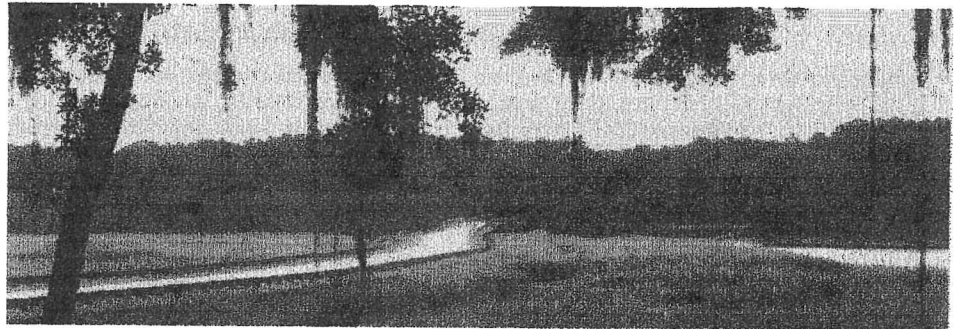




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EDISTO ISLAND OPEN LAND TRUST



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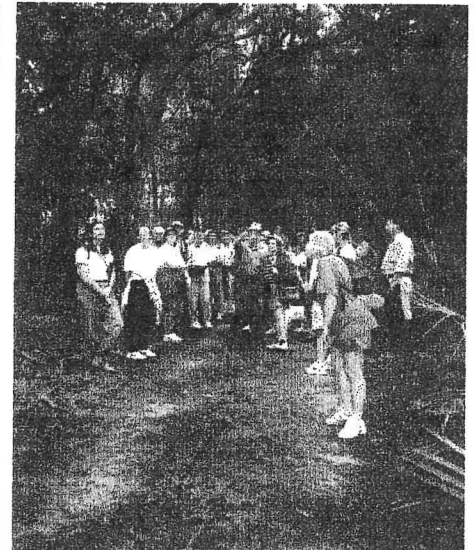
Edisto Island Open Land Trust Annual Meeting

Please plan to join your fellow Edisto Island Open Land Trust members for the Annual Meeting on May 2nd, 1999 at Peter's Point Plantation, the home of Mr. & Mrs. I. Jenkins Mikell, Jr.

We are pleased to announce the Mr. Yancy McLeod, South Carolina's Conservationist of the Year, will be the guest speaker. We are very fortunate that Dr. Richard Porcher, Professor of Biology at The Citadel, will be able to join our group again for an afternoon walk in the woods.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$10 per person. Please make reservations by calling 803-869-9004. The Annual Meeting is open to members of the Edisto Island Open Land only. If you are not a member, please join by completing the form on the back page and returning it with your membership fee. So join us for a fun filled afternoon on Edisto Island.

(Directions: Highway 174 to Peter's Point Road (just pass the Old Post Office Restaurant), go straight until the road ends at Peter's Point Plantation.



Social Gathering and Lunch 12-1:30
Speaker 1:30-2
Tours 2-3

Litter – A Success Story For Edisto

In 1998, the EIOLT Board of Directors saw a need in helping the community of Edisto Island keep it's highways and byways clean. On the first Saturday in April, the crew picked up 70 bags of litter from the beach to Edingsville Road.

With the support of EIOLT members, community leaders, Island businesses, and just plain ole folk, the Litter Patrol will continue keeping Edisto clean for 1999. Recent articles by the SC Dept. of Transportation encourages us with additional help and support from the State level. EIOLT and the Edisto Chamber of Commerce will join together in 1999 to make sure the program continues to receive the financial support it needs.

1998 Litter Pick-up
Over 8,000 pounds

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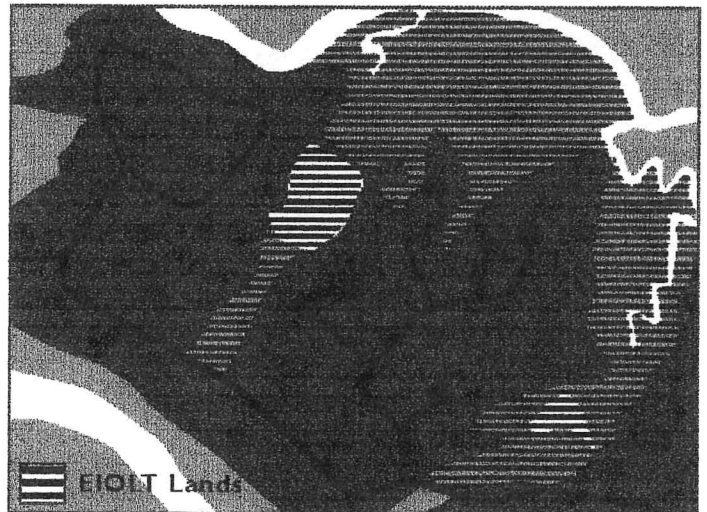
As reported in the News & Courier editorial page from the SCDOT Executive director, Ms. Elizabeth S. Mabry "...the litter problem is not going to go away tomorrow, but by beginning today... our goals of total litter abatement can be achieved..."

The Neck: 8.6 Additional Acres of Land Donated

Mr. & Mrs. David L. Lybrand have again donated land to The Edisto Island Open Land Trust in the area called "The Neck" on Edisto Island. As you can see by the map, the Lybrand family has been very generous to the Land Trust. With the addition of these 8.6 acres it completes the area around the second pond.

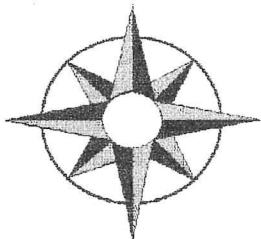
The land that is owned by the Land Trust in "The Neck" is comprised of tidal marshes, impounded wetlands, and upland maritime fringes (critical areas). The Board of Trustees asked for assistance from the

ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) in forming management goals to guide conservation and protection of this area. At the last Board Meeting, Ms. Meg Hoyle, with SC DNR, presented the report which is under review by the Board. ♦



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Please mail your tax deductible membership to:

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P.O. Box 1, Edisto Island, SC 29438

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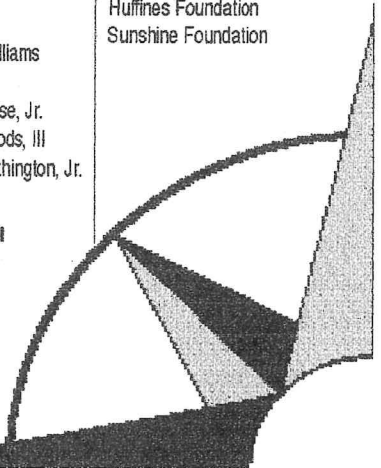
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Land Trusts on Front Lines of Battle Against Sprawl

Adapted from remarks to the Environmental Grantmakers Association workshop on "Sprawl is a Biodiversity Issue" in Houston, TX, Oct. 29, 1998.

"When selecting a site for your house," wrote Frank Lloyd Wright in 1954, "there is always the question of how close to the city you should be... The best thing to do is to go as far out as you can get. Avoid the suburbs - dormitory towns - by all means. Go way out into the country - what you regard as 'too far' - and when others follow, as they will... move on."

How well we have followed his advice! Today, we know that we cannot escape

sprawl by going as far out as we can get. That mentality is the root cause of the sprawl that is devouring our land, homogenizing our culture, and destroying the vital habitat of the plants and animals that enrich our planet and our lives.

Few people are in favor of sprawl when they understand its consequences. But no one really knows what to do about it. There is no single solution. We must pursue multiple solutions as seriously and as quickly as we possibly can.

We must seek ways to curb global population growth. We must make cities more livable and encourage investment in urban areas. We must encourage alternate forms of transportation. We must examine urban growth boundaries. We must foster more compact development and curb our appetite for land. We must encourage redevelopment of brownfields. We must change public policies to stop subsidizing growth and encourage conservation.

All of these require major changes in public policy and private investment, and will require significant shifts in public attitudes. And most of them will take a long time.

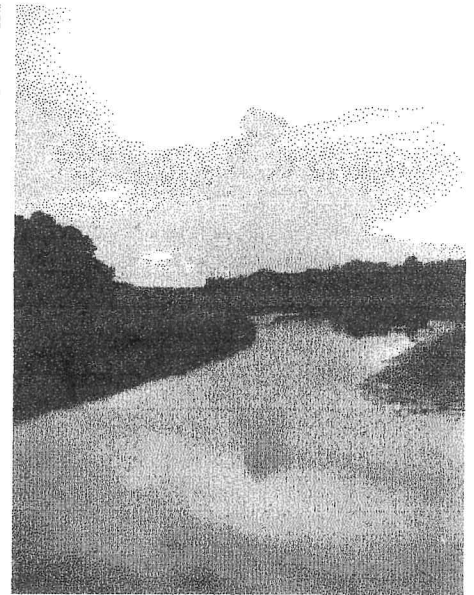
Meanwhile, we must save the land!

Because even if we eventually solve traffic problems, even if we lure people back to the cities, even if every city eventually supports urban growth boundaries and public incentives for inappropriate development cease, if we have paved over most of the green spaces and habitat, the solutions will be too late. It will be nearly impossible to undo the impacts of endless land development.

That is why land trusts have such a vital role to play in the assault on mind-numbing sprawl. In community after community, land trusts are ensuring that parks, wetlands, farm and ranch lands, and woodlots will not be buried by townhomes and parking lots. Local and regional land trusts alone have conserved 4.7 million acres that future generations will enjoy as open space. And the amount of protected land grows monthly. The growth of land trusts is nothing short of remarkable, foretelling millions more protected acres in the years ahead.

But land trusts bring another dimension to the battle against sprawl, at least as key as the acres they protect directly.

The positive, results-oriented, business-like approach of land trusts attracts people who may not think of themselves as "environmentalists." But they do care very much about the environment around them. Nearly 1 million people who are members and supporters of local and regional land trusts give their time and money because they see the products of their support on the ground, every day, in the communities



where they live.

I'm convinced that when people voluntarily invest their time and money in protecting the places they love, they begin to understand the threats and costs of poorly-planned development. They begin to look less favorably on public policies that subsidize inappropriate growth because they know how hard it is to protect green space. I believe people who get involved with land trusts begin to support other solutions to sprawl, such as spending tax dollars to buy open space or development rights, establishing urban growth boundaries, and advancing better transportation policies. We saw that vividly in the last election, when voters passed 84 percent of state and local ballot initiatives authorizing public spending for open space.

The million people who are members of local land trusts have already taken a stand. Maybe they don't know they are against sprawl. But they do know they are for the open space that enriches their communities and their lives. They see that there are alternatives to relentless development. And they know open space is worth an investment of time and money, both public and private.

I believe these same people will, over time, support other measures to replace thoughtless sprawl with sensible growth that includes ample open space.

By engaging people in protecting places they love, land trusts demonstrate the power of people to shape their communities in a whole host of ways. That empowerment, coupled with their direct protection of open space, will make land trusts a key part of the solutions to sprawl in the 21st Century. ♦

By Jean Hocker, President, Land Trust Alliance. Reprinted with permission of The Land Trust Alliance.

Dear Member:

Welcome to Spring 1999. All of your Board Members are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on May 2 at Peter's Point Plantation, so mark your calendars.



I am very excited about Mr. Yancy McLeod joining us. Mr. McLeod was named Conservationist of the Year by the Governor of South Carolina. He is also a founding member of the Congree Open Land Trust, has served on the Law Enforcement Advisory Board of the SC Department of Natural Resources, owns a wildlife management company and is a lawyer by trade. Growing up Mr. McLeod fell in love with the outdoors and everything it has to offer and now has become an outstanding steward of the land.

Dr. Richard Porcher, who will lead a "walk in the woods" at the Spring meeting, is a Professor of Biology at The Citadel and has written a number of books on the flora and fauna of South Carolina. Dr. Porcher joined the ELOLT in the Fall of 1997, when we hosted a tour of Bailey Island for members of the Land Trust Alliance Annual Meeting that was held in Savannah.

I hope that you will join your Board in appreciating the dramatic difference the litter patrol has made along Highway 174. With the continued support of ELOLT members and others, this project will be able to continue for the next 12 months.

Your Board is currently working with three to four Edisto Island property owners to help them with a conservation easements for their property. Announcements should be coming in the next six months.

I look forward to seeing you on May 2, be sure to call 843-869-9004 and make your reservation.

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