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The Newsletter of  
The Upper Savannah Land Trust

*IN THE LAKELANDS*

SERVING EIGHT COUNTIES IN THE WESTERN PIEDMONT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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## 2009 BMW Conservation Award Presented to L. B. and Peggy Adams



"B" and Peggy Accepting the Award from  
BMW Representative Bunny Richardson.

Long-time leaders of the Upper Savannah Land Trust, L. B. and Peggy Adams were honored with the 2009 BMW Conservation award on November 19, 2009.

"B" and Peggy have been the driving force behind the enormous growth of the USLT during its short history.

This award, sponsored by the Palmetto Conservation Foundation and BMW Manufacturing, recognizes their vital efforts in conserving the natural resources of the State of South Carolina.

### UPPER SAVANNAH LAND TRUST

The mission of the Upper Savannah Land Trust is to encourage and support conservation of natural and scenic lands, farms, forests, waterways, and open spaces in our eight-county area: **Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, and Saluda** Counties.

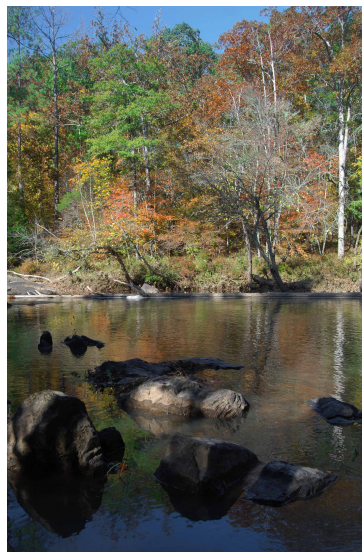
## Biologically Diverse Areas Protected by Easements

The USLT has acquired conservation easements on 3,000 acres of sensitive lands bordering Stevens and Turkey Creeks in Edgefield and McCormick counties. The four properties lie near Sumter National Forest.

The creeks are home to some of the rarest and most endangered freshwater mussels, including the Carolina Heelsplitter and Yellow Lampisilis. Both creek basins lie along the geologic Fall Line and harbor a large variety of unique plants and animals.

"It's the protection of the watershed that we're most interested in," according to Peggy Adams, President of the USLT

The easements will restrain development, logging, and other activities harmful to the streams, helping to preserve the integrity of the total watershed.



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## From the President's Desk . . .

The success Of our Land Trust has exceeded all expectations. From the little group that began in 2000 with less than forty acres protected, we have grown into one of the largest land trusts in the entire state.

This remarkable achievement has been possible only because of the efforts of our many supporters. We are most grateful for the confidence of our donors, especially those who came aboard in our early years.

This confidence was the basis for the spectacular rise in the number of acres donated voluntarily to our land trust these last five years. This culminated in the

dramatic increase in 2009 that has moved us into another league. Our first commitment is to maintaining the trust of our donors.

We appreciate having a board of directors who recognize and accept the responsibility that has been placed in them, and who have worked in many different ways to encourage the growth of our organization. Thanks also to all of our members who contribute towards sustaining special spaces that make this area a great place to live now and in the future.

*Peggy*

## Annual Report: A Banner Year in 2009

### *2009 Easement Donors*

L. B. Adams  
Mickey & Pam Avrett  
Al & Cynthia Bryan  
Russ & Judy Burns  
Emmett Davis  
Stephen Davis  
Bryan Green  
Julius Leary  
Steve Mullins  
Homer Snelgrove  
The Territories  
Wallace & Susan Wood

### *Total Number of Acres Protected in 2009:*

**20,462**

### *Total Numbers of Acres Protected by USLT:*

**27,777**

### *Total Number of Easements Held by USLT:*

**42**

### *Total Amount In Stewardship Fund:*

**\$195,759**



# USLT ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR APRIL 27

## *Meeting at the Federal Building Arts Center in Greenwood*

The USLT 2010 annual meeting will be held at the Federal Building Arts Center, 120 Main Street, Greenwood, S.C., on April 27 at 5:30 p.m. Parking is available behind the building. Stairs lead from the parking area to the courtyard.

After a fellowship period in the courtyard, attendees will go inside to the Gallery for a short business meeting and election of officers and

board members for the new fiscal year. The program for the evening, presented by Ken Driggers, will highlight the successes of the USLT over the past 10 years.

Following the program will be a social hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Anyone interested in conservation is invited to join us. Board members are urged to invite conservation-minded friends. Adjournment is set for 7:30 p.m.

### Snapshots from Last Year's Annual Meeting



The firetower beside the outfitter's cabin caught everyone's attention.

The Territories spokesman Jim Watson explaining the many facets of the outdoor-oriented development as USLT 2008-2009 President Roy Hemphill looks on.



Jimmy Sanders announcing the nominations for the USLT board.

Peggy Adams describing the easements secured in 2008.



The Hash House of Troy served up a fine barbecue and fixings meal enjoyed by all.



## Conservation News Briefs

Members of the Upper Savannah Land Trust are invited to tour Foxbrier Farm, 2806 Metric Road, Laurens, S. C., on August 3, at 3:30 p.m., prior to the regular quarterly meeting at 5:00 p.m.

The 940-acre Foxbrier Farm is held in two easement by the USLT and is used by its owners for cattle ranching, equine recreation, wildlife conservation, and environmental education.

Foxbrier ranges around 100 head of cattle of Angus, Simmental, and Belted Galloway breeds. Most of the hay for cattle is grown on the farm.

A central core of eight small lakes serves the recreation and water conservation needs of Foxbrier. Additionally, the western third of Foxbrier is set aside as a wildlife refuge and as a recreation area for horseback riding, carriage driving,

and hiking. Most of the headwaters of Little River are contained in this area, and the landowners strive to keep this watershed as pristine as possible.

For more information, go to:  
[www.foxbrierfarm.com](http://www.foxbrierfarm.com)

*An easement is a contract that conserves properties of special value.*

## We Need Your Support

Upper Savannah Land Trust is a 501 (c)(3) membership organization. It is dedicated to protecting the natural beauty and integrity of our area. **You can become a partner in this effort by joining the Upper Savannah Land Trust in one of the following categories:**

\$25.00 – Individual	\$50.00 – Family	\$100.00 – Supporter
\$250.00 – Business	\$500.00 – Founding Partner	\$1,000.00 – Founding Sponsor

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