Equitable Access To Housing, Land, and Food for All



A Community & Conservation Land Trust Demetrius D. Jordan, Executive Director



We see a future
where all people
have a path to prosperity and well-being
through equitable connection to land.



Our mission is to preserve, protect, and strengthen the fabric of Georgia communities through education and the stewardship of land for affordable housing, conservation, agriculture, and economic development.

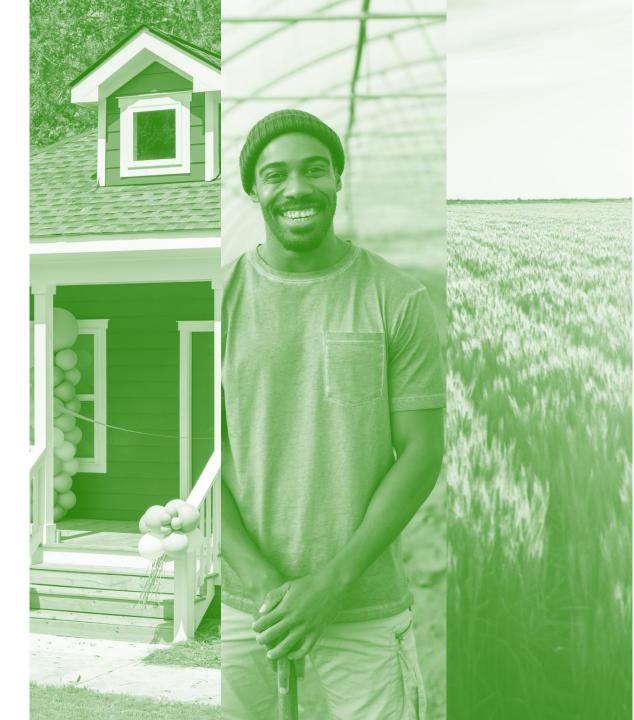


Athens Land Trust

History

Athens Land Trust (ALT) was founded in 1994 by Skipper StipeMaas and Nancy Stangle. At the time, the two women were involved in the development of the Kenney Ridge community, a single-family neighborhood located on 139 acres on Tallassee Road in Athens-Clarke County.

In the course of that project, Skipper and Nancy discovered an apparent conflict between their two goals: to protect open spaces, and to keep the housing lots affordable. Believing that both problems required an integrated solution, ALT's founders created one of the few organizations in the country that is both a conservation and community land trust.





Athens Land Trust

More than a CLT

Recognizing the importance of land as a tool for empowerment and community health, ALT is a Community and Conservation Land Trust.

Addressing economic, environmental, and social justice opportunities through land access and protection, food system support and security, financial literacy, and building affordable homes





ALT Strategic Impact Pillars Model

Housing

Affordable Housing

Housing Counseling

Homeowner Support Services

Conservation

Land Conservation
Easements & Stewardship

Land Conservation Networks

Conservation Tech. Asst.

Agriculture

Community Agriculture

Farm Support Services

Food Security Network

Farm Succession

Community Engagement - Education & Capacity Building Youth Development - Advocacy & Policy Engagement VALUE STREAMS

Ensuring equitable access to housing, land, and food for all.





ALT Portfolio

- 73 permanently affordable single-family homes built and/or substantially rehabilitated
- 78 first-time homeownership opportunities created
- 11 small infill rental units including the Historic Mack Burney House (above left) consisting of four 1-bedroom apartments, recognized for Outstanding Rehabilitation in 2023



ALT HOMES

New construction









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Rehabilitation









The Young Urban Builders program was started in 2018 to address youth unemployment and perform owner-occupied rehabilitation in the West Broad Neighborhood. The program provides job training, certifications, and experience while working on community projects and aiding in neighborhood revitalization.





Conservation Properties

20,500+ acres protected in 42 Georgia Counties

- Natural Lands
- Wetlands
- Working Lands















Conservation Stewardship

- ACC/Greenspace
- Volunteer work, educational walks, community engagement
- Young Conservation Stewards
- Invasive removal, job skills and career workforce development
- Trail building





Community Agriculture

- Promote and provide farmer assistance in soil and water conservation strategies to achieve sustainable agriculture
- Increase access to healthy food
- Support economic and entrepreneurial opportunities for underserved youth and adults







Farmer Outreach

- Collaborative effort with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Goal: to increase the number of minority farmers and raise awareness of NRCS programs
- Conduct outreach and educational activities for underserved groups in 15 NE Georgia counties
 - Workshops
 - Small Business Farmer Course



GA\FarmLink



Georgia FarmLink (GAFarmLink.org) helps farmers access and protect important farmland, facilitates farmland succession planning, and ensures Georgia's best farms continue contributing to the local economy through sustainable farming practices and farm business development strategies.





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Young Urban Farmers (YUF)

- Support youth developing skills that will enhance confidence and competence as they prepare to enter the competitive workforce
- Youth are paid a wage and receive the profits from their respective on-farm enterprises
- Over 200 high school students have participated





- Incubation farm for new and beginning farmers
- Educational space
- Workshop space
- Farming demonstration venue

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Questions?



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