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Athens Land Trust Appoints Interim Executive Director to Lead During Transition Period

Athens, GA - June 28, 2024 - Athens Land Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of Vanna Cure as Interim Executive Director, effective July 1, 2024.

Vanna Cure is a native of Athens and previously sat on the Board of Directors for Athens Land Trust. Prior to accepting this interim position, she served as Associate Director of Advocacy for Prosperity Now (Washington, DC). There she worked to advance federal and state policies for equitable financial stability and wealth building, and her extensive experience in these areas will be instrumental in guiding Athens Land Trust through this transitional phase.

As Interim Executive Director Vanna Cure will oversee day-to-day operations, strategic planning, and collaboration with Athens Land Trust's board of directors to ensure continuity and progress towards the organization's mission to improve quality of life for all and strengthen the community through the stewardship of land for affordable housing, conservation, agriculture, and economic development. She will also work with the board to shape the scope of the search for the next Executive Director.

"We are thrilled to have Vanna lead Athens Land Trust during this critical period," said Lara Mathes, Chair of Athens Land Trust's Board of Directors. "Her experience in capacity building for community-based non-profits has brought valuable perspective ever since she joined the board in 2020. Moreover, Vanna's steady, engaged leadership on ALT's executive committee for the past year and a half has been a clear indication of how fortunate we are to have her step into this interim role."

Vanna Cure expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity, stating, "Athens will always be home. The city raised, educated and shaped me. My family has been a part of this community for over 35 years, so I have a vested interest in improving quality of life for Athens families. Serving on the Board has given me greater insight into the tremendous impact that ALT is making on the Athens community and I look forward to returning home to advance the organization's mission during this pivotal transition."

The Board of Directors will commence a search for a new Executive Director to lead Athens Land Trust into its next chapter of growth and impact. It is the priority of the board to maintain a stable and effective organization as we search for a dynamic leader with a true passion for the organization's mission. We are hopeful and excited for the next chapter of Athens Land Trust as we continue to work toward a stronger, healthier, more equitable future.

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About Athens Land Trust:

Athens Land Trust, a nonprofit organization founded in 1994, develops permanently affordable homeownership opportunities, a healthy, sustainable local food system, and economic opportunities for low-income Athenians; and protects farmland, forests, and greenspace in Georgia. More information is available at www.athenslandtrust.org.

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