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The Upper Savannah Land Trust

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USLT ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 1

Meeting at Eden Hall in McCormick County

The Upper Savannah Land Trust will hold its 2011 Annual Meeting at historic Eden Hall in McCormick County on May 1, 2011, at 3 p.m. Members will assemble at the "Caboose" about one-half mile from the main house.

In addition to the business meeting for electing officers, a field trip is scheduled to a nearby historic site, and a barbecue supper will be served. **Members are urged to attend and bring others interested in conservation.**



Eden Hall

Eden Hall lies near three of our largest easements covering 16,521 acres in Greenwood and McCormick Counties. They include the headwaters of the Stevens/Turkey Creek basin where USLT holds easements on over 3000 acres in Edgefield and McCormick Counties in one of the more ecologically significant areas of the state.

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

The thrust of the USLT program in accepting these easements is to protect the watershed of the creeks.

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

The Caboose meeting site is off S.C. 24 in front of Eden Hall. A map is available on our web site or you may follow the USLT signs from Eden Hall on U.S. 221.



Stevens/Turkey Creek easement area

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.

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From the President's Desk . . .

With the coming of spring, we here at the USLT are excited about all our new endeavors. We greet new Executive Director Wallace Wood and have several great events forthcoming.

Our Stevens creek heritage preserve tour with acclaimed naturalist Patrick McMillan has met with great enthusiasm.

Another upcoming event that we look forward to is our Annual Meeting, a time to visit with old friends and supporters and a time to introduce new friends to the conservation movement. Let me thank the Davis family in advance for graciously hosting this year's event.

Our meeting will be held at the "Caboose" at Eden Hall. From there we will make a trip to the "Big house," the Eden Hall home, built in 1850 by Dr. John Wardlaw Hearst with family lineage to William Randolph Hearst, American Industrial Icon. Proprietor Emmett Davis will tell us of the remarkable history of the house and surrounding grounds.

Upon returning to the Caboose we will all be treated to a BBQ Dinner provided by the Hash House in Troy. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming event.

Tim

Annual Report: Continued Growth in 2010

Following a banner year in 2009, the USLT conserved more than 500 acres in 2010, making it the fourth largest land trust agency in South Carolina. The USLT now holds conservation easements on **28,287** acres in the Upstate.

The trust acquired an easement in Aiken County in order to accommodate a donor who had other easements held by the USLT within its service area. This brought the total number of easements held by the USLT to 44. A breakdown of the easements is shown below:

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND ACRES BY COUNTY		
County	Number of Easements	Acres
Abbeville	1	138
Aiken	1	342
Anderson	2	800
Edgefield	4	3,292
Greenwood	16	7,572
Laurens	6	2,373
McCormick	4	11,963
Newberry	7	1,317
Saluda	5	490

Membership Donors Form a Major Support of USLT Conservation Efforts

The Upper Savannah Land Trust is a 501 (c)(3) membership organization dedicated to protecting the natural beauty and integrity of our area. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the following donors by categories of giving:

Savannah/Saluda Society **\$3,000 or more**

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Changes Made in USLT Leadership Team

With the resignation of Executive Director Carroll Culbertson in March, the USLT Board of Directors appointed then President Wallace Wood to be the acting Executive Director of the trust until a replacement can be found. He assumed his new duties immediately.

Vice-President Tim Burke was moved into the presidency of the organization. A replacement vice-president will be elected at the annual meeting on May 1. The new leadership team is shown at right.



L to R: Past-President Peggy Adams, Treasurer B Adams, President Tim Burke, Executive Director Wallace Wood, Secretary Rick Green

Conservation News Briefs

USLT Workshops

The Upper Savannah Land Trust will be conducting a series of Farm Succession Workshops and other Conservation Easement Presentations during the spring and summer to assist landowners in estate planning and conserving their lands again development.

Please consult our website at WWW.SCUSLT.COM for dates and details of events in your area.

2010 Monitoring Complete

The monitoring of all easements held by the USLT were completed by the end of 2010 and showed all holdings in compliance.

The monitoring teams coordinated by **Jimmy Sanders** included **B Adams, Elyse Benson, Carroll Culbertson, Eddie Ellison, Billy Fleming, Buddy Johnson, Mike Mallon, Patrick Morgan, Brad Thompson, and Wallace Wood.**

USLT Color Brochure

A new color brochure describing the value of conservation easements and the activities of the Upper Savannah Land Trust in conserving lands of special importance is now available.

Pick up yours at the annual meeting or see any board member.

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

We Need Your Support

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Upper Savannah Land Trust in one of our membership categories:

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