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FROM THE DIRECTOR

# Taking Action For Nature

2022 has been a historic year for conservation in Georgia. Thanks to generous donations from supporters like you, our staff and board have had the resources to reach many of our shared conservation goals and expand our critical work across the state.

Over the last year, your support helped us plant more than 1.6 million trees, surpassing our plantings last year by nearly one million seedlings. These new trees enriched landscapes across the state, covering 1,500 acres in northwest Georgia, 330 acres in Cabin Bluff and 250 acres in the Alligator Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA). These plantings were coupled with a record burning season as well, with The Nature Conservancy in Georgia leading almost 70 controlled burns. Overall, we treated 13,785 acres with prescribed fire, restoring native habitats and strengthening ecosystems for years to come.

Your contributions were also vital in bringing another 3,900 acres of land under TNC protection, most of which were in the Dugdown Corridor—one of the most biodiverse stretches of land in the entire state. Acquiring this property was the result of years of research and fundraising, marking a significant step forward in our long-term strategy to create a wildlife corridor for species to adapt to a changing climate.

With your support, we explored new ways to protect Georgia's critical ecosystems, partnering with organizations such as the University of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and countless others. To make our coast more resilient, we continued to support the successful Supporting Oyster Aquaculture and Restoration (SOAR)

program, which provides funding to oyster farmers with innovative coastal conservation practices. We also continued to support renewable energy with our solar siting tool, which helps utility companies select the best locations for new panels while protecting biodiversity.

Our advocacy work contributed to two of the largest public policy victories for conservation in a generation—the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. These two pieces of legislation establish a framework through which we can better leverage our resources for the good of our state, our country and our planet.

As responsible stewards of your gifts, we approach conservation in Georgia with strategic specificity, scale and most importantly, science. Your contributions are multiplied with every one of our partnerships as we leverage resources to achieve more together than we ever will alone.

With your support, we are working toward a greater, greener Georgia for people and nature. Thank you for your investment in the future of us all. In the coming years, we look forward to accomplishing even more.

Gratefully,



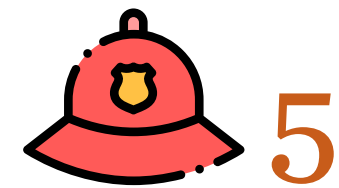
Dan Ryan  
 Interim Executive Director  
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Nancy-Clair Laird McInaney  
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BY THE NUMBERS

## Looking Back at a Record Year of Planting Trees and Controlled Burns



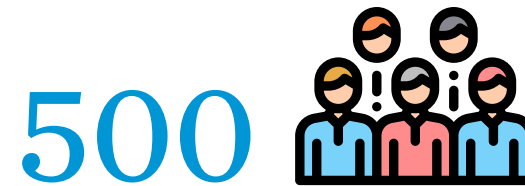
**5 fire teams** delivered controlled burns to priority areas in the Altamaha, the Southern Blue Ridge and on high priority preserves and/or high priority partner sites.



**200 acres burned** on the Chattahoochee Fall Line—in one day using drone technology—with firefighters from Andalusia, Spain as part of our Spanish training exchange program.



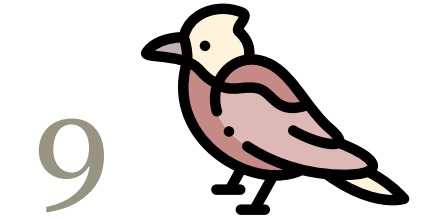
is a new record for **acres of prescribed burns** led by The Nature Conservancy in Georgia (in addition to assisting government and non-profit partners with burning an additional 15,000 acres).



**500 participants** in various workshops and webinars highlighting the importance of prescribed fire for ecosystem health hosted by the Georgia Prescribed Fire Council, Georgia Blue Ridge Fire Learning Network, GFC Prescribed Fire Co-op and Fire Adapted Communities Network.



**1,637,334 longleaf trees planted** on TNC, Georgia Department of Natural Resources and The Conservation Fund lands.



**9 breeding pairs of federally-endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers** that fledged 16 chicks to bring the population close to 40 birds supported by fire-adapted longleaf pine forest located at Moody Forest.

# This Land Is Your Land

“This acquisition at the southern anchor of the Appalachian Mountains advances a multi-state, multi-partner effort to connect resilient conservation lands so that rare and treasured species can adapt and move as climate change affects natural systems.”

**Deron Davis,**  
former executive director for  
The Nature Conservancy in Georgia

## Land purchase expands a natural corridor key to migration and climate resilience

The acquisition of two properties totaling 2,390 acres near Dugdown Mountain expands a natural corridor—stretching from Atlanta to the Talladega National Forest in Alabama that is key to safeguarding some of Georgia’s most unique species and wildlife habitats, both threatened by a rapidly changing climate.

Located where three of Georgia’s geographic regions meet—the Ridge and Valley, Blue Ridge Mountains and the Piedmont—these acquisitions secure more conservation lands in a patchwork of public and privately-owned forests covering approximately 200 square miles. The properties include tributaries of the Etowah River, one of the most biologically significant rivers in the southeast and known to harbor the federally-threatened finelined pocketbook mussel, numerous state threatened species, and Etowah darters that live in northwest Georgia and nowhere else in the world.

## Supporting local livelihoods and wildlife in the Chattahoochee Fall Line

For more than 15 years, Fort Benning and the Department of Defense have partnered with state and federal agencies, private landowners, local communities and others to create a buffer of conservation lands that provides a natural barrier between training exercises and surrounding communities located in the Fall Line region of west Georgia and east Alabama. These conservation lands are not owned by the military nor dedicated to military training or testing. Instead, they serve as a local economic asset for several communities surrounding Fort Benning.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Defense, the River Valley Community Compatible Development (RVCCD) partnership is working with those communities to develop a plan that promotes the region’s natural and cultural resources, including an outdoor recreation economy that includes hiking and hunting. In addition to exploring economic development opportunities, the partnership is working with The Nature Conservancy to create a strategy for sustainably managing the thousands of acres of natural lands surrounding Fort Benning, the region’s largest economic driver. Most recently, the RVCCD launched a survey to collect community input on ideas that would support job growth and prosperity for local citizens while supporting activities at the base.



# Communities Find Answers in Nature

“This report shows that it will take all of us working together—nonprofits, research institutions, cities, counties, and the state—to ensure that Georgia’s coastline thrives for generations to come.”

Ashby Worley,  
The Nature Conservancy’s  
coastal climate adaptation director  
in Georgia

## Nature provides solutions for a vulnerable coastal community

The Nature Conservancy and the University of Georgia teamed up to work with Camden County community members on addressing unique challenges that threaten coastal communities like flooding, storm surge and sea-level rise. After examining 91 areas vulnerable to these threats, the partners assembled a Resiliency Implementation Workplan (RIW) that highlights ways of putting nature to work at buffering shorelines, absorbing floodwaters and reducing risk.

In recent years, Camden County has ramped up efforts to identify ecological, flooding and coastal hazard vulnerabilities. Over 40% of land in Camden County falls within the designated 100-year floodplain, and almost every area with concentrated development is at risk of flooding from surges from major coastal storms.

This year-long project was created and will be implemented with the help of partners that include Camden County, the cities of Kingsland, St. Marys and Woodbine, the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, the National Park Service (Cumberland Island National Seashore) and Little Cumberland Island Homeowners Association.

## Atlanta community sees the forest through the trees

The Nature Conservancy and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) launched a Consensus Building and Stakeholder Engagement process to gain input for a plan for metro Atlanta’s South River Forest (SRF). Spanning parts of Atlanta and Dekalb County, the SRF represents the largest untapped natural resource in the metro area, one surrounded by historically disinvested communities whose voices have previously been lost in conversations around city planning and environmental protection.

*“I have been living in the South River Forest for 46 years. Our community has been fighting battles to protect the forest since before we even knew what we were protecting. All we knew is that we were trying to keep hold of the one green space that we had, an area where people were always trying to put things like landfills and truckyards. We’ve always known that we had something special and that we couldn’t let it go. Now that the community engagement process is happening, we have this new concept of what the whole forest could look like. I’m glad that others are starting to see what makes it so special now, too.”*

–Shirley Nichols, South River Gardens

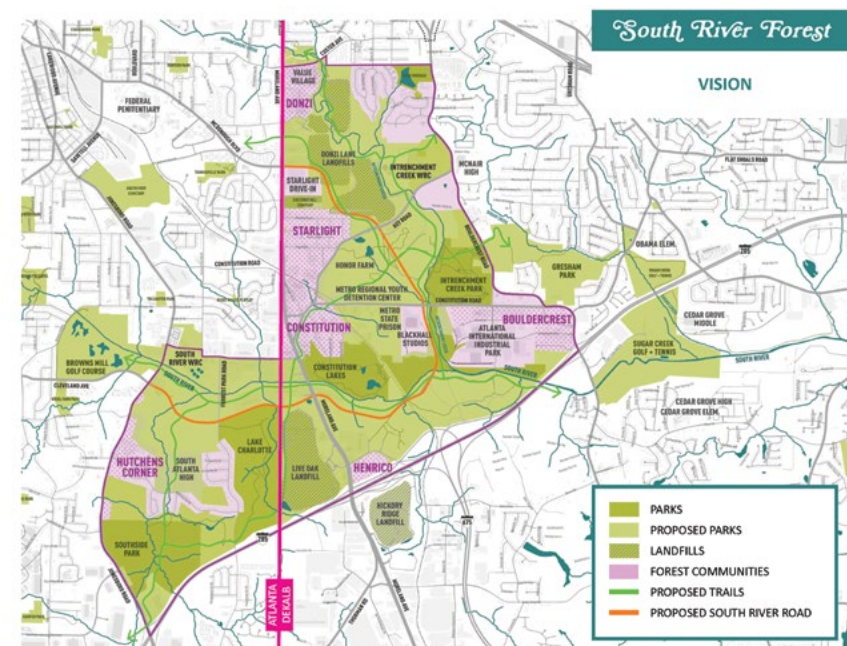




Throughout the summer of 2022, community members participated in meetings and a survey to help TNC, the ARC and other partners identify ways of benefiting neighborhoods through activation of greenspaces across the SRF. Once implemented, the South River Forest would be a roughly 3,500-acre expanse where local residents could enjoy nature and outdoor recreation in green spaces that also serve as a natural source of shade, purify the air and filter the rain and floodwaters that flow into the South River and its tributaries.

*“Most importantly, we need to preserve this area with the people of the community at the forefront of everything. In 10 years, we should see a lot of the same residents and their families in these neighborhoods. Decisions should be made with the goal to protect legacy residents with guarantees on keeping housing affordable and thoughtful development. It’s not something we can do after the fact—it has to be woven into the entire process. This cannot be considered a success otherwise.”*

– Joe Santifer, Glen Emerald Park



## GROWTH OF PRESCRIBED BURN PROGRAM

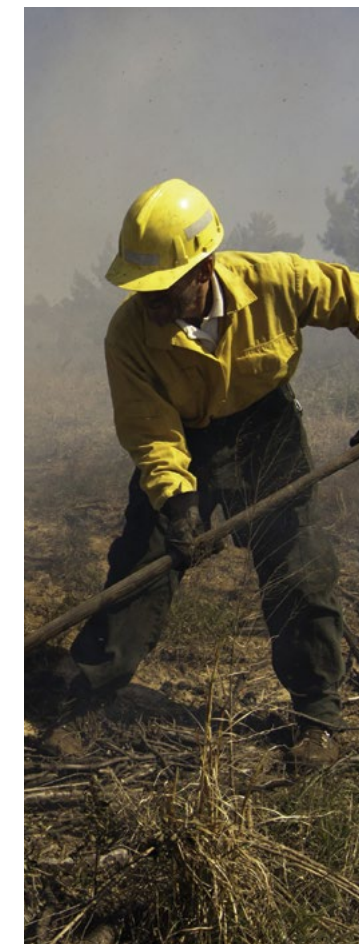
123,888

TOTAL ACRES BURNED SINCE PROGRAM INCEPTION IN 1993

13,785 ACRES  
2022

9,904 ACRES  
2021

7,989 ACRES  
2020



## PARTNERSHIPS

### Burning for the future

In the United States, it is critical that we safely increase the area treated with controlled burns. One of the main obstacles to conducting more burns is a shortage of qualified personnel. To that end, we hosted firefighters from Andaluca, Spain on the Chattahoochee Fall Line as part of our Spanish training exchange program. In just one day, we were able to perform a 200-acre controlled burn using drone technology, a unique experience for our partners from Spain. Programs like this one help us to build skills together and encourage collaboration in controlled burning.



FACING PAGE View of the South Rive © Ron Goldfarb; Map © Atlanta Regional Commission

THIS PAGE LEFT TO RIGHT A member of TNC’s fire crew conducts a prescribed burn at Fort Benning in Georgia © Erika Nortemann/TNC; Andaluca fire exchange team © Michael Thompson

# Securing Clean And Abundant Water For People And Wildlife

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Sara Gottlieb,  
The Nature Conservancy's  
director of freshwater science  
and strategy in Georgia

## New handbook spotlights a growing threat to Georgia's aquatic diversity

Georgia's rivers and streams are state treasures known for their beauty and recreational value. Yet, poorly designed crossings harm wildlife and pose a danger to the public if they aren't properly maintained. In response, The Nature Conservancy is working to replace road culverts that are jeopardizing aquatic habitat and impeding fish migration.

The newly published guide, *Stream Crossings in Georgia: A Handbook for Connectivity and Resilience*, brings attention to the widespread impacts of road culverts on Georgia's rivers and streams in order to influence better practices for designing, building and maintaining this infrastructure. The handbook is available for free at [ga-act.org](http://ga-act.org).

## GA-FIT completes first auction for irrigation reduction incentives

The Georgia Flow Incentive Trust (GA-FIT), a partnership between The Nature Conservancy in Georgia and the Georgia Water Planning and Policy Center at Albany State University, successfully completed its first auction where 87 farmers bid on three incentive contracts designed to provide compensation for limiting irrigation water use in the Ichawaynochaway Creek watershed. The auction represents an effort to pilot drought response approaches that can sustain farmers and local waterways during periods of severe drought.

“We are thrilled with how many farmers participated in this first auction. This interest indicates that voluntary, incentive-based reductions in water use can be part of a drought response strategy that conserves water, protects rivers and maintains the economic well-being of southwest Georgia farmers,” said Sara Gottlieb, The Nature Conservancy's director of freshwater science and strategy in Georgia.

## Breaking down barriers to natural stream flows improves wildlife habitat and water quality

Thanks to support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, The Nature Conservancy worked with partners to identify and prioritize structures hindering the natural flow of streams located in northwest Georgia's Holly Creek watershed. After narrowing a field of 206 stream barriers down to three, TNC replaced one culvert to reconnect approximately four miles of stream habitat for aquatic species including the trispot darter, bridled darter, Coosa creekshell and Alabama rainbow. TNC is also reintroducing native mussel species to Holly Creek to reduce their extinction risk and put the filter-feeding mollusks to work in their role as natural water filters.

206

road crossings assessed in the Holly Creek watershed

38

road crossings ranked as moderate to severe

4

road crossings initially selected to be removed and replaced with fish passage structures



# Preparing Coastal Water To Protect People And Nature

“Sea level rise is threatening Georgia’s expansive salt marshes, which filter pollutants from our waterways, mitigate flooding and provide habitat for commercially valuable fish and shellfish. Through this work, we hope to help the public better understand why it’s critical to protect and conserve our coastal ecosystems and develop mechanisms to conserve and protect them.”

- Mark Risse,  
director of UGA Marine Extension  
and Georgia Sea Grant

## Funding helps georgia shellfish growers protect livelihoods and local waters

Two small businesses working to help shellfish growers restore and conserve oyster habitat off the Georgia coast are beneficiaries of a new round of funding from SOAR (Supporting Oyster Aquaculture and Restoration). Globally, more than 85% of oyster reefs have disappeared due to overharvesting, diseases and changes caused by rising seas. Farmed or wild, a healthy adult oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water daily, removing excess nutrients and other pollutants in coastal waters. Oyster reefs also help protect shorelines by serving as natural buffers against rising tides and severe weather.

**Seabear Oyster Bar** This Athens restaurant gathers, cleans and “cures” shells before sending them to oyster farms on the coast, making an important inland-coastal connection that provides diners with fresh oysters while helping to restore vulnerable marine habitats.

**E.L. McIntosh & Son Seafood** This family-owned seafood business in Darien is scaling up oyster production to meet growing demand while educating 10th–12th grade students from a local public high school about aquaculture and shellfish restoration.

SOAR was created in 2020 through a collaboration among The Nature Conservancy, The Pew Charitable Trusts, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help aquaculture farmers redirect unsaleable live oysters to restoration projects during the COVID-19 global pandemic. Now SOAR is focused on building resiliency in the industry to mitigate the impact of future challenges.

## Experts team up to explore finance mechanisms for supporting salt marshes

Georgia’s expansive salt marshes filter pollutants, moderate flooding and provide habitat for commercially valuable fish and shellfish. Unfortunately, this fragile habitat has declined by 70 percent across the eastern seaboard due to human development and faces increasing threats from sea level rise.

Would it be possible to insure salt marshes so that they can be restored if they suffer damage? If so, who should pay for such insurance? Thanks to funding from Georgia Sea Grant, The Nature Conservancy and the University of Georgia are seeking answers to these complex questions.

Determining the socioeconomic value of salt marsh ecosystems and whether insurance-backed marshes are feasible requires a team effort from:

- experts in computational modeling
- economists
- representatives from the insurance and reinsurance industries
- representatives from key coastal stakeholders like homeowners, businesses, resource managers and tourism

Together, this meeting of the minds is exploring creative new financing mechanisms that might incentivize protecting and restoring salt marshes. The partners hope that this collaborative examination of Georgia’s salt marshes and their many benefits will reveal insurance as a true option and role model for protecting these valuable resources in the future.



# Historic Legislation Paves Path To Greener Future

“Innovation is integral to the American story. A nation once dependent on the strength of horses to transport its goods and plow its fields, we harnessed new technologies to take us into the 20th century. The Inflation Reduction Act recently signed into law provides critical investments that will enable Georgia and all states to build on their successes in creating sustainable growth.”

Michael O'Reilly,  
TNC's director of policy and  
climate strategy in Georgia

## New laws provide ambitious funding for tackling climate change

The Nature Conservancy thanks its members and supporters and the Georgia Congressional delegation for helping to pass legislation with major significance for the environment. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (formally known as the “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act”) and the Inflation Reduction Act provide generational investments in fighting climate change and building a strong, green economy.

For example, the Inflation Reduction Act will:

- reduce costs to power more homes, businesses and communities with clean energy by 2030
- strengthen climate resilience and protect nearly 2 million acres of national forests
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030—10 times more impact than any other single piece of legislation ever enacted

The new law also enables communities to plant more trees, one of nature's most powerful tools for reducing carbon in the atmosphere. Trees also improve air quality, reduce air temperature, absorb and filter water, and provide all of us with a critical connection to nature.

The Inflation Reduction Act builds on historic investments included in the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which provides investments

in energy, transportation and decarbonization. Together, these two new laws go a long way in helping the United States advance cleaner energy, reduce dependence on fossil fuels and drive down greenhouse gas emissions. They represent complementary investments key to making crucial progress in addressing the climate crisis.

## Reauthorized conservation tax credit invites new land protection projects

Last May, Governor Brian Kemp signed legislation reauthorizing the Georgia Conservation Tax Credit (GCTC), which is available for landowners who secure a permanent conservation easement on their forest, wetlands and working lands. It represents a valuable tool for conserving land that is in private ownership.

Georgia landowners who pursue a conservation easement for a qualified project can apply for the tax credit that can be applied to reduce state income taxes, once approved.

The GCTC provides incentives to landowners for conserving all or a portion of their property for all of the right reasons. Although a conservation easement limits development and other intensive land uses on a property, it keeps land in private ownership while protecting water resources, wildlife habitat and productive working lands.



# 90%

of land is privately  
owned in Georgia



# Siting Clean Energy Right

“Solar energy is key to our state’s economic future. We have an opportunity here in Georgia, while we’re still on the forefront of this, to get these facilities sited in the proper locations. Our process and this new tool demonstrate that it’s possible to transition to clean energy while also protecting natural resources and sensitive species.”

Amy Gutierrez,  
The Nature Conservancy’s climate  
and lands coordinator in Georgia

## Science guides climate friendly energy away from fragile species

In preparation for a new energy future, The Nature Conservancy worked with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Power and the NASA DEVELOP program at the University of Georgia to analyze areas that are ideal for accommodating solar development—based on physical land characteristics, sunlight and proximity to transmission lines—without compromising important wildlife habitat and resilient lands. The result of this collaboration is a free online tool that allows developers, natural resource agencies and others in Georgia to identify lower-impact locations for new solar farms. The Georgia Low Impact Solar Siting Tool (GA LISST) was first launched in early 2021 and then refined based on additional analysis in November 2021. The publicly available tool can be accessed by anyone interested in learning more at <http://bit.ly/GALowImpactSolar>.

So far, the science points to more than 14 million acres across the state where solar facilities can be constructed without harming wildlife. This is good news for Georgia since a growing number of consumers are paying attention to the source of their energy. This is also good news for developers, since projects that are sited away from sensitive areas are a safer investment, thanks to lower risk from project delays or public opposition.

## Sparing a species from a shift to solar

One species competing for land with the solar energy sector is the vulnerable gopher tortoise. Georgia’s official state reptile is one of the oldest living species on Earth and the only native North American tortoise living east of the Mississippi River.

With a limited range in the Southeast, the gopher tortoise has a life cycle that makes it challenging for the species to react in the midst of urgent pressures. After taking at least a decade to reach sexual maturity, only 25 percent of eggs hatched in the wild and only 10 percent of hatchlings survive their first year.

The main threat to gopher tortoises is the same one faced by hundreds of other species around the world: habitat loss. Because their burrows, which can reach 30 feet long, also provide shelter for hundreds of other animals, they are considered a keystone species within their preferred longleaf pine forests. These animals, which include rare or endangered creatures such as the Eastern indigo snake, striped newt and gopher frog, rely on the burrows during the regular fire events that are natural and necessary within a healthy longleaf pine forest. The development that threatens gopher tortoises also threatens the broader longleaf pine ecosystem, which covers only three percent of its historic range and yet represents some of the world’s most biologically diverse ecosystems.

# Raymond Singletary

Raymond Singletary has been involved with The Nature Conservancy for a long time—23 years, to be exact. Singletary first volunteered with our organization when he was just 15 years old, marking an early start in his love affair with nature. The Nature Conservancy continued to play a major role in shaping his life as he grew older as well. He met his wife Virginia on another one of our volunteer projects later in life. Most recently, he finished a full decade serving on our Board of Trustees, including as finance chair from 2017-2021. Following so many years of service, he was kind enough to take some time to share his knowledge and insights gained from his experience with us.

## What will you take away from your time serving on the Board and as Finance Chair?

TNC operates at a larger scale than almost any other comparable organization, which means we can pull together a lot of partners—from the government to corporations to other non-profits—to make major work possible. We may not be in the front of every project, but we are often in the back, serving as a steady, experienced set of hands. I also learned that TNC has an incredible track record when it comes to winning over those who don’t always start off on our side because we always root our work in hard science.

The Nature Conservancy makes the most of its financial resources so virtually every dollar the organization receives supports conservation. I was amazed on an almost daily basis as how much we were able to accomplish with what we

had, especially during the most challenging moments of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## What was the biggest challenge you faced?

Making plans for the future knowing that the pandemic-related challenges we faced would not last forever. Many donors transitioned their giving plans to COVID-19 efforts, and rightfully so. However, as we continue face some of the most critical environmental challenges in history, we had to keep moving forward as efficiently as possible. One of the most extraordinary examples of that work was our acquisition of the Cabin Bluff property despite not having all the funding secured from the beginning. We knew it had to be done and could not let ourselves be slowed down. It was all about having the courage to act boldly for conservation and in the end, the reward exceeded the risks.

## What gives you hope for the future?

My children. When I see my son and daughter spending time outdoors and the many ways that they have come to interact with nature, I see the universal relationship of nature in all our lives. My family does not take nature for granted, and we have been so involved with TNC for so long because we know how important it is to protect these precious, dwindling treasures the world has given us. The work that TNC is doing is fundamental to the future of our state, our country and our planet, and there is no better cause to support than that. A gift to TNC is a gift to my children, one that I hope many others will join me in giving.



# Deron Davis



**How has TNC GA changed over your time with the organization?**

When I began at TNC in 2010, the primary focus and measure of success for our mission “to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends” was biodiversity—the protection and management of ecosystems. With the increasing pressures a changing climate is putting on people and nature, TNC expanded its portfolio to help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change. In Georgia, we launched a program to help solar energy developers reduce negative impacts on wildlife and a program to support local communities in adapting to increasing flooding.

From global to local, TNC is committed to delivering impact through conservation programs that put communities and equity at the center. In Georgia, that means working with local elected officials around Columbus to stimulate rural economic development by promoting the nature tourism assets in the area and building the systems needed to generate revenue from increased visitation. It also means working with members of the overburdened and disinvested communities of southeast Atlanta and southwest DeKalb County to advocate for the protection, connection, activation and management of 3,500 acres of greenspace, South River Forest, as a driver for sustainable development.

**What accomplishments are you most proud of from your tenure?**

I am proudest of the strong collaboration we fostered that provided Georgians with healthier lands and waters to explore. We cultivated a powerful team at TNC—the board of trustees and the staff of scientists, land acquisition and management specialists, community conservationists, policy strategists, and nonprofit development, finance, and marketing leaders. The team is the strongest it has ever been. Together we protected more than 100,000 acres of land for biodiversity in the state from the mountains in the north, to the forests of the south and the marshes and beaches of the coast; we grew the land management program, which just celebrated a record year by burning more acres than ever before for forest health; we launched a program that replaces culverts and removes dams to allow safe passage for rare fish and other animals; and we helped establish a dedicated fund for Georgia that supports parks and trails and protects and acquires lands critical to wildlife, clean water, and outdoor recreation across the state.

*“(Deron) has made our state greener, our communities more resilient and our future brighter.”*  
 - Mark Williams, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

**What will you miss most about working with the Georgia team?**

I will miss the daily creative energy and sense of community of working with smart, passionate people who care and are working hard to make my home state a vibrant and healthy place for people and nature.

# Faces Of Conservation

## Marking Milestones

It is remarkable these days when a person stays with one job for a decade or more. We are proud to recognize three members of our staff who are celebrating 15 years with The Nature Conservancy. To mark the occasion, we asked each of them the question: “What has kept you at TNC this long?”

### Dan Ryan

**Interim Executive Director**

“The Nature Conservancy provides the ability to make a conservation impact at a scale that matters. Our science leads us to landscapes that harbor biodiversity or mitigate the impacts of climate change. In these landscapes, our strategies focus on amplifying the nexus between community and nature to make those gains. Collaborating with a myriad of partners helps to leverage financial resources and skillsets to see those gains come to fruition. This pragmatism mirrors my own values to make a meaningful career with TNC.”



### Sara Gottlieb

**Director of Freshwater Science and Strategy**

“I am proud to have worked at The Nature Conservancy for this long for several reasons. First, the work is urgent and also never-ending. We might finish a project, but the work of conserving our precious natural heritage continues. Second, I am always learning new things and so never become bored. And, finally, the people! From here in Georgia to as far away as Australia and Indonesia, the people at TNC are world-class and down-to-earth.”



### Katie Owens

**Coosa River Program Director**

“I’ve stayed at The Nature Conservancy because I get to come to work every day feeling like I’m playing a small role in saving the world. The partners I work with have become wonderful friends and make the job very enjoyable.”





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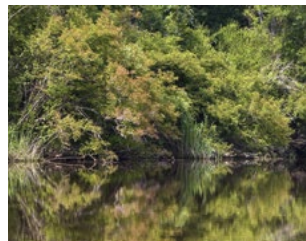
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