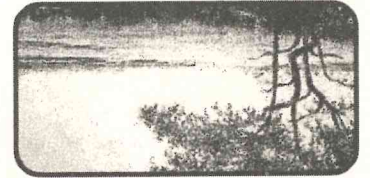


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For your convenience, EIOLT can now take credit card contributions (VISA and Mastercharge) by phone or in person (but not on our website).

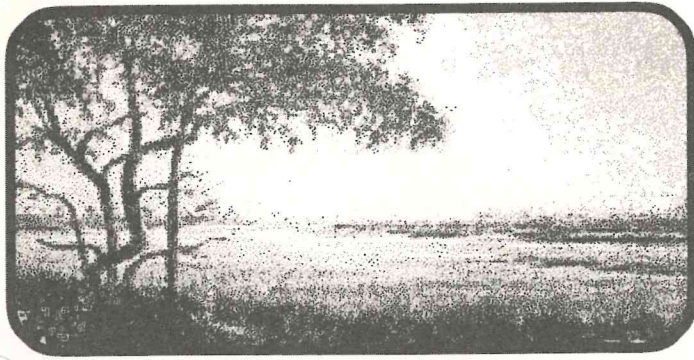
Sign up as an EIOLT volunteer – there are many exciting projects in fundraising, membership development, and land protection, and the fringe benefits are great!

Did you receive your EIOLT 2008 Calendar? Call, if you would like additional calendars.

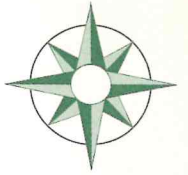
Color your Edisto property "green" – join the growing landowner movement and learn how you can preserve your family land on Edisto.

Check out our new website at www.edisto.org, designed and maintained by Skidmore Creative Services.

For more information on membership, volunteering, or other ways you can support EIOLT's land protection work, or to learn more about how you can preserve your family lands contact



Tidal Tales



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SPRING 2008

A Record-Breaking Year for Conservation Edisto Map Painted Green in 2007

2007 will go down in history as the best conservation year ever, with a **total of 1,657 acres preserved on Edisto Island!!**

Three conservation groups worked together to preserve sixteen tracts of land: the Edisto Island Open Land Trust (EIOLT), the Nature Conservancy (TNC), and the Low Country Open Land Trust (LOLT). But it was our members and supporters who made this success possible.

EIOLT accepted nine donated conservation easements and purchased two more (Indigo Farms* and Creek Farm*) for a total of **418** acres.

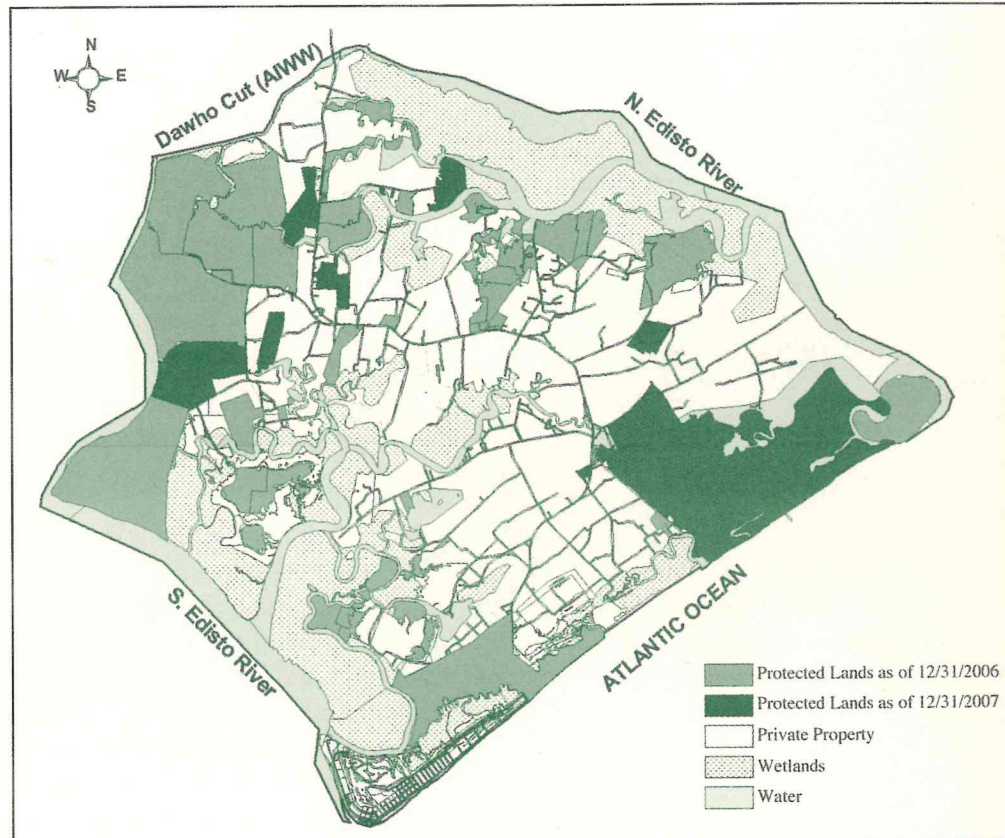
EIOLT and The Nature Conservancy partnered on the purchase of a conservation easement on the **217-acre** Sand Creek Farm* tract.

The Nature Conservancy purchased a conservation easement on the **572-acre** Salt Landing* tract. Low Country Open Land Trust accepted two easement donations (at Brookland Plantation and Windsor Plantation) and purchased one easement on Old House Plantation* lands, for a total of **450** acres.

* All easement purchases were made possible through funding awarded by Charleston County Greenbelt Bank, with supplemental funding by the SC Conservation Bank.

The movement to "keep Edisto rural and natural" is growing. EIOLT and the Edisto community is very grateful for the landowners who donated these sixteen conservation easements.

For an information packet on conservation options for your land, contact the EIOLT at 843-869-9004 or email: eiolt@bellsouth.net.

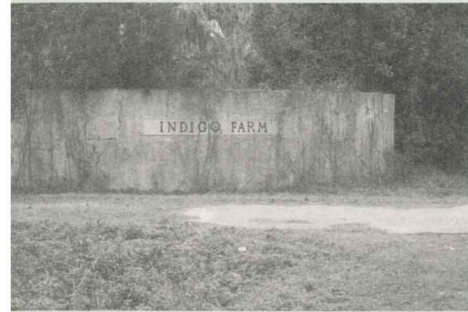


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Are you a Nature Lover?

Your Tax \$\$ Well Spent For Five Conservation Easements on Edisto

year ago EIOLT Executive Director and Trustees speculated that Charleston County residents would soon see some payback for the extra one-cent sales tax they have to spend. The payback has arrived in the form of five tracts on Edisto that are forever protected from development. The EIOLT, TNC, and LOLT were awarded funding from the Charleston County Greenbelt Bank and supplemental funding from the SC Conservation Bank to help purchase these conservation easements.



Photos By: Susan Roberts

LOLT:

- Indigo Farms – a 104-acre farm property with frontage along Scenic Highway 174, directly across Russell Creek from protected Windsor Plantation lands.
- Creek Farm – a 78-acre heavily wooded property along Scenic Highway 174, adjacent to Indigo Farms and directly across from protected Gun Bluff Plantation lands.

TNC and EIOLT:

- Sand Creek Farm – a 217-acre tract with frontage on Russell Creek and Sand Creek, adjacent to protected Jehossee Farms and across from Windsor Plantation. Sand Creek Farms is owned by EIOLT Board Member, Lex Crawford, so EIOLT partnered with the Nature Conservancy to secure funding for this purchase. In the future TNC will turn over the easement's stewardship to EIOLT.

LOLT:

- Salt Landing – a 572-acre property with frontage on the South Edisto River.

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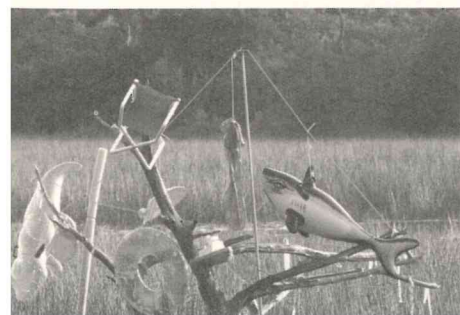
- Old House Plantation – a 161-acre historic farm

By year end, the Charleston County Greenbelt Bank had awarded a total of **\$2,150,631** of the \$67 Million set aside for Charleston County rural land preservation, to the preservation of the five tracts on Edisto Island totaling 1,238 acres. Greenbelt grant funds for the purpose of purchasing conservation easements are appropriate only in certain situations. To qualify for Greenbelt grant funds for selling a conservation easement on a tract of land requires:

- that the landowner go through an approved Land Trust (which would apply for the grant and purchase the easement if funds were awarded);
- that the land must have significant conservation value, the preservation of which will benefit the public;
- that the landowner must be willing to sell at a price well below its actual fair market value;
- And that other sources of funds must be found to supplement, or match, those awarded by the Greenbelt Bank Board.

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By year ended with a bang when the active management of Botany Bay Plantation (4,800 undeveloped acres) was passed to the SC Department of Natural Resources. DNR representatives say that Botany Bay Plantation will become a wildlife management area similar to the Donnelley WMA. We will provide updates as plans for this spectacular property are unveiled.



Mystery Tree Preserved Lands Grow

In 2004 a landowner gave seven acres of pristine land along Highway 174 to the EIOLT. This land remains untouched by human hands except for the mysterious benefactor who year-round steals into the marsh in the dark of night to decorate a dead tree standing in the middle of the marsh — the "Mystery Tree."

In 2007 the same landowner (who prefers to remain anonymous) donated a conservation easement on 13.7 acres of land adjoining the Mystery Tree property. The landowner wanted the easement's terms to prohibit any structures and to

EIOLT's Back to Nature Celebration and Legacy Live Oak Dedication May 17 and 18, 2008

For the third consecutive year, EIOLT's Back to Nature Day will be bigger and better than ever. Saturday's event will feature a full day of outings — nature walks and boat, bird watching and other excursions into the wilds, woods, creeks and beaches of Edisto. On Friday a program for elementary school children is planned, and on Sunday a Legacy Live Oak Dedication and celebration. The whole weekend is designed to increase our appreciation for, and stewardship of, the scenic natural habitat around us.

More details will follow, but mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17 for the best in fun and educational outings ALL DAY – here is a sampling:

Richard Porcher's Nature Walks

Sidney Gauthreaux's Guided Bird watching Tours

Susan Roberts, Nature Photography class

ACE Basin boat tours

Kayaking guided tours, And MUCH MORE

Sunday afternoon, May 18, the EIOLT will hold the third annual Legacy Live Oak Dedication, including a program by a well-known naturalist, followed by a reception. More than 80 Legacy Live Oaks have been



planted along the Scenic 174 corridor, to honor loved ones and enhance Edisto's natural beauty. We will dedicate these Legacy Live Oak trees to the honorees, and we will celebrate our common goals of "keeping Edisto green" and enjoying the wonders of its ecology. Check the EIOLT website www.edisto.org for updates, as plans are finalized for the Back to Nature Celebration.



2007 Tomato Festival – A Big Success

The last weekend in June featured three days of events at the Second Carolina Lowcountry Tomato Festival (the first festival was in 1968),

which was attended by more than 1,000 locals and tourists in a scorching heatwave. Festival goers gobbled old fashioned "white bread, tomato and mayonnaise" sandwiches washed down with gallons of lemonade as they explored the Tomato Festival Craft Fair, and children enjoyed the rides. Gourmands gathered round as judges tasted the many dishes prepared for the Tomato Cook Off, and the judges also awarded prizes for the best in home-grown tomatoes. Saturday night the final event was the Festival street dance, where everyone, old and young alike, danced in the sand to live beach music. Three Tomato Queen contestants – Becca Boykin, Tapley Murray, and Caroline Salter — raised major donations for the Land Trust, and helped to make the Festival the biggest success of any Land Trust event ever held. We thank Edisto Sales & Rentals Realty for their Premier Corporate Sponsorship and the Town of Edisto Beach for their Festival sponsorship. And many thanks go to Nancy Sandel, Chair of the Events

Save These Dates 2008 EIOLT Events

March 15

Edisto Pride's Great American Clean-up

May 17

Back to Nature Day

May 18

Legacy Live Oak Dedication

September 20

Edisto Pride's Beach and River Sweep

November 16

EIOLT's Annual Meeting and Oyster Roast

Be sure to visit our website at

Highway 174 Property Preserved Just Off Island

reaching Edisto near the intersection of Little Britton Road and Highway 174 there is a long stretch of forest, fields and marsh waterfront protected by a conservation easement to EIOLT. The owners, Roy and Beth Smoak, decided that the easement would prohibit structures on the 65.64 acres of land but would allow for growing trees and landscaping plants. Their "Little Britton Tree Farms" has planted the 80 EIOLT Legacy Live Oaks along Highway 174. Now the land where these special trees get their start is preserved for all time.



Roy and Beth agreed that their primary motivation for placing this land under a conservation easement was their nine grandchildren. Beth said, "years ago we realized that a part of our responsibility was to give balance to the education of these little people. They all live in the city and have a lot of learning opportunities at good schools, libraries, the Nature, History and Discovery Channels on cable TV, high speed internet, etc., but none of these can compare to the learning experience of seeing a live Bald Eagle, finding a Bald Eagle nest, digging up part of an old cannon ball, learning to identify different kinds of animal tracks in the dirt road, or just sitting very still and quiet to listen and watch the wonders around them. Partnering with the Edisto Island Open Land Trust to preserve our land is a kind of 'savings account' for our children's children."

US Senate Gives Christmas Gift to Conservationists

The Senate gave the conservation community a gift this holiday season. On December 14, 2007, the Senate passed a Farm Bill that includes a provision making permanent the enhanced conservation easement tax incentives package that was passed in 2006. This 2006 law expired on 12/31/07. A final bill will require a House-Senate Conference during January. If the Conference approves the Senate provision, it will become law, and will be made retroactive to January 1, 2008. If passed, the enhanced tax incentives will make permanent:

• A deduction of **50%** of the donor's adjusted gross income (AGI) in the year he donates a conservation easement and for each year thereafter for up to **15** years, or until the allowable deduction is used up.

• For a qualifying farmer or rancher, the tax deduction would be **100%** of his AGI in the year he donates a conservation easement and for each year thereafter for up to **15** years, or until the allowable deduction is used up.

For more information, visit the Land Trust Alliance website www.lta.org or EIOLT's www.edisto.org for updates on this legislation.

Edisto Pride is Winning the War Against Litter

The Town of Edisto Beach has renewed the A-TAX grant providing Edisto Pride/EIOLT with funding for Highway 174 litter pick-up during 2008. This successful partnership between the Town of Edisto Beach and EIOLT has been on-going since 1998, and the result is 12 to 14 tons of garbage removed from 174's roadsides every year. The litter-pick-up along the Scenic 174 gateway benefits everyone on Edisto Island and Edisto Beach.

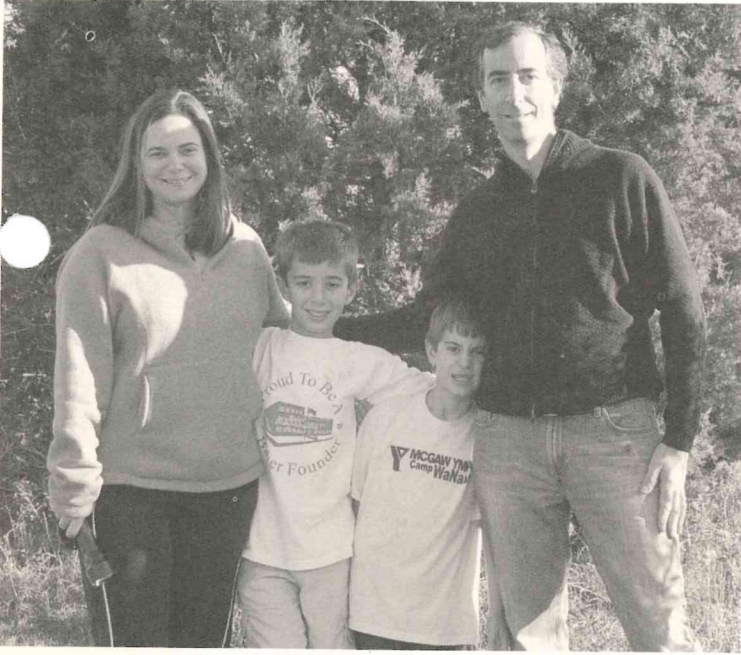
EIOLT also partners with the Town and with the Edisto Island Community Association on managing Edisto Pride, a local Keep America Beautiful organization. Ida Tipton, Secretary of Edisto Pride, has recently been asked



Jim Wenthe, Volunteer

to join a county-wide effort called "Keep Colleton County Beautiful," which plans to emulate Edisto Pride's successful methods. Edisto Pride will conduct two island-wide community clean-ups this year – on March 15 the

Collaborative Conservation Works!

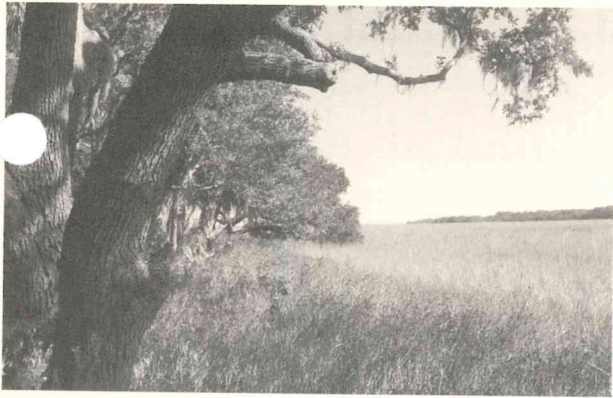


Vikkie, Chapin, Connor and Mike Low

Michael Low agrees that it's "better the second time around." In 2006 he placed a conservation easement on 41 acres of his family's Little Edisto land. At that time he gave a piece of advice to other landowners in the Spring 2007 issue of this newsletter: "Donating a conservation easement is a way you can make a difference in Edisto's future and still maintain control over your property." His advice was to "do it now," and fortunately Mike followed his own advice in 2007. He donated easements on two more tracts of land adjoining his 2006 eased property, and at the same time influenced three of his neighbors to place easements on their adjacent properties.

These conservation-minded neighbors have created a continuous natural preserve of 122.7 acres on the tip of the Little Edisto Island peninsula, where Russell Creek and Sand Creek meet and flow into Steamboat Creek. Michael and his wife, Vikkie, along with their neighbors, Larry and Cathy Schmitz, Barbara and Duke Hagerty, and Tamara and John Graham, have named their special neighborhood San-Russ Point Preserve, after the fishing campground that Michael's

Aunt Florence (Padgett) operated on this land for years. This privately-owned preserve is surrounded by thousands of acres of undisturbed marsh and estuaries, making the scenic views in all directions a delight for boaters who travel these waterways. Best of all, an important natural habitat for mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and aquatic wildlife has been protected.

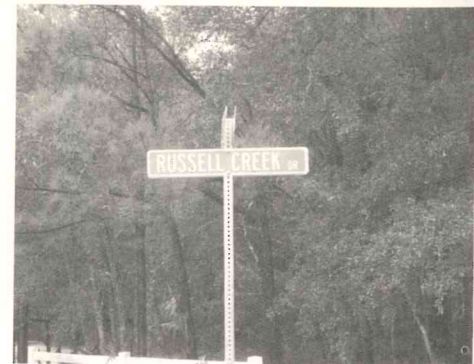


The San-Russ Point conservation collaboration is a great model of how neighbors with moderate-sized properties can work together to preserve larger contiguous tracts. The benefits for conservation easement donors like the Grahams, the Hagerty's, the Schmitz and the Low's are:

- They pass on a priceless heritage that will be enjoyed by future generations.
- The financial benefits (tax deductions, credits and reductions) can be considerable.
- They experience the satisfaction of leaving a critical natural-habitat legacy of marshlands, forests and fields.

Russell Creek Road ... a Conservation Address

Several years ago Ted Melchers and his wife, Cindy, started looking for waterfront land in the "country" for a weekend retreat away from the hustle-bustle of Mt. Pleasant. They were initially discouraged by how developed the coastal areas around Charleston had become. Then they found Edisto Island and fell in love with its rural and scenic character. Over time they heard about the work of the EIOLT and realized that a conservation easement was exactly right for them. Ted said, "I have always believed in landowners' property rights. That's why a conservation easement had so much appeal, because you control the destiny of your land, not some governmental agency telling you what you can and cannot do with your property. We never wanted to see our land developed, so it made sense to give up the development rights, and get some financial benefit out of it." The Melchers have donated to EIOLT a conservation easement on 23 acres of their land fronting Russell Creek Road and Sand Creek.



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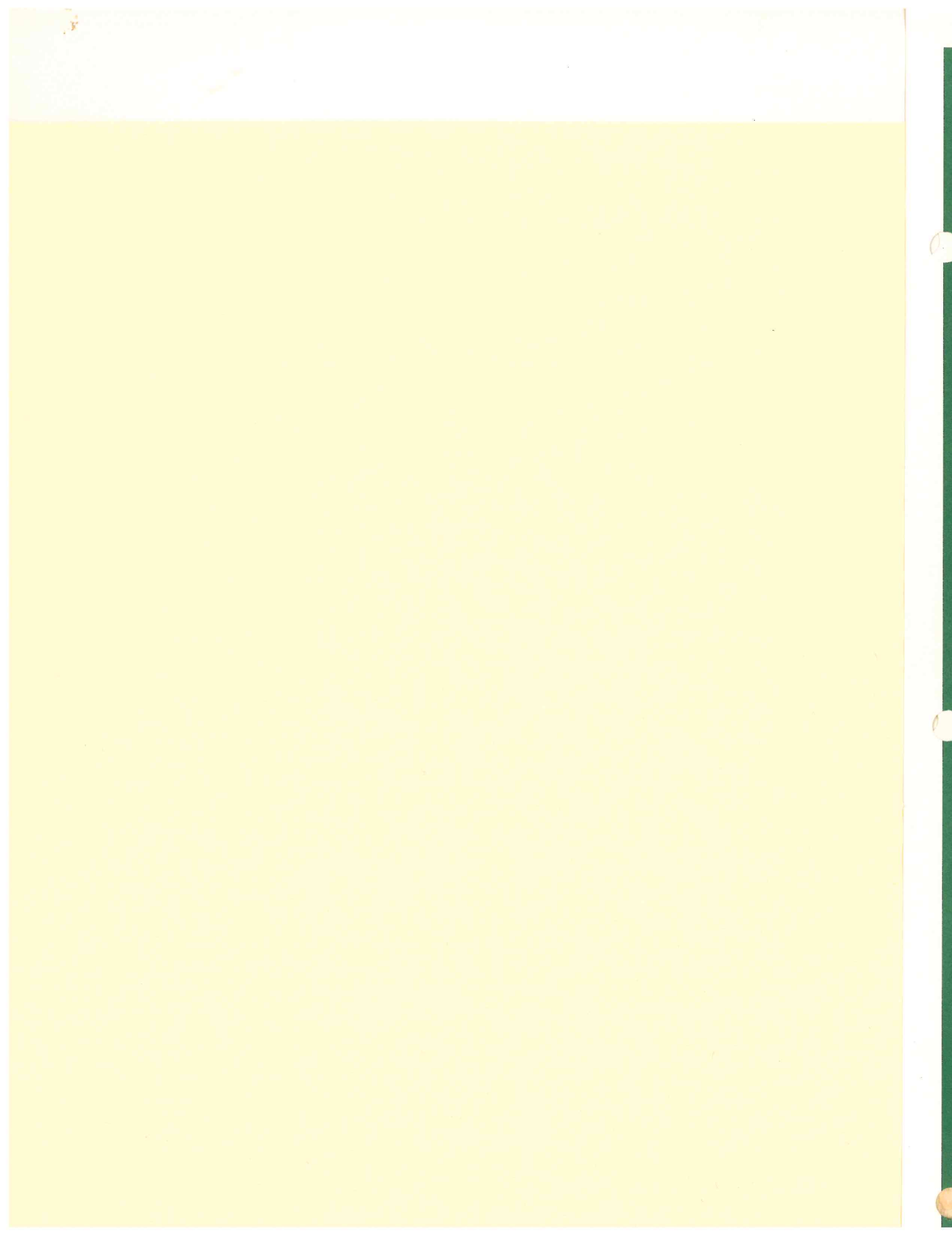
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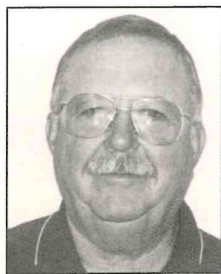
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

2007 is a year that will long be remembered by the South Carolina conservation community, especially by the members, staff and board of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust. We protected more land in the past year than in all the prior years combined, and we expect this success to continue through 2008. To do so, we need the unwavering support of our large membership, through continued and increased donations, and volunteer work on all of our ongoing committees. Our fundraising this year greatly exceeded our projected budget, mainly

because of the work of our committee chairs, the numerous volunteers and our talented and dedicated staff. Please consider volunteering your time and talents, as well as continuing your financial support. The window to protect Edisto and its surrounds is rapidly closing, and we must be diligent in our obligation to our children and the generations to come.

Robert E. Lee, Jr.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Why was 2007 such a remarkable year for conservation? (Between 2003 and 2006, the EIOLT averaged three new tracts preserved each year – compared to 12 tracts in 2007!) The most important reason is our growing membership support. Many of you increased the size of your membership gifts to EIOLT last year, and this made a big difference in the “greening” of Edisto.

The Land Trust works for you, our members, and our shared vision for Edisto’s future is the foundation for our conservation efforts. Your contributions pay for our operations and for land protection costs — approximately 85% of our funding comes from members and 15% from grants. With conservative fiscal management, we’ve kept our overhead low, so that more and more of your dollars can go directly into land protection. The future looks bright for 2008 and beyond. The dream of “keeping Edisto rural and natural” seems closer to reality than ever before.

P.S. Special recognition goes to two EIOLT Board Members who gave freely of their time and talents during EIOLT’s hectic last Quarter: Lane Brown, Trustee and Chair of the Land Protection Committee, and BoBo Lee, Board President.

Marian Brailsford

New Member of EIOLT Board of Trustees

Pamela (Pam) G. Jacobs was elected to the EIOLT Board of Trustees at the November Board Meeting. Pam and her husband, Dr. Steve Jacobs, moved to Edisto two years ago when they retired, making their permanent home on Bailey Island. Previously they lived in Indianapolis, Columbia, SC, and Chapel Hill, NC. Son, James, is a restaurateur in Columbia. Pam has a life-time passion for the coast, and she and Steve enjoy bird watching while canoeing on the creeks or hiking in the woods of Edisto.



Pam received her BA degree from Coker College in Hartsville, SC, and worked for 15 years with the US Tennis Association and the NC Tennis Association. She has since been an active volunteer and board member for a number of organizations, including the World Special Olympics and Bald

Head Island Conservancy in NC. Shortly after moving to Edisto Pam became an active EIOLT volunteer, and as a new Board Member she has quickly risen to the challenge.

Edisto Realty is the 2008 Premier Corporate Sponsor



For the second consecutive year Edisto Realty will be EIOLT's 2008 Premier Corporate Sponsor. Edisto Realty has long been an advocate for conserving the rural, family-oriented character of Edisto – the company's founder, David Lybrand, is also a founding member of the EIOLT. This long-time conservation leadership was more evident than ever this past year when Matthew Kizer, owner of Edisto Realty, played a pivotal role in securing conservation easements on the Indigo Farms and Creek Farm properties, totaling 180 acres. For a \$10,000 donation, this Premier Corporate sponsorship gives Edisto Realty top billing for all EIOLT events this year. You can reach *Matthew Kizer* at Edisto Sales & Rentals Realty, 1405 Palmetto Blvd on Edisto Beach: Phone 800-868-5398 or 843-869-2527; email matthew@edistorealty.com; or visit www.edistorealty.com.

Edisto Realty, like other EIOLT business members, recognizes that keeping Edisto natural is not only good for the people who enjoy living close to the land, it's also good for the economy – a boom for tourism and vital for protecting the property values on the Island.

It Is Easy Being Green . . . If You Are An EIOLT Business Member

Our business membership list continues to grow with 15 new business members so far this year.

New Corporate Allies – Greene, Finney & Horton, LLP; and Martin Appraisals & Forestry

New Business Partners – Holley-Asphalt Plant Products; the Huffines Company; and Ravenel & Associates

New Business Sponsors – Main's Market; Plantation Grille & Dining Room; and SCANA, Inc.

New Business Members – AMTEC Control Integration; Barr, Unger & McIntosh; Belser-Thompson Real Estate; Charleston Glass; Cindy Hartpence Realtor; Herndon Insurance; and Palmetto States Properties.

(For a complete list of our business membership, see Page 7)

In the Spring/Summer edition of Tidal Tales the EIOLT business membership listing will feature contact information for each member business. With a newsletter readership of more than 3,000 households and with copies of the newsletter distributed from a number of Edisto public venues, your business is sure to benefit from this great advertising exposure during the peak of the tourist season. **The Edisto Community supports businesses that support their land trust, so if you are not a business member, mail your check or charge your membership contribution today.** Your contribution is fully tax deductible, and your business will be recognized as a "green" organization, helping preserve our unique quality of life on Edisto Island.

Best Wishes to a Special Bride and Groom

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Freeze (Christine and Adam) did something a little different at their September 22 wedding on Edisto. Adam is the son of Jan Myers, an Edisto resident and loyal EIOLT member. He grew up here, and his passion for the unspoiled beauty of the island runs deep. Adam and his bride, Christine, who is from Charlotte, decided to be married at Cypress Trees Plantation. At the reception Adam made an announcement to the guests – instead of the usual favors for the wedding party and guests, the bride and groom made a donation to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust in honor of all the friends and family who attended. Their generous wedding donation will be used to protect more land on Edisto. We applaud this young couple for making a difference to the Edisto Island landscape – it will be remembered and appreciated by many for a long, long time.

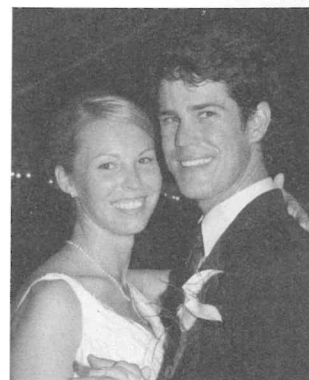


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Update – Scenic Highway 174 Coalition

The work is on-going to apply for the National Scenic Byway designation for Edisto's Highway 174. There will be a meeting