



CONSERVE YOUR LAND

Who We Are

Freshwater Land Trust (FLT) conserves, connects, and cares for environmentally significant land and water in Central Alabama, creating dynamic green spaces for future generations. Nationally accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, we meet national standards of excellence, uphold the public trust, and ensure that conservation efforts are permanent.

What We Do

FLT owns and actively manages over 10,000 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. We work in Bibb, Blount, Choctaw, Coosa, Dallas, Etowah, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Tuscaloosa, and Walker counties and are proud to partner with governments, corporations, landowners, and community groups to protect our natural environment and increase public outdoor recreational opportunities.

In 2022, Jody Thrasher joined a growing number of landowners who have looked to Freshwater Land Trust to achieve their conservation goals. Thrasher's 1,128 acres in Coosa county includes a portion of Hatchet Creek, home to nine federally protected mussel species, as well as habitat for longleaf pine. The placement of Thrasher's property in a conservation easement will accomplish the meaningful conservation of its habitat and species.



Why Conserve Your 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 country comprised of lively communities abundant in clean air, diverse wildlife, healthy ecosystems, and scenic beauty.

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.

How Can You Conserve Your Land?

We're committed to helping you reach your land conservation goals. Our most common land conservation methods are conservation easements, land donations, and bargain sales.

Conservation Easements

A conservation easement is a legal agreement with FLT that limits the uses of your land 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 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 within your family 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.