THE POWER OF LAND

At the Freshwater Land Trust, we believe that land has the power to transform our communities. Land connects our neighborhoods and gives us spaces for leisurely hikes, weekend barbecues, and family reunions. It enables us to run and bike and swim and play and fish and hunt. Land filters our drinking water, cleans our air, and provides habitat for animals and plants. Land connects us to each other and to our way of life in Alabama.

In 2017, your support helped the Freshwater Land Trust permanently protect new places, improve the health of thousands of acres of lands, and advance 25 new trail miles in Central Alabama.

Will you help us continue this momentum? Together, we can conserve the places that matter and ensure our community can enjoy them, now and for generations to come.

MAJOR MILESTONES

- Founded to enhance water quality and preserve open space in Jefferson County
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- Became first nationally-accredited land trust in Alabama
- Conserved 225 acres of Double Oak Mountain
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1996
- Created Turkey Creek Nature Preserve in Pinson with Forever Wild

2003

2005
- Expanded focus area to Central Alabama

2006
- Became first nationally-accredited land trust in Alabama

2008
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2010
- Launched Red Rock Trail System master plan

2015
- Rotary Trail and High Ore Line Trail open

2016
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CONSERVING LAND
For people from all walks of life and their descendants

“Working with the Freshwater Land Trust was the perfect solution to our concern about protecting our property. After talking with our daughters, they were equally concerned and very happy with our decision to donate a conservation easement to the Freshwater Land Trust.”

“Knowing that the natural state of our land will be forever protected gives our entire family great satisfaction and comfort.”

Diane & Dennis Dempsey, landowners

IN 2017, YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT ALLOWED US TO:

EXPAND
We expanded the habitat of the vermilion darter, a rare fish found only in Central Alabama. Learn more online: bit.ly/darter2017

STEWARD
We managed 7,130 acres for water quality, wildlife habitat, and public access & enjoyment.

CONSERVE
We conserved 109 new acres of critical lands, thanks to you and donations from landowners like Diane and Dennis Dempsey.

CONNECT
We connected 25,120 people to the outdoors through guided hikes, outreach events, volunteer workdays, & the Red Rock Trail System.
BUILDING TRAILS
For a community connected by land, water, and greenways

One of our most ambitious projects is building the Red Rock Trail System, Jefferson County’s planned 750-mile trail network.

In 2017, we advanced 25 new miles of trails by partnering with:

21 LANDOWNERS

Landowners donate land and easements for trails, help identify trail routes, and provide critical access points. Most importantly, landowners advocate for trails and public access to land in their own neighborhoods.

13 CITIES

Thank you to Brookside, Center Point, Bessemer, Birmingham, Vestavia, Fultondale, Gardendale, Graysville, Homewood, Hoover, Jefferson County, Jefferson County Mayors’ Association, Mountain Brook, and Tarrant for your commitment to advancing Greater Birmingham’s Red Rock Trail System.

70+ ORGANIZATIONS

The successful creation of the Red Rock System only happens with support from many nonprofits, civic organizations, and businesses. We are grateful to work with such a diverse range of partners committed to making trails happen.

Use our interactive trail map to plan your next adventure: freshwaterlandtrust.org/find-a-trail

KIWANIS VULCAN TRAIL

In May 2017, the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham broke ground on Kiwanis Centennial Park and Vulcan Trail. The Freshwater Land Trust purchased property and worked with landowners to secure access to this highly-anticipated trail that stretches from Vulcan Park and Museum to Green Springs Highway.

Birmingham’s newest trail is now open to the public!

Join us for a guided hike of Vulcan Trail on Sunday, May 20, 2-4 PM
Conserving new acres of land so that people from all walks of life - and their descendants - benefit

Managing our land in ways that promote clean water, biodiversity, and natural beauty

Connecting people to land, water, and the Red Rock Trail System

These priorities are accomplished through community partnerships and organizational health.
2018 brings exciting projects that cannot happen without your help.

Help us:
> Create the 16.5-mile Five Mile Creek Greenway
> Conserve 500 new acres of high-priority lands
> Extend Jones Valley Trail
> Increase our number of individual donors

Will you invest in us and help grow our impact across Central Alabama?

Please give today at freshwaterlandtrust.org/donate

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2018 Events
freshwaterlandtrust.org/events

May 5: Double Oak Conservation Celebration
June 16: Too Hot To Hike: Beer & Bus Tour of Red Rock Trail System
September 14: 10th Annual Land Aid concert
October 4: Continuing Ed Conservation Easements Seminar

Sunday Hikes

May 20 at Vulcan Trail
October 14
November 8
December 9

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