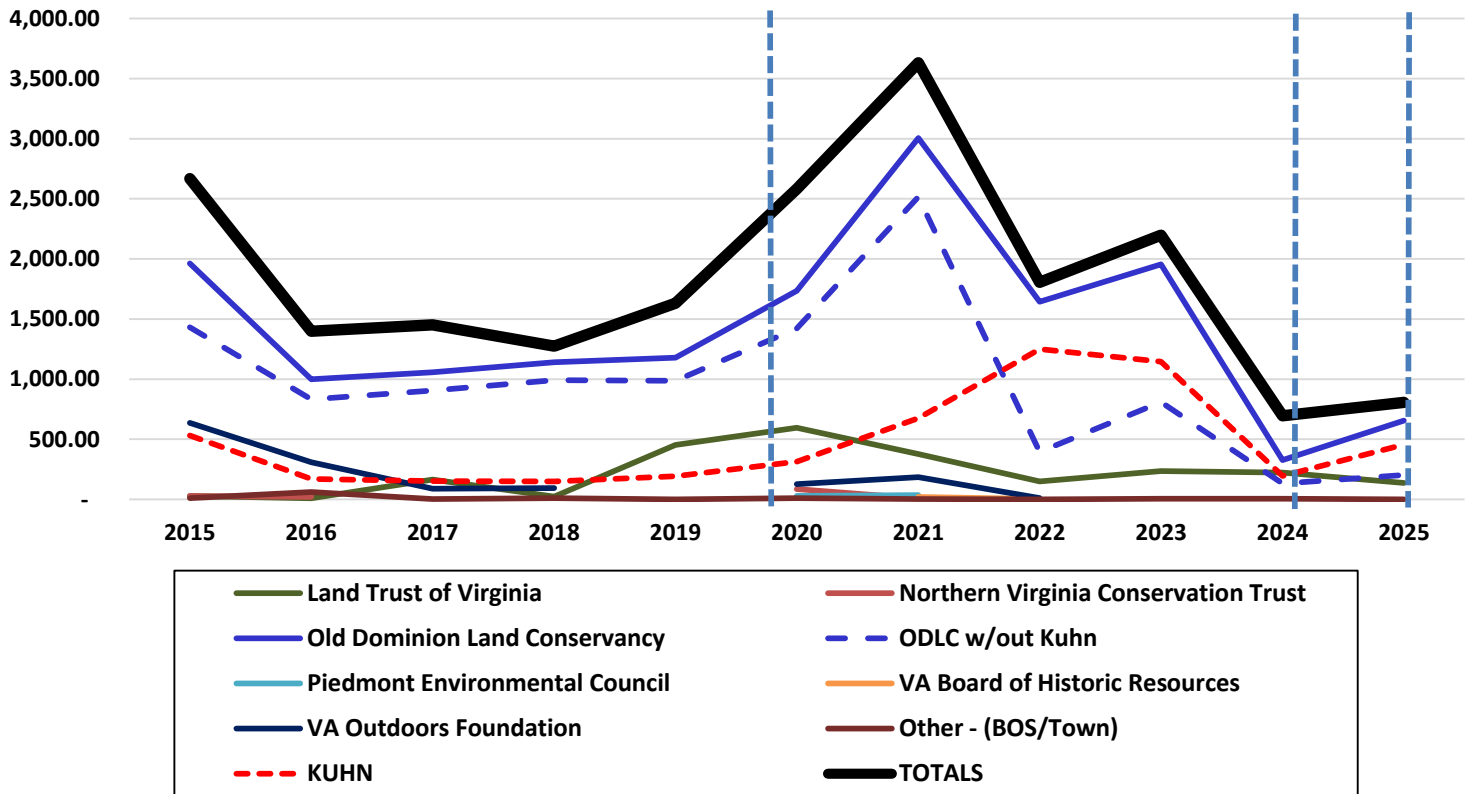


Loudoun Easements 2015 - June 2026



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Observations:

Only looking at total easements (black line) does not relay the composition of easement grants.
Over 70% of easements prior to 2020 were granted by one Land Trust (ODLC).
ODLC Land Trust increased easements 73% after the announcement in 2020 of ZOAM-2020-0002 (Prime
One land easement grantor (Kuhn) rose from 16% prior to 2020 to 60-75% of ODLC Easements in 2021-
2023, and had direct involvement with ZOAM-2020-0002 stakeholder discussions.
ODLC easement volume majority (60-75%) came from one land grantor (Kuhn) by 2023.
Easement acres were steady state for the majority of other Land Trusts between 2016 through 2025, with a
slight increase by Land Trust of Virginia in 2019-2020.
Easement volume dropped 80% for one Land Trust (ODLC) in 2024 with a single land easement grantor
(Kuhn) 60% of easement volume in that year.
ZOAM-2020-0002 (Prime Soils zoning) was approved March 13, 2024, but did not go into effect until the
following year on March 12, 2025.

Conclusion:

The only correlation of a decrease in conservation easements in 2024 were actions taken by a single land
easement grantor with one land trust, before ZOAM-2020-0002 went into effect in March 2025.
After March 12, 2025 implementation of ZOAM-2020-0002 ODLC easements increased by 655.81 acres
with 69% (454.19 ac) from one easement grantor (Kuhn) and 31% (201.62 ac.) from other grantors.