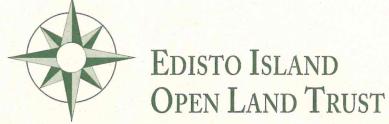
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EIOLT Focuses On Community Litter Patrol Program

his year, the Edisto Island Open Land Trust focused on the need for a community cleanup project by stepping forward to undertake the responsibility of keeping Edisto Island clean by implementing a new litter control program along Highway 174.

The land trust contracted to pick up trash along Edisto's Scenic Highway and to date, the community has been overwhelmingly supportive of the trust's efforts by donating funds toward the ongoing Litter Patrol program.

"We're tickled to death with it," says Edisto Island Open Land Trust President Jenkins Mikell. "We've been paying to get litter picked up every Saturday and so far it's working."

By picking up trash from the Dawho Bridge to Edisto Beach along Highway 174, the land trust is striving to promote community pride in the beauty that is Edisto Island. To date, the Litter Patrol has collected more than four hundred bags of litter, which amounts to about 8,200 pounds of trash.

The Litter Patrol program comes in the wake of the well-known Adopt-A-Highway program, which involved area businesses and civic clubs who sponsored a one day clean up of Edisto Island each year.

But the land trust recognized that a more permanent solution was needed to keep Edisto litter-free, so members of the Litter Patrol dedicate every Saturday to ridding Highway 174 of debris.

Like most community-based programs, the Edisto Island Litter Patrol



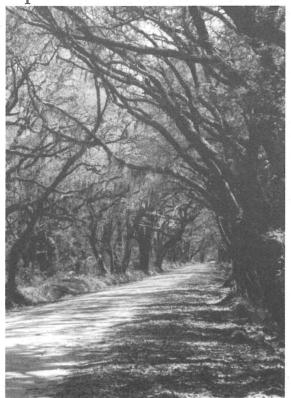
requires local funding to be successful. Without the financial support of the entire community, the program will fail since the Litter Patrol costs about \$20,000 a year to pay for laborers.

The Edisto Island Open Land Trust currently has a fundraising campaign in progress to help pay for the program, which is vital to the Edisto community since litter is an ongoing problem along Highway 174, where commercial vehicles and open bed pickup trucks are the greatest contributors to debris.

In fact, according to Keep America Beautiful of South Carolina, the number-one source of roadside litter in South Carolina is uncovered vehicles. The state litter law requires that a vehicle must be loaded so as not to spill or it must be covered.

The Litter Patrol program is another positive way the Edisto Island Open Land Trust is preserving and protecting the scenic views and vistas of Edisto Island. *

Here's How You Can Help The Edisto Island Open Land Trust Preserve Edisto Island



e can all ensure that the beauty of Edisto Island is protected for generations to come. But it's up to property owners like you to take an active role in protecting our island's scenic views and vistas.

It is a sign of a maturing organization to recognize the importance of having significant resources to adequately steward the project, therefore, the Edisto Island Open Land Trust is relying on the Edisto Island community to come forward and do its part

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to fight the destruction of our island's natural resources.

The first step to becoming an active part of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust's effort is to become a member of the trust. All contributions to the trust are tax deductible and can be designed to provide you with the maximum tax advantage possible.

Property owners can also *donate* land to the trust, which will be protected in perpetuity by ensuring no development will ever take place on the land.

For those who prefer to retain the right to live on their land throughout their lifetimes, the *life estates* plan may be the most advantageous way to protect the land while at the same time enjoy the property's beauty.

Limited development allows a por-

tion of a piece of property to be developed in order to finance conservation of the remaining land. With the help of the land trust, this approach enables a property owner to preserve a portion of his land that may otherwise be lost to development.

A conservation easement is one of the most substantial ways property owners can protect their property for generations to come. The landowner enters into a perpetual legal agreement with the land trust that permanently restricts harmful uses and development of the property. The land remains in private ownership and use, as designed by the property owner in conjunction with the land trust.

A conservation easement is one of the best ways that property owners can preserve their land, benefit from tax advantages and enjoy the open vistas of Edisto Island without risking development of the land in order to pay for often substantial property taxes.

Working with the Edisto Island Open Land Trust is a win-win situation for everyone, so join now! For more information on how you can preserve your property for the future, please write to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust, P.O. Box 1, Edisto Island, SC 29438. *



Dear Member:

The land trust movement is almost 100 years old. This movement has grown to become a powerful force in the preservation of our island.

The movement has the power of tangible enduring results. All across America land that could have been parking lots or another subdivision is instead a wetland or a farm field because people have the vision to form land trusts and make them work. Our results are lasting and they will enrich the lives of our children and their children.

Land trusts have the power of broad involvement. The results depend on a wide range of people working together; skilled technicians, caring property owners, enlightened public officials, donors and tireless volunteers.

Land conservation is a business as well as a passion. It involves legal decisions, complex negotiations, sound asset management, and perpetual stewardship of irreplaceable community property. It requires a combination of vision, commitment, strategy, technical skills, and hard work.

The end result and the most powerful thing to strive for is the power of excellence in the quality of work we do. For there is no power without credibility. And there is no credibility without excellence.

Sincerely,

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