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Grasses contrast against a winter sky at Churchill Valley Greenway.



Rooted in Place: A Personal Introduction and Reflection

by Carrie Gilbert | President & CEO

Stepping into the role of President and CEO of Allegheny Land Trust feels like both a natural continuation of my life's work and a meaningful arrival in a region I've long admired. Western Pennsylvania is a place where land, culture, and identity are inseparable, from the forested hillsides that shape our skylines to the rivers that have carried generations of stories, steel, struggle, and renewal. Being entrusted with caring for part of this landscape is an honor I hold with deep respect.

I grew up in the Susquehanna River Valley, where the river was a constant presence and a steady teacher. It showed me how deeply landscapes feed us, protect us, and hold our histories. Floods sometimes came violently, which highlighted the importance of humility, resilience, and the strength of communities willing to rebuild together. Watching the Susquehanna rebound from decades of misuse into a thriving river again taught me what patient renewal truly means.

Throughout my career, Appalachia has felt like a familiar companion. As a field forester in southeast Kentucky, wandering ridgelines and hollers, I learned how every part of a landscape is in conversation with the next. Those early years taught me that stewardship is about humility and understanding your place in the system you serve.

My first leadership role, as Forest Resource Planning Chief with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, expanded that lens. Collaborating with experts across the state to shape a long-term strategic vision for our state forests showed me how thoughtful planning, grounded in relationships, can create meaningful public benefit.

I carried those lessons into my work at the Wayne National Forest in southeast Ohio, where I grew deeper into leadership. Community partnerships were the heart of every effort. Whether navigating complex planning, strengthening local collaborations, or listening to community priorities, I saw how conservation is woven into belonging, pride, and strength.



Carrie's dog, Otis, stands proudly next to a chicken of the woods mushroom found at Devil's Hollow Conservation Area.

Those experiences are part of why Allegheny Land Trust called to me. Pittsburgh, the Paris of Appalachia, is a place of grit and generosity, creativity and history, resilience, and imagination. People here care fiercely about their communities and their green spaces, and I wanted to be part of that — to work alongside people who love this region as deeply as I do.

As ALT enters its next chapter, my aim is to build on a strong legacy while rising to the urgency of today. We must continue protecting land that filters our water, cools our neighborhoods, restores ecosystems, and offers places of daily refuge. I am especially inspired by our urban conservation work — the opportunity to restore neglected spaces and support communities in shaping the landscapes they live with every day.

Outside of work, you'll often find me exploring ALT green spaces with my dog, Otis, or finding serenity at the potter's wheel. I've begun wandering through local farmers markets, art markets, and the many delicious corners of Pittsburgh.

As I begin this chapter with ALT, I look forward to contributing to the landscape, culture, and future of a region that has already begun to feel like home. I yearn to learn the stories that tie people to this region and am excited for what we can imagine, nurture, and protect together.



Five Ways to “Winter” this Winter

1. Tuck in the Garden

Prepare your beds for the winter season and take notes on what worked, what didn't work, and what you may want to try for next year. This is also a great time to collect seeds from native plants that you may want to start in your space.

2. Embrace Rest

Flora and fauna are taking their cue to slow down, and so should you! Go to bed early, enjoy your more restful hobbies, or curl up with a book — or perhaps this newsletter! Whatever you do, shamelessly embrace the fact that nature wants you to slow down.

3. Cook Heartily

It's the season for soup, root vegetables, and all foods that stick to your bones! Get out the slow cooker and make something that'll serve as a blanket for your stomach.

4. Bundle Up and Get Out

Perhaps you, like our team, are a believer in the adage “There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing.” Dress in your favorite base, mid, and outer layers and hit the peaceful winter trails.

5. Reflect and Plan

When the sun is shining and the weather is warm, it's easy to savor the present and forget about your long-term goals. Now is a great time to reflect on what's important to you, like supporting an organization dedicated to saving local land for current and future generations!

A volunteer clears vines to open a new trail at Churchill Valley Greenway.

Caring for the Land is Caring for Ourselves: GIVING FOR GREEN SPACE

by Tom Dougherty | VP of Development & External Affairs

Over these last 9 years with the Allegheny Land Trust, I've had the great pleasure of witnessing firsthand what this organization is able to accomplish with your support and partnership along the way. I've been so honored to be part of the deep care that goes into this work of protecting our special places and stewarding the land.



Allegheny GoatScape goats snack on coniferous trees at ALT's Healcrest Green.

To our members, volunteers, sponsors, and explorers — a sincere thank you for supporting the many ambitious efforts the ALT has undertaken over the years.

I am an avid recreationist in Penn's Woods and take every moment I can to hop on a bike to enjoy our shaded trails, hike to the highest point in a protected space, or paddle down one of our many waterways we're blessed with in this part of the world. I am honored to be part of passing on a legacy of protected green space in and around Allegheny County for all generations to enjoy. ALT has been a proven leader in the local conservation movement for more than 30 years, and serving here has been a humbling capstone to my career!

I believe when we care for the land, we care for our own well-being. Forests, rivers, and open spaces are more than scenery. They are the sources of clean air, fresh water, and peace of mind. They protect us against intense storms and flooding, while also offering nourishing food, recreation, and a place to learn about our natural world. They steady us in uncertain times, offer a place to breathe deeply, and remind us we're connected to something larger than ourselves.

Every acre we conserve, every trail we protect, every stream we restore ensures that future generations inherit a region where nature continues to heal, inspire, and sustain. ALT now conserves more than 4,000 acres of land that safeguard nature's benefits for years to come. Every year, we take on projects and initiatives that matter to you and help support a better quality of life for our communities today and generations to come.

As I settle into my new chapter of life with retirement, I rest assured that the ALT team remains dedicated to advancing its mission to help local people save local land. A few highlights of the projects ALT is wrapping up this year:

- Acquire at least 72 acres that would expand existing green space in Collier, South Fayette, and Elizabeth Townships.
- Open the newly restored St. John's Green, the historic site of the former St. John's Hospital in Pittsburgh's Brighton Heights neighborhood. The land will now serve as a community gathering place with stormwater mitigation infrastructure.
- Continue our partnership with Grow Pittsburgh to permanently protect the land beneath our beloved community gardens that provide healthy, sustaining foods.
- Build new sustainable trails at Girty's Woods and restore native woodlands at Churchill Valley Greenway.
- Expand our education program to inspire all ages and all people to behold the wonders of nature.

To keep our momentum strong, we need your support to provide the resources we'll need to meet these goals. To that end, we're aiming to raise \$90,000 at this year's end.

The funds raised at year end support ALT's ability to carry on valuable projects, many of which are highlighted in these pages. These funds are a crucial component of our fundraising puzzle, helping the ALT team continue their great work, and we hope you'll add your support. Your contribution will ensure that together we continue caring for the land and providing a healthy environment for our future.



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Partnerships: A Multiplier of Land Conservation

by Sarah Costlow | Vice President of Land Conservation

As a nationally accredited land trust dedicated to helping local people save local land, Allegheny Land Trust protects land in several ways. Most often, we acquire or receive land donations to keep green space protected forever. We also help private landowners place conservation easements on their property, ensuring that farmland and open space remain undeveloped for generations to come.

Another powerful conservation tool is partnerships. Working with other organizations allows us to combine resources, share expertise, and achieve greater impact than any of us could alone.

WHY PARTNERSHIPS MATTER

Our vision is for every Allegheny County resident to live within a 10-minute walk of a green space. The reality is that protecting land requires funding, time, and long-term stewardship. Every property must be evaluated, acquired, and stewarded to ensure it remains permanently protected. By collaborating with partners, we can share these responsibilities and expand our collective impact on conserving and caring for land.

COLLABORATING WITH LAND TRUSTS, NONPROFITS, MUNICIPALITIES, AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

We're proud to work alongside land trusts, nonprofits, municipalities, and state and local government. These partnerships take many forms; sometimes we refer landowners to a land trust that is closer to their property, or step in to help when another organization lacks capacity. For example, we're currently partnering with Allegheny County Parks to conserve land adjacent to Settlers Cabin Park, which they will permanently own and steward as conservation land.

Despite being called a "land" trust, water quality is often at the forefront of our efforts! Land protection supports cleaner drinking water through filtration and reduced flooding by retaining and slowly releasing water. In support of the Big



A researcher conducts a study
on Big Sewickley Creek.

Sewickley Creek Watershed Association's efforts, ALT provides the land protection component of their watershed plan to improve water quality. We also do this type of work with municipalities by conserving land in flood-prone areas to reduce the negative impacts of major storms.

Land protection is also a critical part of open space and comprehensive plans. In Ross Township, we collaborated to protect green space adjacent to their municipal park, providing numerous community benefits. This is an example of what we call a pass-through project; together, we secured over half the funding through grants, with the Township contributing both funds and a joint-fundraising effort to cover the rest. We purchased the property upfront, transferring it to Ross Township for permanent conservation and stewardship.

In 2024, we completed the Deer Creek Conservation Project, protecting 266 acres along the Rachel Carson Trail. ALT led months of coordination to buy the land working side-by-side with the Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy and the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC). Both groups made significant contributions to the project, ensuring our success in purchasing the land, and PGC agreed to assume permanent ownership and stewardship of the property. By collaborating on these efforts, we're able to combine our skills and resources to conserve even more high-impact opportunities.

GROWING IMPACT TOGETHER

Every partnership begins with shared goals and careful planning to ensure lasting conservation value. ALT ensures that protected properties meet our values and include deed language and management plans that keep the land permanently green.

Successful land conservation work takes great effort, and every partnership helps multiply impact. We're deeply grateful to our partners for making our region greener, healthier, and more resilient. Together, we can work toward a future where everyone has green space within walking distance.



Growing Our Community Outreach

by Julie Travaglini | Senior Director of Education & Curriculum

Back in 2020, ALT launched its virtual education programs through live webinars. What began as a creative way to stay connected during the height of COVID has since blossomed into one of our most popular and impactful educational offerings. Today, we're proud to have a robust and ever-growing library of virtual content. Our free monthly webinars regularly draw hundreds of viewers across Zoom and Facebook, with attendees tuning in from all over the country and even the world!

These accessible, affordable programs have allowed us to expand our reach and partner with libraries, community centers, and fellow land trusts across Pennsylvania and beyond. What I once thought might fade away post-COVID has instead become a cornerstone of our outreach. Honestly, I think there might be a small riot if we ever stopped hosting Webinar Wednesdays!

Our growth didn't stop there. We welcomed Sara Klingensmith to the Education Department, and together we've been able to expand our offerings and engage even more people in environmental education across the region.

We also launched Sustainability at Home, a wildly popular series of hands-on workshops that has already distributed over \$60,000 worth of sustainability supplies to community members, empowering households to take meaningful steps toward more sustainable living. From humble virtual beginnings to a thriving hub of connection and education, it's been an exciting journey, and it's only getting more exciting.



Attendees of a Sustainability at Home workshop take notes on how to get started with at-home composting.

In addition, we can't forget about Nature on Wheels. Just one year ago, I was hinting in this very newsletter that some exciting ALT environmental education news was on the horizon. Fast forward to today, and that vision is becoming a reality. The mobile learning lab is still under construction and has already earned a Silver Anthem Award!

As we head into the season of slowing down, I encourage you to get out, explore, and support environmental education. Whether that means curling up under a warm blanket for Webinar Wednesday or braving the cold to join us on an Owl Prowl, there is always something to see and learn about nature — no matter the temperature!



Celebrating the Successful Rehabilitation of St. John's Green

by Alyson Fearon | Project Manager



A neighbor walks their dog along St. John's Green newly formed trail network.

We invested over eight years of conversation, partnerships, patience, and care to bring this project forward. At the start, we were simply a partner on the project under our then-new Community Conservation initiative. By the end, we became the project lead to bring the community's pre-existing plans into reality and create a green space that was much needed and highly desired by neighbors.

The property itself has a long history and relationship with the community, serving as the local hospital for over 100 years and hosting a nursing school for over 50 years. We regularly hear stories like "I was born here!" or "I went to nursing school here!" when attending community events or hosting tours on site.

In 1993, the hospital closed during a period of service consolidation after undergoing several ownership transfers and mission focuses over the years. Around the same time, the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation (BHCF) community group applied for historic designation of the property, as the original home on the property was purchased in 1893 to start the St. John's Lutheran Home. The first iteration of the main hospital building was built along McClure Avenue in 1896.

The property was purchased by the St. John's Housing Partnership in 1997, and they worked for over ten years to implement a housing project on the property. Unfortunately, a fire in 1999 destroyed several of the buildings, which were ultimately demolished between 2003 and 2004. The property was given to the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) in 2007 as a redevelopment opportunity.

In 2017, during major stormwater planning throughout the city, the Pittsburgh Water Green First Plan identified the property as a major stormwater opportunity called "McClure Avenue Wilds." Serious conversations between BHCF, Pittsburgh Water, and the URA started. When a final owner of the property was needed, ALT was called!



ALT installed a rain garden at St. John's Green to support neighborhood stormwater mitigation efforts.



ALT board and staff review plans to improve St. John's Green when it was abandoned and gathering wind-blown litter.

We have been actively working on this project since 2018. At first, we coordinated the partnership memorandums and determining coverage areas. In 2020, we stepped in as the redevelopment project lead. We blended several prior planning efforts from the community, Green First Plan, and surveys with neighbors to assess how the site was already being used. The outcome was a plan to create a rehabilitated green space that has two stormwater features but also a restored urban forest, ADA parking and trails, and community meeting spaces.

We are so excited to see the community begin to utilize this newly restored land as a gathering hub. BHCF and ALT will likely organize an official site opening in the spring as the young native plants and trees we planted this fall begin to leaf-out.



A volunteer digs a hole to plant a native tree at St. John's Green.



To help steward and care for this land, contact Dani Kramer at dani@alleghenylandtrust.org.

Volunteers help create tread for a new sustainable trail at Girty's Woods.



Girty's Woods: A Continuing Community Effort

by Caitlin Seiler | Vice President of Stewardship

Allegheny Land Trust protected Girty's Woods in 2021 as the direct result of a true grassroots effort that perfectly embodied the spirit of ALT's work to help local people save local land. Local businesses, community groups, and schools came together to raise awareness and raise the matching funds needed to purchase the land. In total, more than 650 individuals contributed alongside state agencies and local foundations to make the project possible.

The 155-acre property is a rugged, disturbed woodland featuring a tangled network of steep, unsustainable trails that are remnants of old logging roads, deer paths, and ATV routes. Through ALT's permanent protection, we preserved the forest's many ecological benefits, including its ability to absorb an estimated 127 million gallons of stormwater annually.

After conserving the land, ALT completed a biological assessment and trail plan to guide future management of the property, culminating in a full management plan in 2022.

The trail recommendations, prepared by Pashek + MTR, call for rerouting unsustainable trails and expanding to a nearly six-mile, multi-use trail system designed primarily for hiking but with bicycle access as well. Some steep sections popular with local mountain bikers will remain, while other eroded paths will be closed and restored with native plantings. Because of the property's steep terrain and frequent stream crossings, each new mile of trail requires significant effort: first clearing a corridor large enough for safe travel, then constructing trail tread that sheds water effectively and provides stable footing for visitors.

The biological assessment identified widespread invasive plant species throughout Girty's Woods, a result of past disturbances such as strip mining, logging, and utility right-of-way access. The plan recommends restoring native diversity, emphasizing planting large canopy trees to rebuild the mature forest lost to logging. While total removal of invasive species is unrealistic, the plan focuses on priority areas near trails and restoration sites, promoting the growth of resilient native vegetation.

Dedicated volunteers joined our stewardship team in quickly getting to work on implementation. Last year, ALT received funding for both forest restoration and trail building. In partnership with the Urban Tree Canopy Alliance, we secured additional support for restoration plantings and deer protection. Volunteers have helped plant trees and improve native habitats. Shaler High School's sustainability class continues to be a key partner, assisting with the establishment of native plants in the pollinator meadow and wetland area near Irwin Lane. Funding for this collaborative effort, called "Girty's Bees and Beyond: Habitat Planning for Pollinators and Watersheds," was provided by the Department of Environmental Protection's Environmental Education Grants Program.

Trail construction began with a new route connecting Frederick Street to Irwin Lane access, creating a more accessible path from Millvale to the top of Girty's Woods. Since then, we've built roughly three miles of trail and, this year, collaborated with Landforce and Student Conservation Association crews to enhance them further. We've also begun blazing the new trails and installing maps at trailheads and key intersections to help visitors navigate the growing system. Looking ahead, we're seeking additional funding to continue trail construction and strengthen community access to the woods.

Implementing the full trail plan will take several more years, and habitat restoration will be an ongoing effort. Once the trails are complete, our work won't be done. Regular maintenance is essential to keep trails safe and open, and restoration trees need continuous monitoring and care.

We welcome others to join the volunteer effort! Join as a tree or trail steward, or attend one of our public workdays. Every bit of help contributes to the ongoing care and renewal of Girty's Woods, a living example of what a community can achieve together.



2025-2026 ALT Hunting Season

The current season ends January 31, 2026. Hunters are required to obtain an ALT hunting permit to hunt on our lands. Hunters are expected to review and adhere to ALT's hunting rules and regulations, as well as PA Game Commission Laws and Regulations. Note that we do not allow Sunday hunting at any time. We encourage hunters and non-hunters alike to stay safe and be seen by wearing blaze orange.

Apply for a hunting permit on our website:
alleghenylantrust.org/hunting



SAHS Sustainability Students pose for a photo at Girty's Woods during their campaign to raise awareness of ALT's conservation and habitat protection efforts.

“ Our entire staff is grateful to Tom for his time and impact with our organization, and we wish him well on what will surely be many adventures in his retirement. ”

- CARRIE GILBERT, PRESIDENT & CEO

Wishing Tom Dougherty a Vibrant Retirement

by Lindsay Dill | Senior Director of Marketing & Community Engagement

Over the past nine years, our staff has learned that a hike with Tom Dougherty is never just a walk in the woods. You'll end up winded but inspired, watching as he scrambles up a hill — or whatever high point he can find — for a better view of the landscape he's eager to conserve. Mention your own neighborhood, and he'll start mapping its side streets from memory. By the end, you'll head home not just with sore legs, but also with a renewed urgency to protect the places that make Southwestern Pennsylvania so extraordinary.

As you're reading this, Tom will be entering retirement. He has served as Allegheny Land Trust's Vice President of Development and External Affairs since 2017.

Tom came to ALT after a 32-year career in corporate marketing. As anyone who has known him through the decades can attest, land conservation had been an intense interest of Tom's since childhood, as he could often be heard saying that “someday I'd like to work in conservation.” When the posting for the ALT position came across his email in late 2016, it seemed like that “someday” had arrived. His wife Sara encouraged him to investigate the opportunity and was supportive of him taking the leap. The rest is history.

“One of the things I think Pittsburghers sometimes take for granted is how exceptionally lucky we are to still have woodlands, fields, open space, waterways, and trails all around us,” Tom said. “It's the fabric of what makes our region special, an important component of our most livable quality of life, and so very critical to protect! That's exactly what ALT does, and it is that work that I wanted to be a part of when I came here.”

Since joining ALT, he has been involved in the conservation of more than 2,300 acres of green space. Tom's work in identifying new and sustaining funding sources helped ALT accelerate our pace of conservation. In addition to the sheer number of acres protected, Tom is particularly proud of the scope, size, and strategic conservation value of projects that ALT has successfully completed over the past nine years, forever preserving

places like the Churchill Valley Greenway, Bethel Green, Girty's Woods, and numerous parcels of the Panhandle Greenway (among many others).

“It's incredible how much can be done by a small group of enthusiastic people pulling in the same direction. The power of that collaboration has allowed ALT to do big things and complete fantastic projects,” Tom said.



Tom and others carry native seeds along a trail at Audubon Greenway to support native habitat restoration efforts.



Tom walks along Bethel Green conservation area's trails.

Tom helped attain funds from new foundations, corporations, and other unique programs and sources that helped provide ALT with the necessary resources to double our total conserved acres, and among other things, enabled us to create our own revolving fund for conservation projects and increase our operational funds used to fuel our mission.

Beyond ALT, Tom has always supported conservation, recreation, and quality of life projects in our region. He was on the original board of the Montour Trail Council in the late '80s when the group was working to create the popular rail trail, and credits that early volunteer work with fueling his interests and showing him what small but determined groups like that can accomplish. In his time with ALT, he served on the boards of the Hilltop Urban Farm and Visit Pittsburgh.

Tom's retirement marks the closure of a remarkable chapter, but also the continuation of his influence. The lands he's helped conserve, the partnerships he's forged with foundations, municipalities, and local leaders, and the staff he's mentored all carry forward his conviction that conservation isn't a luxury — it's a necessity.

"My hope is for ALT to maintain and accelerate the pace of local land conservation, and I am confident they will do just that — there is a great team in place," Tom said. "And I hope people across the region increasingly value green space as the critical resource that it is and work together to strategically conserve it."



A quintessential Tom moment; he is helping create a new sustainable trail at Barking Slopes conservation area.



Tom and ALT staff enjoy the switchback trails of Dead Man's Hollow conservation area.

While Tom will be officially retired and taking many sojourns to the mountains, lakes, rivers, and trails, he is excited to remain actively involved with ALT and other conservation projects as a volunteer and supporter.

"I want to express a huge 'thank you' to the many, many truly wonderful people I've met through my work in conservation," Tom said. "I have been, and continue to be, inspired by individuals and organizations who work with ALT in so many different ways and across so many different communities to conserve the places they care about. I hope they all keep on doing this important work — I certainly intend to — and I hope to see them out on the land in the months and years to come. Lastly, I'd like to thank ALT for giving me the opportunity to be a part of their great work, and for my coworkers who have helped to make my time here so special."

"Right away, I could see Tom's unbridled enthusiasm for land conservation and how his commitment has propelled ALT to conserve more green space across the region. Tom is leaving a legacy for all current and future generations to grow as inspired by the natural world as he's been," said Carrie Gilbert, ALT President and CEO. "We are so grateful to Tom for his time and impact with land conservation, and we wish him well on what will surely be many adventures in his retirement."

UPCOMING EVENTS

E Education Events

V Volunteer Events



LUNCH & LEARN

January 5 | Online

Join ALT and Zach Lyons-Weiler, a Ph.D. student in Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Michigan, for a talk on Pennsylvania's paleontological resources.

All Ages | Time 12 - 1 PM | Cost: Free



WINTER WANDER

January 10 | Churchill Valley Greenway

Layer up and join us to observe some of PA's cold-season birds, and learn to identify leafless trees while admiring the winter scenery.

All Ages | Time 10 - 11:30 AM | Cost: \$5



WEBINAR SERIES

January 14 | Owls of Pennsylvania

Gain nature knowledge from anywhere you have an internet connection with our free webinars on a variety of topics.

All Ages | Time: 5 - 5:45 PM | Cost: Free



SCIENCE STROLL

January 16 | Audubon Greenway

Join an ALT educator for an Owl Prowl at Audubon Greenway! Learn about some of the fascinating biology and folklore of owls and learn why we're looking for them in the dead of winter.

All Ages | Time: 5 - 6:30 PM | Cost: \$5



VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER MEETUP SERIES

January 28 | Online

We are so grateful for our volunteers' work! Join our monthly "office hour" to share upcoming events, thoughts, and ideas. Keep an eye on our event calendar for additional 2026 dates, and bring us your thoughts on land care!

All Ages | Time: 6 - 7 PM | Cost: Free



NATIONAL SEED SWAP DAY

January 31 | Frank Sarris Public Library

ALT and the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Washington County are excited to host a seed swapping soirée! Stop by between 10 AM and 12 PM to connect with fellow garden lovers to swap seeds, tools, books, garden supplies, and stories!

All Ages | Time: 10 AM - 12 PM | Cost: Free



EDUCATOR WORKSHOP: HEALTHY WATER, HEALTHY PEOPLE

February 6 | Pittsburgh Water

Join ALT and Pittsburgh Water for this dynamic, one-day educator workshop hosted at Pittsburgh Water's treatment facility. This immersive experience will equip teachers with valuable insights into water quality, treatment processes, and how we protect our vital water resources. Educators will also explore the Healthy Water, Healthy People curriculum and participate in hands-on, STEELS aligned activities. Approximately \$100 worth of resources, including the Healthy Water, Healthy People curriculum guide, will be given to educators in attendance. Five hours of ACT 48 are available. Lunch is provided.

All Ages | Time: All Day | Cost: \$10



Registration is required for all events. For registration and more info, visit alleghenylandtrust.org/events.



A father and son enjoying the day at Audubon Greenway.

Leaving a Legacy Through Planned Giving

Allegheny Land Trust and our supporters share a deep belief that permanently conserved and responsibly stewarded land is one of the most enduring gifts we can leave to future generations. Long after our lifetimes, protected forests, winding trails, clean streams, and wild green spaces will continue to restore, inspire, and sustain life.

Many supporters choose to continue their commitment to local land conservation by making a planned gift. These can include a monetary gift or gift of land to ALT in their will, or by naming ALT as a beneficiary on their life insurance policy, retirement plan, or other investment accounts. These meaningful acts of generosity create a legacy that lives on in every acre protected and every community connected to the land.

If you are considering making a planned gift to ALT, we invite you to learn more by visiting our website or contacting us at info@alleghenylandtrust.org. We'd be honored to talk with you shape a legacy that reflects your values and love for the land.

If ALT is already included in your estate plans, please know we appreciate the honor and would like to learn more about your intent. We have created The Conservationist Society to express our deep appreciation for those that have chosen to leave a lasting imprint on the landscape of our region through their estate intentions. If you've already made this commitment, simply complete and return the brief linked at the end of this article so that we can warmly welcome you in The Conservationist Society.

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ABOUT ALT

Allegheny Land Trust is a nationally accredited land conservation nonprofit that has been helping local people save local land in the Pittsburgh region since 1993.

ALT has protected more than 4,000 acres of green space in 41 municipalities to preserve our region's unique natural beauty, provide expanded outdoor recreational opportunities, protect and improve water and air quality, sustain biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life for all in our region. ALT's areas of strategic priority include Land Conservation, Land Stewardship, Community Conservation, and Environmental Education.

There is now an ALT conservation area within 8 miles of every Allegheny County resident. The benefits of ALT's efforts can be experienced across the region from McKeesport to Franklin Park, Upper St. Clair to Blawnox, Mt. Washington to Plum, and many places in between.



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FRONT COVER: Snow cover creates a wintry scene at Churchill Valley Greenway

BACK COVER: Fall leaves hang on before their final fall into winter at Bethel Green.

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