



Athens Land Trust

Land for Conservation & Community

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2014 Annual Report

In 2014, Athens Land Trust celebrated its 20th Anniversary and the West Broad Farmers Market (WBFM) transitioned from a monthly market to a weekly market, operating every Saturday from May through December. The Market continues to increase community access to affordable, healthy food and provides an outlet for local farmers and entrepreneurs to sell their products. Cooking demonstrations, health screenings, and educational programs related to sustainable farming methods are regularly offered at the Market, which is situated in one of Athens' most food-insecure neighborhoods.



Mural at the West Broad Market Garden



483.5 acres of wetlands for recreation along the Satilla River in Camden County

During 2014, ALT's Conservation Program worked with landowners of three properties to protect 1,983 acres, preserving land in Camden and Hancock counties, including 483.5 acres of freshwater wetlands along 1.2 miles of the Satilla river in Camden County. ALT now holds 13,505 acres in conservation easements in a total of 26 counties. In August, ALT earned renewed accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance. This was a huge benchmark and achievement for ALT. From the beginning, ALT has used the Land Trust Alliance's standards and practices to guide our land conservation work. Remaining accredited is critical for our growth and confirms that we are continuing to meet the highest ethical standards in the field of land conservation as well as in our affordable housing and community agriculture programs.

ALT's Affordable Housing Program completed construction of the Eco Cottages at Cannontown in 2014, a project which helped ALT earn the EarthCraft Builder of the Year Award in October. This award, presented by the Southface and the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association, promotes energy efficient, healthy, comfortable, and durable new construction and renovation. ALT was honored for leadership and excellence in green building design and construction.



One of the completed Eco Cottages at Cannontown

Land Conservation



York-Hancock, Hancock County

This year, we expanded the number of counties ALT serves to include Camden and Hancock. The land we protect is now in nine of Georgia's 14 river basins. We worked again this year with 2012 conservation easement donor Kevin York, this time to protect 1,484.5 acres of a certified American Tree Farm in Hancock County. ALT also acquired its first conservation fee simple donation in downtown Winder, Georgia. This donation will be a valuable greenspace in an otherwise developed area, sheltering small animals, migrating and resident song birds, and providing visual relief for people in the area.



Winder, Barrow County

ALT's Conservation Easements Totaling 13,505 Acres

Bear Creek: 243 acres of natural forest, wetlands, and streams near Bear Creek Reservoir in Athens-Clarke and Jackson Counties

Bibb County: 45 acres of forest and streams near downtown Macon

Boulevard: A small, urban, forested property that maintains neighborhood greenspace in Athens-Clarke County

Bowden Park: 17 acres of hardwoods and old fields in Athens-Clarke County

Brent Dooly: 326 acres of natural forest and prime farmland in Dooly County

Bronikowski: 125 acres of pasture and forest in Stephens County

Bryant: 59 acres of farmland, forest, and a pond in Oconee County

Burdett: 167 acres of forest land with an historic site in Wilkes County

Camden-Maryfield: 483.5 acres of wetlands for recreation along the Satilla River in Camden County

Chase Street: 49 acres of forest, pasture and streams that flow into the North Oconee River in Athens-Clarke County

Five Acre Woods: Five acres of forest and neighborhood trails off North Avenue in Athens-Clarke County

Foxhall Farms: 11 acres of forest land in the Foxhall Farms neighborhood in Athens-Clarke County

Green: 2,384 acres of forest along the Ocmulgee River, adjacent to the Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge in Jones County protected by two easements

Hatmaker: 29 acres of steep slopes and bottomland forest in southeast Athens-Clarke County

Hiawassee: 111 acres of forest in Towns County adjacent to Chattahoochee National Forest

Hillsman Farm: 30 acres of a working cattle farm in Oconee County

Hinton: 108 acres of natural forest in Spalding and Henry Counties on the Towaliga River

House Farm: 92 acres of farmland and pasture near Bishop in Oconee County protected by two easements

Jordan: 13 acres of property along the North Oconee River in Athens-Clarke County

Kenney Ridge: Three easements protecting 39 acres of hardwoods and fields in Athens-Clarke County

Langdale Farm: 64 acres of farmland with a small pond in Athens-Clarke County

Lexington Lake: 51.5 acres with oak-hickory sloped forest, a lake, and frontage along the Middle Oconee River in Athens-Clarke County

Lightwood Properties: Two easements protecting 741 and 603 acres of forest and wetlands in Jones County adjacent to other protected land

Longleaf Preserve: 814 acres of timberland, hardwood forest, and streams in Meriwether County

Lost Mountain: 152 acres of mature hardwood forest that are part of a Civil War battlefield site in Cobb County protected by two easements

Martin: 48 acres of hardwood forest adjacent to the Chattahoochee National Forest in Fannin County

McLeod: 474 acres of prime farmland with natural forest and streams in Wilcox County

McLeod Farms: 290 acres of forest, streams, prime farmland, and riparian habitat in Sumter County

Meriwether: 854 acres of forest, streams and granite outcrops

Milford Hills: 23 acres of oak-hickory forest and creeks in Athens-Clarke County

Mitchell Farm: 188 acres of cattle and hay farm near Farmington in Oconee County

Mt. Burton: 110 acres of woods adjacent to the Chattahoochee National Forest in Habersham County

Odum: 1,050 acres of longleaf pine, black-water streams, and wetlands that are habitat for the gopher tortoise in Crisp County

Pharr: 227 acres of oak-hickory forest, timber, and streams in Morgan County

Pincrest: 30 acres of hardwoods and pines in the Pincrest neighborhood in Athens-Clarke County

Powers-Breedlove Farm: Two easements protecting 133 acres of farmland in Oconee County

Quail Preserve: 199 acres of forest and wetlands with black-water cypress swamps along the Little Ogeechee River in Effingham County

Rattlesnake Ranch: 257 acres of hardwood forest, the historic "Balance Rock," granite outcrops, and frontage on Hard Labor Creek in Morgan County

Shelnutt Farm: 42 acres of a working farm in Oconee County

Sheth: 31.5 acres of hardwoods, creek, wetlands, and Burton Lake frontage in Barrow County

Sheth-Carnesville: 64 acre oak-hickory forest, fields, and wetlands in Franklin County

Stangle: 18 acres of mature oak-hickory forest that are part of 600 acres of protected land along the Middle Oconee River in Athens-Clarke County

Stephens: 124 acres of farm and forest land along the Toccoa River

Stripling: 531 acres that includes a historic farmstead, habitat for the endangered gopher tortoise and blue indigo snake, bluffs, and blue springs along the Flint River in Mitchell County

Tallasee: Two easements protecting 232 acres of mature hardwoods, hollies, and streams along the Middle Oconee River in Athens-Clarke County

Turkey Bluff: 502 acres of longleaf pine habitat for gopher tortoise, oak-hickory forest, agricultural land, and blackwater swamps with cypress trees in Screven County

Wiley Farm: Two easements protecting a 168-acre working family farm in Walton County

Winder: 15 acres in downtown Winder, near Fort Yargo State Park, to be used as a public greenspace, in Barrow County

York: 36 acres of mature hardwood forest and streams in Oconee County

York-Hancock: 1,484.5 acres of an American Tree Farm bordered by the Ogeechee River and Beverdam Creek, in Hancock County

Land Conservation

Agricultural Easement Funding

In 2014, the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) approved \$179,200 for ALT to purchase a permanent agricultural conservation easement on an Oconee County farm. The funding is part of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE), which has replaced the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP). Oconee County provides funds through their SPLOST program. ALT will monitor and defend the easement in perpetuity. ALT has worked with NRCS to protect eight farms totalling 707 acres.

Upcountry Oyster Roast

The third annual Upcountry Oyster Roast was held on April 6th along the banks of the Apalachee River to celebrate the protection of over 3,000 acres of land during 2013. Landowners, partners, and ALT supporters enjoyed oysters and clams provided by Charlie Phillips of Sapelo Sea Farms. In addition to celebrating the partnerships that led to the protection of 10 properties in 9 counties, the Oyster Roast features the rivers that connect land in the upcountry to the marshes near the coast. Protecting land in the northern half of the state contributes to healthy ecosystems downstream that support the oysters and clams we enjoy. Many thanks to our host Lee Moody; Walter O'Niell for wonderful beer; Marti's at Midday and Donna Shannon for donations of delicious food; and the Dixieland Five for delightful music.



Guests dig in to Sapelo Sea Farms oysters at the Upcountry Oyster Roast

Other Land Conservation Activities

In March, Heather Benham, Laura Hall, and Dyan Holt attended the Southeast Regional Land Trust Assembly in Chattanooga, TN. In August, Heather attended the 10th Annual Madison-Morgan Conservancy Conservation Easement Workshop, held at the Burge Plantation in Mansfield, Georgia. This year's topic focused on the role of appraisals in conservation tax credits and deductions. In September, 2014's Land Trust Alliance Rally was held in Providence, RI where Heather presented a workshop entitled "Creating Livable Cities: Thinking Outside the Land Conservation Box." The workshop was full of participants interested in how they could make their work more community-focused. ALT continues to serve as a model for looking at community needs in a holistic manner.



Boulevard Woods

2014 was a year of fundraising for Boulevard Woods. The final push to raise money needed to build the park resulted in the financial goal being reached four days ahead of schedule! ALT was a key partner in the fundraising effort, and will continue playing a crucial role as the project moves into the construction phases in 2015. Under agreement with Athens-Clarke County, ALT will lease the park site for purposes of construction. When the park is built, ACC will take ownership and start operating and maintaining Boulevard Woods as a public park under the Leisure Services Department. The 1.79 acre, passive-use park will include a terraced lawn, a community mural, woodland walking trails, trash receptacles, a bike rack, a pet waste station, and a preserved tree canopy. This volunteer-led effort to build a distinctive community park has been in the works since 2009. Thank you to the many donors and volunteers who have helped! (See page 12 for the Boulevard Woods donor list.)

Community Agriculture

Young Urban Farmers (YUF)

Through a collaboration with the Athens-Clarke County School District, the YUF program provides Athens-area high school students with sustainable agriculture and entrepreneurship education, work experience and leadership development. The second class of the YUF program, made up of eight high school students, wrapped up in April and the third class commenced in October with 11 students. These students developed their own agriculture-related products, conducted market research, created a budget, and wrote a business plan before taking their products to the West Broad Farmers Market to sell. Throughout 2014, the YUF played a key role in supporting the Market.

Growing Your Business

The second part of the development workshop series, "Grow your Business," was held from February through April 2014. The eight-week course focused on marketing and was attended by seven vendors of the West Broad Farmers Market. During this workshop series, participants learned about marketing strategies, developed a marketing plan, created a Facebook page, wrote a newsletter, and developed other marketing materials for their business. ALT offered all participants the opportunity to participate in regular one-on-one coaching sessions. The workshops were funded by Community Development Block Funds via the ACC's Department of Housing and Community Development.



Volunteers Karen Witten and Jessica Lawson plant cool season crops at Williams Farm

West Broad Farmers Market and Garden

In addition to the Farmers Market operating weekly (May-Dec.) in 2014, the West Broad garden hosted a number of events and field trips in 2014. On October 22, the USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Dr. Janey Thornton, joined leaders within the Clarke County School District, county officials, UGA representatives, and ALT staff for a roundtable discussion at the Garden. During this meeting, Dr. Thornton stressed the importance of students being involved in the entire food production process, noting that when kids take part in growing foods, they are far more likely to eat them. On November 1, the WBFM hosted the 2nd Annual Athens Heritage and Urban Agriculture Festival, which paid homage to Athens' African-American heritage with special emphasis on the West Broad School. The Festival was held in collaboration with the Athens High and Industrial/Burney-Harris High School Heritage Committee and the Athens Area Black History Committee. Many former students of the West Broad School gathered and were acknowledged for their service to the community.

Williams Farm

In 2014, ALT's farm manager, Gregoryian Willocks, got the farm up and going, and Bar None Construction renovated the old farm house. The Plum Creek Foundation gave ALT a grant of \$5,000 toward a well and irrigation system. The Francis Wood Wilson Foundation and the Turner Family Foundation both gave grants of \$15,000 toward the establishment of the farm and the renovation of the farm house. Theresa Perenich gave a generous donation for trails to connect the Five-Acre Woods, which is adjacent. Chris McDowell of the UGA Material Reuse Center provided materials for the hoop house and fencing. Numerous volunteers worked on the farm during several workdays, including the MLK Day of Service. As a result of these efforts, the house is completed and the farm provided produce for school meals.

Community Agriculture

Farm to School

Athens Farm to School has successfully completed four procurement cycles. Clarke County school cafeterias served naturally-grown spinach in April, cucumbers in July, cherry tomatoes in August, and sweet potatoes in September. Items were sourced locally from Burnell Farms, Foster Brady Farms, Lazy Willow Farm, and ALT's two urban farms. Over the summer, Farm to School provided 60 pounds of cucumbers for the Summer Feeding Program in Athens-Clarke County. The summer feeding program provided free lunches to Clarke County students May 27 through July 25.

In 2014, a number of taste tests and nutrition education activities were carried out in the schools. In addition to monthly taste tests, Athens Farm to School led two Farm to Fork taste tests with middle and high school students. Students at Clarke Central High School and Clarke Middle School participated in a discussion about how the featured item was grown, why it's healthy, and why eating locally-produced food is important. Featured vegetables included kale and cherry tomatoes. After participating, 65% of the high school students reported a desire to incorporate more local, farm-fresh fare into



Local farmer, Clay Brady, holds a spinach leaf from the plot picked for school distribution in April.

their diets. Students from Coile Middle School came to the West Broad Market Garden to participate in an On-Farm Food Safety training facilitated by UGA Cooperative Extension, another one of our Farm to School partners. Students learned about potential safety hazards that can arise when working with crops and participated in a radish-planting activity.



FoodCorps Service Members, Rachel Waldron and Connie Roberts, preparing for a radish taste test at Coile Middle School.

FoodCorps Program

In September of 2014, two FoodCorps Service Members joined ALT's Farm to School program. Serving alongside educators and community leaders, FoodCorps members partner with schools to teach hands-on lessons about food and nutrition and work toward getting locally-grown produce into lunchrooms. Connie Roberts and Rachel Waldron were instrumental in revitalizing several Clarke County school gardens and creating sustainable, garden-based learning for youth. Their efforts are helping students make the connection between the foods they eat and their health, as well as the environmental impact their choices have. Thank you to our donors who helped make these positions available!

Community Agriculture Grants

In 2014, ALT was awarded grants from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA's Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP), and Athens-Clarke County Department of Housing and Community Development (CDBG). These grants will enhance our local food system by allowing us to expand on the success of the West Broad Farmers Market with production of even more locally-grown, fresh food. This funding will also provide new opportunities for the community to learn about agriculture, nutrition, and cooking, and will support our Young Urban Farmer Program and activities at Williams Farm.

Affordable Housing

Homebuyer Education

ALT is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency. With the financial support of the partners mentioned on page 7, ALT led homebuyer education and financial literacy workshops in January, March, July, August, September, and October. In 2014, ALT provided a total of 165 homebuyer education client services through homebuyer and financial literacy workshops. Speakers at workshops included first-time home buyers, Jackie Roberts and Kirrena Gallagher; closing attorneys, Alec Hodson, John Laster, Anne Carter, and Sarah Morang; lenders, Vicky Samuels with Homestar Financial Corporation, and Jeff Bishop with Athens First Bank & Trust/Synovus; and Norris Diaz with Shane Dekle State Farm. ALT's housing counselor, Mary O'Toole, led the workshops with ALT's homeownership coordinator, Shavon Echols. Many thanks to the workshop speakers for sharing their expertise and experience!

Nancy Stangle Receives Swann-Matthei Award

On April 27, ALT Co-Founder, Nancy Stangle, traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, to accept the 2014 Swann-Matthei Award. This national award recognizes the outstanding contribution of an individual or organization in promoting the use of a community land trust in building and sustaining community. The award is given once a year to a recipient who has helped grow the community land trust movement. (The 2013 award winner was Bernie Sanders.) Each year, the Community Land Trust Network solicits nominations from its members for the Swann-Matthei Award to recognize someone doing outstanding work in the world of community land trusts. Once members submit their nominations, the Network Board of Directors votes and selects a recipient. The Swann-Matthei Award is named for two individuals who helped to lay the foundation for the development of community land trusts in the United States: Bob Swann and Chuck Matthei. In order to be eligible for nomination, individuals must have worked at least 10 years with a community land trust and must have completed a significant body of work that has contributed to the growth and sustainability of the community land trust movement, such as a lasting organization like the Athens Land Trust.



Heather Benham, Nathan Shannon, and Nancy Stangle at the 2014 Swann-Matthei award ceremony

List of Affordable Properties

- 130 Andrea Dr.
- 170 Andrea Dr.
- 255 Bray St.
- 305 Bray St.
- 325 Bray St.
- 335 Bray St.
- 196 Cabin Lane
- 215 Colima Ave.
- 219 Colima Ave.
- 100 Cannon Dr.
- 110 Cannon Dr.
- 120 Cannon Dr.
- 124 Dallas St.
- 51 Dublin St.
- 130 Erwin Court
- 289 Evans St.
- 239 Field Ave.
- 635 Fourth St.
- 640 W. Hancock Ave.
- 470 Nellie B Ave.
- 474 Nellie B Ave.
- 300 Old Winterville Rd.
- 310 Old Winterville Rd.
- 235 N. Rocksprings
- 245 N. Rocksprings
- 277 Paris St.
- 279 Paris St.
- 104 Simmons St.
- 110 Stanelle Dr.
- 125 Stanelle Dr.
- 140 Stanelle Dr.
- 158 Susan Circle
- 213 Tara Way
- 115 Three Oaks Dr.
- 155 Valleybrook Dr.
- 315 Washington Dr.
- 390 Washington Dr.
- 816 Waddell St.
- 820 Waddell St.
- 853 Waddell St.
- 861 Waddell St.
- 865 Waddell St.
- 868 Waddell St.
- 870 Waddell St.
- 872 Waddell St.
- 879 Waddell St.
- 883 Waddell St.
- 120 mixed-income apartments at Fourth Street Village

Affordable Housing

Cottages at Cannontown

Phase 2 of Cottages at Cannontown was completed during 2014, which included three new homes. Two of these homes feature three bedrooms and two full baths, while another is a two-bedroom, 1.5 bath home. The homes range in size between 1,122 and 1,216 square feet. An open house event held in August drew over 50 attendees and was covered via



a live broadcast by WXAG radio. All of these homes are EarthCraft Certified by SouthFace Energy Institute and will be sold at prices between \$80,000 and \$99,000. When completed, the neighborhood will have a total of 15 affordable homes within walking distance of downtown Athens and near convenient shopping and amenities.

At the Open House, ALT provided a tour of the homes to members of ACC Housing and Community Development Staff. From L-R: Rob Trevena, Director; Heather Benham, ALT Executive Director; Joann Selgin, Community Development Administrator; Chadsity Young, Programs Support Analyst; Samantha Carvalho, Community Development Specialist; Nathan Shannon, ALT Director of Operations.

Affordable Housing Funding

In March of 2014, ALT's Affordable Housing Program received \$37,500 in Community Development Block Grant funding from Athens-Clarke County for the acquisition of property in the Hancock Corridor. The Housing Program also received Community Development Block Grant dollars totaling \$180,815 to support affordable housing activities in Athens-Clarke County and HOME funds in the amount of \$264,650 for the purchase and renovation of a small multi-family property and a single-family home. These funds are all federal dollars that are administered by Athens-Clarke County's Department of Housing and Community Development. ALT also received \$3,000 from Oconee State bank, two donations from Wells Fargo Foundation totaling \$3,750 and \$2,500 from the Briscoe Family Foundation. Donations enable ALT to provide homebuyer education and housing counseling free of charge, as well as buy blighted properties increasing energy-efficiency, and support first-time homebuyers in purchasing a home. ALT would like to congratulate Raymond "Hank" Johnson who became a homeowner in 2014!

ALT Named EarthCraft Builder of the Year

On October 29, Athens Land Trust was named Builder of the Year by Southface and the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association (GAHBA) at the EarthCraft Celebration of Excellence. EarthCraft, the Southeast's premier green building certification program, promotes energy efficient, healthy, comfortable, and durable new construction and renovation. ALT was honored for leadership and excellence in green building design and construction.

The award was presented by David Ellis, executive vice president of the GAHBA, and Scott Lee, director of residential green building services at Southface. Over 100 industry leaders were in attendance at the Southface Eco Office in downtown Atlanta. "We are proud of the outstanding work that Athens Land Trust does to advance green building in the Southeast. We celebrate their vision and their leadership," said Lee.

Funding made available for these affordable housing projects by Athens-Clarke County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) HOME and CDBG Programs of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, an Equal Opportunity Employer.



MLK Day of Service

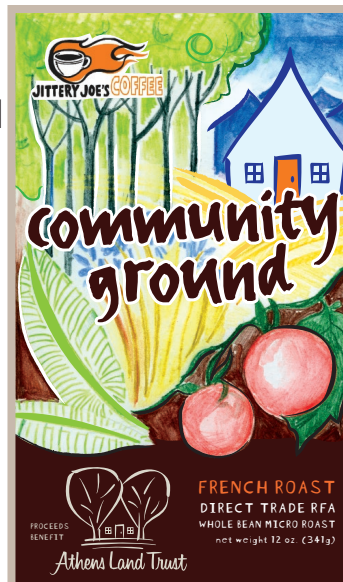
The West Broad Market Garden hosted a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Workday and Celebration. Over 75 participants, including community members, members of the Boys and Girls Club, and youth from Classic City High School helped with composting, built raised beds, prepped trees for planting and assisted with hoop house activities. ALT also hosted volunteers at the Williams Farm, where over 30 people of all ages assisted in clearing the fence line. A third site was at Hill Chapel Baptist Church where about 30 volunteers helped to establish trails. Thank you to everyone who came out!



Community members at West Broad Garden on MLK Day of Service 2014

ALT Cofee Blend

In 2014, ALT's special blend of coffee was established by local roastery, Jittery Joe's. "Community Ground" comes from the Selva Negra Estate -- a direct trade farm in Nicaragua that shares our commitment to community and environmental sustainability. Community Ground has been made available in several local businesses and a portion of all sales are returned to ALT! We appreciate Jittery Joe's for partnering with us on this and are grateful to MPrint Design for creating the colorful coffee label.



As ALT Celebrates 20 Years, Co-Founder Nancy Stangle Retires and Reflects

ALT started in December 1994, as "A local, community-based organization for open space preservation and affordable, renewable-energy housing." During our first few years, we collaborated with Athens Grow Green Coalition and other groups to educate the community about sustainable land use and smart growth, as Athens-Clarke County was rewriting its comprehensive plan. In the late 90's, sprawl-type development was claiming farmland, forests, and other green space at an alarming rate. Georgia ranked third in loss of farmland, and we were experiencing issues with our air and water quality. People feared that we would become a suburb of Atlanta. Housing was also unaffordable for many people and the homeownership rate in the county was well below the state average.

I'm proud of how ALT's many programs and initiatives have addressed these concerns. These include the Greenspace acquisition program in Athens-Clarke County that has acquired the Beech Haven and Tallassee tracts, permanently affordable housing that is energy-efficient and healthy, farmland protection in the region, and the Market Garden and Farmers Market at the West Broad School. I am most proud of the impact on families who are buying homes, preserving their farms, eating healthy food, or learning to be entrepreneurs. ALT has been a dynamic and evolving organization, addressing community needs as they were identified. ALT's success is based on the commitment and generosity of many people who embraced the vision of improving quality of life for local residents. It has been a privilege to collaborate with each of you. Thank you for your support and your investment in a healthier, more sustainable community.

- Nancy Stangle

ALT celebrated its 20th anniversary on September 18th with a dinner prepared by 5&10 restaurant at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The event was emceed by Walter Reeves, an authority of gardening in the South and host of Georgia Public Broadcasting's "Gardening in Georgia" program.

Board, Staff, Interns and Volunteers

During 2014, ALT welcomed four new Board members: DelReey Faison, Kirrena Gallagher, Charley Hill, and Ed Taylor. DelReey and Kirrena are both ALT homeowners. DelReey is working on a degree in social work and Kirrena works with Prevent Child Abuse Athens. Charley, a commercial developer in Atlanta, has worked on the redevelopment of several Athens properties. Ed is the owner of an organic farm in Habersham County and is an active member of Georgia Organics. We're grateful to have these new additions to our Board!

Heather Benham was named Executive Director in 2014, turning her Director of Operations title over to Nathan



*Housing Director,
David Ogunsanya*



*Conservation Director,
Kyle Williams*

Shannon, who previously served as ALT's Office and Asset Manager. New directors were hired for each of ALT's programs in 2014: David Ogunsanya, Housing; Kelley Robbins-Thompson, Community Agriculture; and Kyle Williams, Conservation. Other staff changes this year included Dana Blanton taking the reins as the Williams Farm Manager and Rebecca Ennis becoming the West Broad Market Garden Manager. Almeta Tulloss was named Farmer Outreach Specialist and also served as the West Broad Farmers Market Manager while Jackie Williams stepped in as Assistant Manager. In the spring, Brendan Nordgren coordinated the Young Urban Farmers Program and Nathalie Celestin took on this role in the fall with Seth Nivens joining ALT as Farm Program Assistant. Former intern, Amber Flanigan, became ALT's Farm to School Coordinator and Connie Roberts and Rachel Waldron joined the team as FoodCorps Service Members. Lisa Lewis became Development and Outreach Coordinator in September. Two VISTA AmeriCorps Service Members, Paris Harper and Erin O'Brien, joined ALT in November to assist with development and outreach, respectively. Shannon McBride began as ALT's Farm Business Manager.



*Community Agriculture
Program Director,
Kelley Robbins-Thompson*

In 2014, we were sorry to say goodbye to several staff members: Shyesta Cullers, ALT's former Farmer Outreach Specialist; Laura Hall, who served as our Conservation Director; Bantu Gross, our first Young Urban Farmer Program Coordinator; and our Design Coordinator, Lynda Stipe.

We are appreciative of the many student interns who contributed to our programs in 2014. Affordable Housing interns included MSW students, Leslie Albrycht and Kelsey Thompson, as well as Wysha Dillard, a management and music business major from UGA. Law student, Jonathan Clark, contributed to several conservation projects. Community Agriculture interns included Jess Cross, Emily Gundlach, Reena Patel, Chloe Saunders, and Evan Walker. Several interns were instrumental in helping with our Young Urban Farmers Program as well as the West Broad Farmers Market, including Thomas Brown, Ally Chastain, Michelle Heideman, and Ashley Lamb. Catherine Harris, who is pursuing an MA in nonprofit organizations, assisted with grants and development during the fall semester. Teri Hamlin volunteered her time with us this year, assisting with ALT's Farm to School Program. Our volunteer of the year (as presented at the Athens Greenfest ceremony) was Ryan Vaughan, who has put countless hours in at the Williams Farm. Thank you to all of our interns and volunteers!



*Heather Benham presents Ryan Vaughan
his award at the 2014 Greenfest Awards*

Harvest Moon Dinner

The seventh annual Harvest Moon Dinner to benefit Athens Land Trust was held on October, 18. Despite the threat of rain it turned out to be a beautiful night. This year's event was held at ALT's 5-acre Williams Farm on Ruth Street near downtown Athens. Chef Peter Dale of The National prepared a wonderful dinner of locally-grown fare. Thanks to the generous sponsors and attendees listed below and to the hard work of organizers Tony Eubanks and Lara Mathes, the event raised over \$12,000.



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Jessica Webber
Clayton Wilcox



Cyclists gather at the beginning of the route

Al Pless Memorial Bike Ride

On May 17th, we celebrated the life of former Board member, Al Pless, an avid cyclist and longtime supporter of ALT, with a bike ride in his memory. Riders chose from three routes between 25 and 58 miles through Clarke County. Fifty cyclists departed from the ALT office at 9 a.m. and enjoyed perfect weather along their routes. We ended the day with a celebration at Ted's Most Best. The event raised \$2,100 for ALT! We would like to thank everyone who participated and invite you to ride again in 2015!

Athens Land Trust is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to encourage cohesive communities by conserving land and natural resources, providing sustainable affordable housing, and supporting local agriculture.

Thank you to our partners, members, and donors for your support in 2014!

Supporting Foundations & Partners

Athens Area Community Foundation
Athens-Clarke County
Athens First Bank and Trust
Athens Housing Authority
Bank of America
Briscoe Family Foundation
Clarke County School District
Clarke County Cooperative Extension
Enterprise Community Partners
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Oconee State Bank
PCUSA - Presbyterian Hunger Project
Plum Creek Foundation
Riverview Foundation
Southface Energy Institute
Sutherland
Turner Family Foundation
University of Georgia
US Department of Agriculture
Wells Fargo Foundation

Steward

\$2,500+

Anonymous
Jared Bybee & Mehrsa Baradaran
Jared Harper & Elena Brown
Megan Costello & Robyn Raschke

Forest

\$1,000+

Anonymous
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Gail Cowie
Beth Gavrilles & Philip Juras
Robin Gossett
Mary O'Toole

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\$500+

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Nat and Helen Kuykendall
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Elinor Rees

Oak

\$250+

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Family of Al Pless
Dick & Susan Field
Teri Hamlin
Charley & Julie Hill
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Jeremy & Cardee Kilpatrick
Nancy MacNair
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Eric & Jessica Orbock
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Margaret Strahl
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