

Who We Are

We are Freshwater Land Trust, Alabama's only land trust committed to conserving and caring for lands and waters solely in Central Alabama. Nationally accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, we meet national standards of excellence, uphold the public trust, and ensure conservation efforts are permanent.

What We Do

We own and actively manage over 7,700 acres of land, making us one of the largest owners of private nature preserves in Alabama. Alongside our many partners, we have helped protect more than 11,000 acres throughout Central Alabama, including the 1,108-acre Red Mountain Park and the 700-acre Turkey Creek Nature Preserve.

What We Do For You

We partner with landowners to protect their properties through conservation easements or land donations. We work to preserve the places that matter most to you.

In September 2016, Ed and Memily Colvin joined a growing group of landowners who have looked to Freshwater Land Trust to help them achieve their conservation goals. They donated 12.5 acres of land along the Cahaba River in Mountain Brook and Vestavia Hills. This property is a top priority conservation area and adds to almost 600 acres of riverside land that has been permanently preserved to protect the Cahaba – one of our most valuable resources in Central Alabama and one of our most scenic and biologically-diverse rivers in the U.S.

Why should I conserve my land?

Make a Difference

Thousands of people across the nation are partnering with land trusts to protect privately-owned land. Each acre you conserve contributes to a bigger picture: a state and nation comprised of lively communities abundant in clean air, diverse wildlife, healthy ecosystems, and scenic beauty.



Bald Eagle on an FLT conservation easement

Leave a Legacy

The deep connection you have to your land can live forever. When you choose to conserve your land, you are providing a priceless gift to future generations. Let the places you love, rich with stories and memories, define your legacy.

In addition, conserved land may qualify as a charitable tax deduction on your federal income tax return.

How can I conserve my land?

Your land is important. And what you choose to do with it is a big decision. We're committed to helping you reach all of your conservation goals. Our most common land conservation methods are easements and donations.

Conservation Easements

A conservation easement is a legal agreement with us that limits the uses of your land in order to protect its conservation value. You maintain ownership, while we monitor your property to ensure the land is preserved.

Benefits of Conservation Easements:

- Conservation easements allow you to continue using your land and to keep your property in your family. Although you release some rights, the land is still yours.
- Conservation easements are forever. If you decide to pass your land down to your children or sell it to another private owner, the rights established in the easement remain intact.
- Conservation easements are flexible. We'll work with you to establish your exact conservation goals, including protection from development, preserving wildlife habitats, or creating public access. These rights can apply to all or a portion of your property.

Land Donations

Donating your land to FLT gives us complete ownership of your property. We make a promise to you to actively manage the land and protect its conservation value for future generations.

Benefits of Donating Your Land:

- Land donations release you from responsibility for managing land. We take over all legal, environmental, and operational responsibilities that come with owning your property.
- Land donations guarantee your land is permanently conserved. We will use our resources to keep your land protected and respect your wishes for the land.

We want to be your partner in land conservation!
Contact us to start a conversation.

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