

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The Southern Conservation Trust



Photo by Amy Gaddy, Conservation Easement



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Fiscal Year 2021 (April 2021 – March 2022)

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear fellow friends of nature,

We are delighted to share with you our 2021 Annual Report. A little over 5 years ago, I had the privilege of joining the Southern Conservation Trust as its Executive Director. Since then, we have grown tremendously. We've added dedicated staff, board, and volunteers who are pursuing our mission of elevating nature, and who never rest on their laurels. Even throughout the last two years, our staff have stayed the course of our mission and increased our conserved acres, public lands, and public education.

I have had the privilege of seeing the organization grow from 1,600 acres in 2016, to now over 73,000 acres— in 13 states, and I am astounded by the impact we've had on conserving land, wildlife, and waterways, all while expanding our public nature preserves and environmental education initiatives.

Thanks to so many individuals, partners, corporations, landowners, volunteers, and foundations, the Southern Conservation Trust added over 20,000 acres of conserved land in 2021, while also opening the new headquarters location and nature center, the Fayette Environmental Education Center in beautiful Downtown Fayetteville.

The following accomplishments reflect the generosity of our donors, which enables us to protect land, waterways, and habitats throughout the southeast. It is my hope that the impact shown throughout this report will give you just a little insight into what inspires us to protect the land we love.

I invite each of you to join us in 2022 in conserving more acres than ever before, adding to our public nature preserves, and providing high-quality environmental education. We are only able to achieve what we do because of donors and supporters like you. We hope that you will join us in 2022.

Because together, we can do more.

Katie Pace Quattlebaum
CEO & Executive Director



73,000
TOTAL ACRES
PROTECTED



THIRTEEN
STATES WITH
CONSERVED LAND

OUTDOOR PROGRAMING + EDUCATION



FAYETTE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

In 2021 we were thankful to have the opportunity to open our newest project, the Fayette Environmental Education Center (FEEC) to the public.

This facility encompasses all that the Southern Conservation Trust does and shares it in a teachable way with the community we love.

FEEC is a place where children, families, and visitors of all ages can connect with the wonders of nature in Georgia.

Visitors experience inspiration from learning and have the opportunity to take a deep breath amid the beauty of Fayette County, Georgia.

2021 PROJECTS

- New kiosks at our nature areas built by our local Eagle Scouts
- Built aerating compost bin
- Built permaculture garden beds
- Camp WILD (at home)- a summer camp in a box!



PUBLIC NATURE AREAS

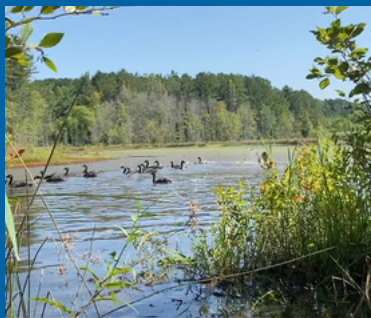
With 6 public nature areas in Fayette County, you're sure to find your favorite for a hike, bike, run, or just a stroll!

Operation of over 1,100 acres of public lands in Fayette County, Georgia.

Provided access to nature to over 60,000+ people in 2021.

Line Creek Nature Area nominated for Leave No Trace Hotspot

**GEESE RELEASE
AT SAMS LAKE
BIRD
SANCTUARY**



In partnership with AWARE Wildlife Rescue, we were able to coordinate the release of 26 orphaned geese at our very own Sams Lake Bird Sanctuary.

Coming Soon...

Our Park Team is currently working on developing 4 new nature preserves in Henry County, Fulton County, and Douglas County.

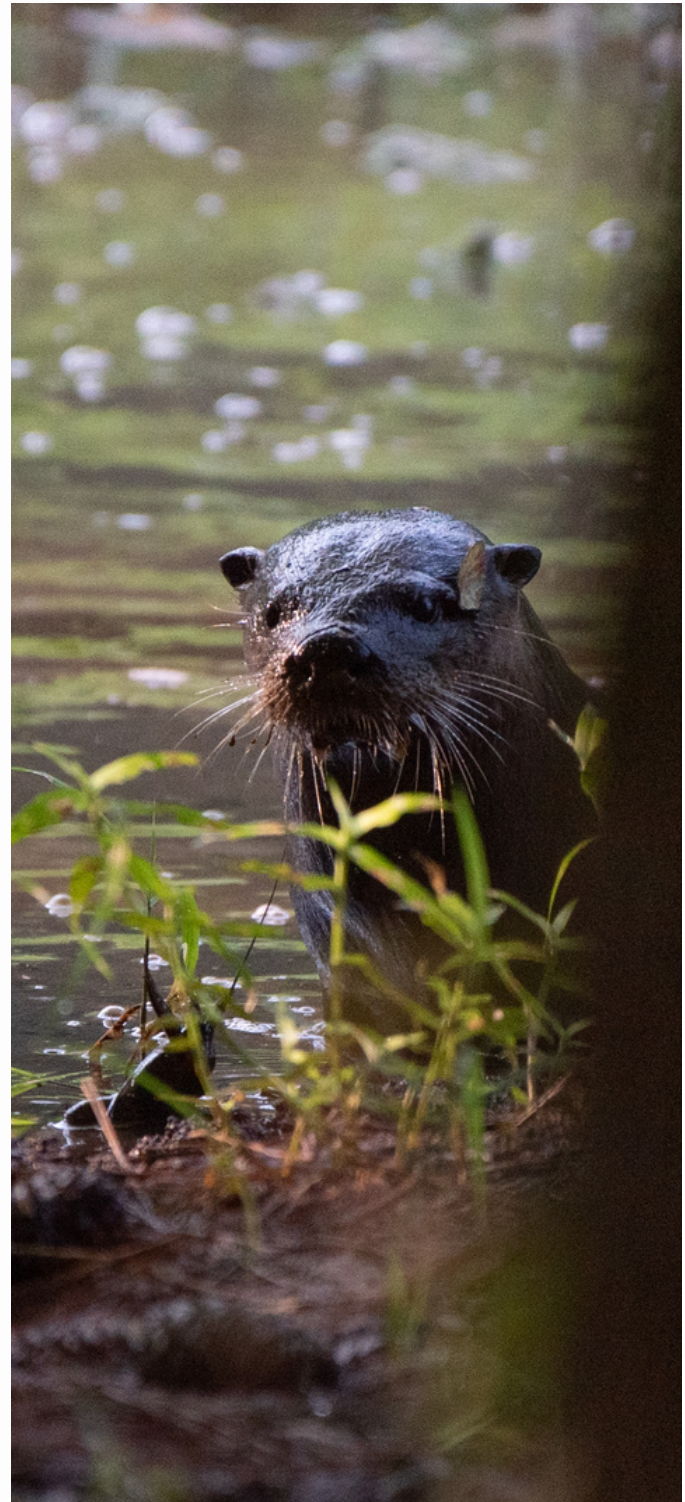
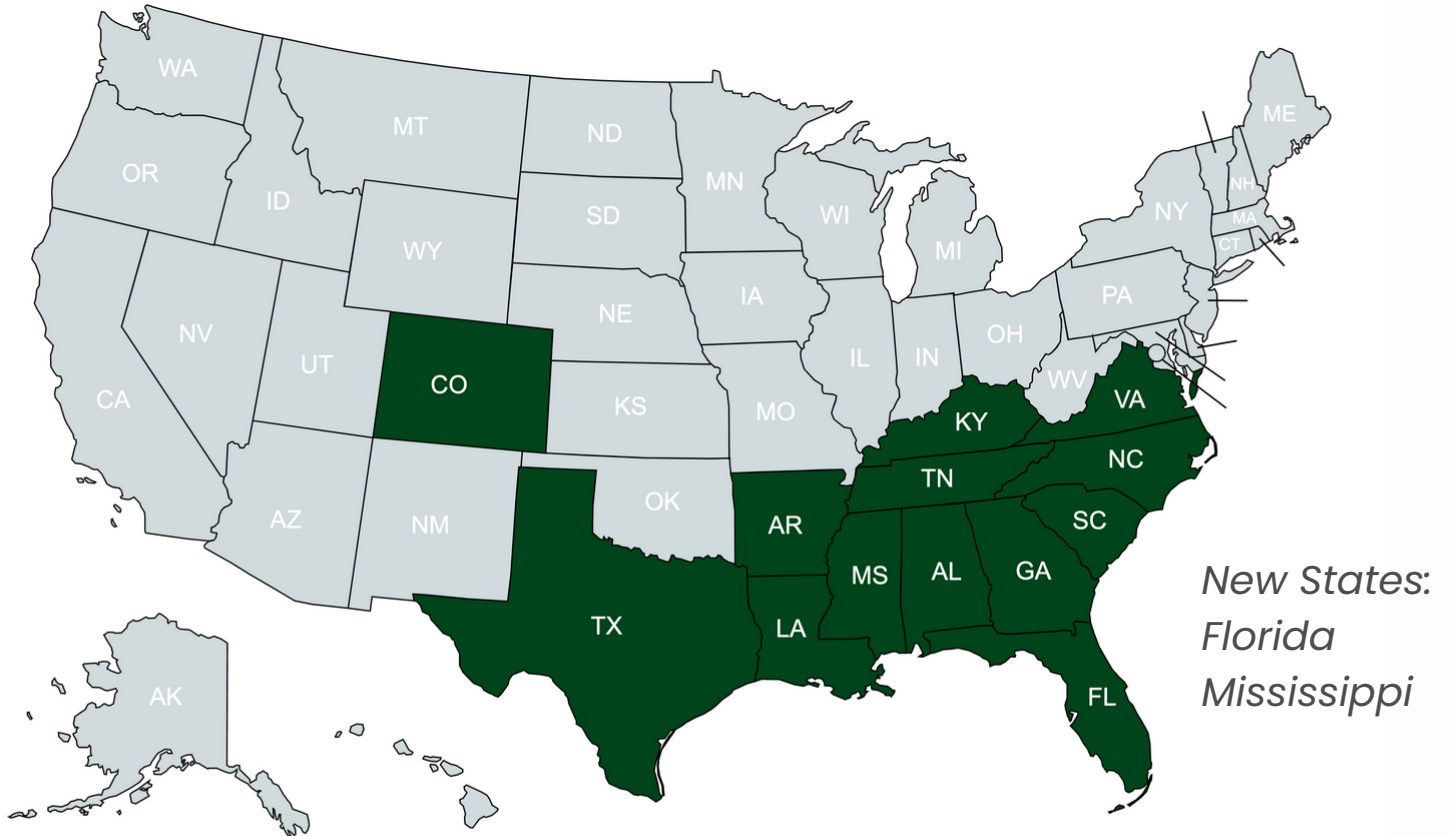


Photo by Marlene Koslowsky, Sams Lake Bird Sanctuary

CONSERVATION EFFORTS

13 STATES NOW PROTECTED



We now
protect land
in 60 Georgia
counties.

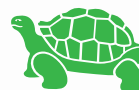


That's 40,070
protected acres right
here in Georgia!

THESE PROPERTIES INCLUDE



High-Priority Rivers



Protected Species



High-Quality Habitats

VOLUNTEERS



In 2021, we had over 300+ volunteer hours at the education center, various events, and nature areas.

Volunteers picked up trash from nature areas, built and stained kiosks, blazed trails, planted gardens, and so much more!

Thank You

A huge thank you is due to all of our volunteers, but a very special thank you to the hard-working retirees at Somerby who are helping make Somerby Woods Nature Area a reality.



Debbie Hunter

2021 FINANCIALS

Audited financials for the 2021 fiscal year can be found on our website.



CONTRIBUTIONS

\$1,406,681



DONATED LAND

\$27,837



EXPENSES

\$1,474,111



ASSETS

\$27,696,810



As a land trust, it is our duty and obligation to monitor all conserved land in perpetuity. For this reason, a majority of donations are restricted by our Board of Directors for long term monitoring of properties.

PARTNERSHIPS



LINE CREEK BREWING CO.

Multiple #ConserveGeorgia beers kept on rotation at both brewery locations, and canning. \$1 for each six-pack sold is donated back to SCT.

YELLOWBAND COFFEE ROASTERS

Partnered coffee blend "Bee in Nature" \$2 of every bag sold is donated back to our pollinator gardens.



GEORGIA AUDUBON

New restoration project with Georgia Audubon at Sams Lake Bird Sanctuary.

EVENTS



FUNDRAISING + OUTREACH EVENTS

2021 included various large fundraising events, and a number of outreach events in Fayette County.

Over \$50,000 raised in Events alone.

**Celebration of Conservation
Annual Benefit & Auction**

Run the Ridge 5K

Ghost Stories

Local Market Booths

2022 PLANNED EVENTS

1st Annual Conserve
Georgia Oyster
Roast

Earth Day Festival

Brews for Bees

Camp WILD
Summer Camps

Annual Benefit &
Auction

Haunted Woods

Ghost Stories

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