



THE SALT LINE

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SOUTH ALABAMA LAND TRUST



30

YEARS OF PROTECTING COASTAL HABITATS

OUR HISTORY

1986

2,693 acres of initial protected habitat of the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

1990

Weeks Bay Foundation incorporated

1992

Weeks Bay Foundation's first land acquisition

1993

First land in Baldwin County donated to Weeks Bay Foundation

1997

Acquired Safe Harbor RV Park and Fish River Marina at auction

1998

First land in Mobile County donated to Weeks Bay Foundation

2009

Accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission

2009

First conservation easement in Baldwin County

2011

First conservation easement in Mobile County

2015

Transferred 143 acres to State of Alabama Forever Wild program

TODAY

700

Members

9,500

Acres of protected habitat including along the Alabama coastline

\$11,780,946

Total value of protected land



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The mission of the South Alabama Land Trust is to protect land and promote environmental education so current and future residents can enjoy clean water and the marine life, wildlife, and outdoor recreation that define our area.

Greetings! What an exciting year 2021 is turning out to be.

SALT had one of its most successful Bald Eagle Bash events ever. I want to give a hearty thanks to our 38 new sponsors, to the many sponsors that have supported this great event year after year, to ticket buyers, and, last but not least, to our volunteers. As our largest fundraiser, the proceeds from the Bash will go a long way in supporting our general operations, land stewardship and educational activities.

It's also an exciting year for Dauphin Island and the Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries (DIBS). Thanks to a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), SALT was awarded nearly \$2 million to acquire more than 20 parcels on Dauphin Island. Lands acquired through this project will be directly deeded to and managed by DIBS, with SALT holding conservation easements on the properties. Read more about this exciting project on page ?

As our conservation and restoration efforts grow, so has our team! We are excited to announce the addition of Katherine Kuhn as Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, and look forward to all she will bring to our organization.

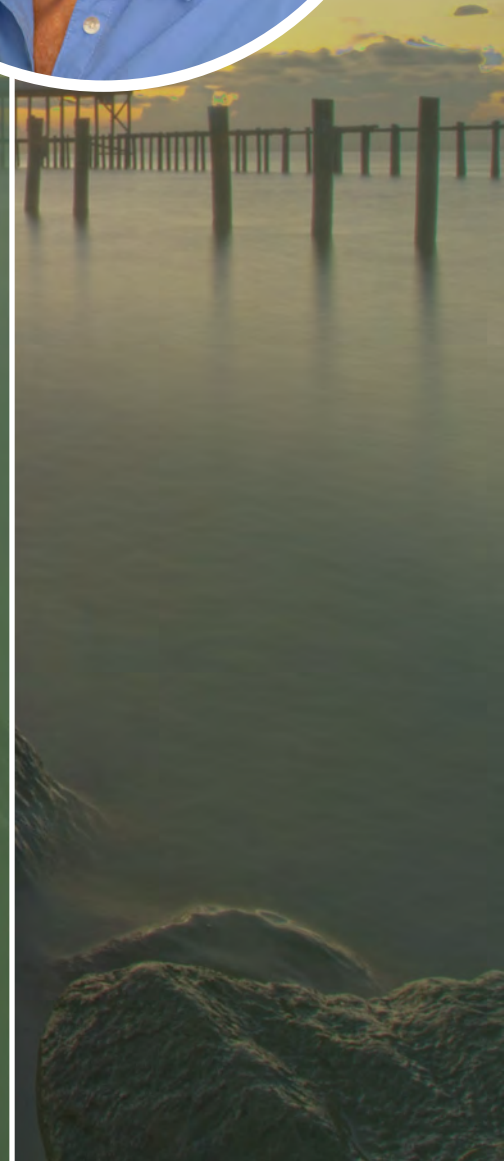
In closing, I'd like to tell you about an insightful little book I recently learned about: *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. As the characters watched a pair of swans gracefully swimming, the words they exchanged stuck with me. "How do they look so together and perfect?" asked the boy. "There's a lot of frantic paddling going on beneath," said the horse.

Isn't that the truth? I'm sure we've all experienced that feeling of frantic paddling beneath the surface, especially these days. I know that SALT has, along with many of our partners, as we rush to protect land.

I truly believe we paddle our strongest when we work together. Thanks to all of our partners, members, donors and volunteers who work with us! We couldn't do what we do without your ongoing support.



Connie Whitaker



FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



ALABAMA COASTAL BIRDFEST OCTOBER 6-9

From October 6-9, hundreds of people from across the United States and Canada come to the Alabama Gulf Coast to take guided birding and nature trips, boat excursions into the Gulf of Mexico and the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, and attend workshops on hummingbirds, beginner birding, building a backyard habitat, planning a national or international birding tour, and more.

It all happens during the 17th Annual Alabama Coastal BirdFest. The birding and nature festival takes place from Gulf Shores to Dauphin Island, from Bon Secour to the Mobile Tensaw Delta, and points in between. Each day is filled with walking trips, kayak trips, sunset cruises, and field workshops. Day four of BirdFest includes a free, family-oriented Bird & Conservation Expo on the grounds of Coastal Alabama Community College in Fairhope. The headquarters for BirdFest is the 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center on the Battleship Parkway.

“Like everyone else in Alabama, we are happy to be planning an event for the fall,” Diana Brewer, SALT Development and Communications Coordinator said. “While the history of BirdFest speaks for itself, we are going the extra distance this year to plan new trips and workshops that showcase the beauty and diversity of

bird watching, along with the amazing diversity of plants and wildlife in Mobile and Baldwin counties.”

Brewer said she hopes some of the new offerings will appeal to locals as well as the people who travel to BirdFest from outside the region. “The workshop titled ‘Building a Backyard Habitat’ can appeal to anyone who would like to transform their yard into a beautiful habitat that attracts birds and other wildlife. There will also be a field workshop at Meaher State Park on the Causeway led by two excellent nature photographers who will guide participants on where and how to capture the best nature shots.”

In addition to showcasing the abundance of natural habitats and wildlife on the Gulf Coast, BirdFest also generates funds to protect those habitats. “The birds, the trees, the wildlife . . . they have to have healthy habitats to thrive,” John Borom, founder of BirdFest said.

The BirdFest schedule can be found online at southalabamalandtrust.org/birdfest/. Registration opens August 9, and trips and workshops will be filled on a first come first served basis.

THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF NATURE

Is This Our Watershed Moment?

Watershed moment: def: reaching a place where the landscape turns in a new and different way, a defining moment, a pivotal moment, a turning point

Everybody loves a great view. But researchers are finding out more and more that there's actually great value in seeing natural areas, particularly in close proximity. They could be lifesavers!

Research also estimates that by 2050, 66 percent of the developed world will be urbanized, which, unfortunately, will distance more and more people from nature and undisturbed lands. This means the work of SALT and organizations like it are vital in turning the tide at this watershed moment. Preservation and restoration can play a crucial role not only in the environmental arena, but also in positively impacting people's health.

Local architect and LEED Fellow Rebecca Bryant has built a company that works with design and construction teams to create healthy buildings and landscapes that conserve energy and resources while fostering a greater connection to the natural world. The term Biophilic Design is used for projects that create a greater sense of health and well-being for inhabitants by maximizing natural elements. The practice has also been found to have beneficial financial implications that result from

improving health and well-being.

But such improvements still pale to the benefits of actually immersing in natural areas. Compared to exercise indoors or in outdoor built settings, studies show exercise in natural green spaces results in people "reporting a greater sense of well-being or exhibiting greater concentration or restoration."



Natural areas, trees in particular, have been proven to increase property values and provide numerous valuable ecosystem services. Increasing numbers of architects, landscape designers and city planners have recognized this and, as a result, are incorporating natural spaces into their plans. Further, more and more research is showing that it's not just property and land use concerns that are positively impacted

by natural areas. It's people, too. Our most valuable asset, our health, can benefit in many ways.

Consider these findings from the American Public Health Association:

"People of all ages and abilities enjoy higher levels of health and well-being when they have nature nearby . . . Access to nature has been related to lower levels of mortality and illness, higher levels of outdoor physical activity, restoration from stress, a greater sense of well-being, and greater social capital."



Another study finds:

"For both adults and children, encounters with everyday nature restore the ability to concentrate, calm feelings of anxiety and reduce aggression. Views of natural settings reduce the number of sick days taken by office workers and decrease hospital patient recovery time." – Landscape and Urban Planning 1986

These natural elements include trees, diverse vegetation, local biodiversity and water features, among others. It's believed that even short visits of five minutes around trees or in green spaces may improve health.

This growing volume of data is proving that protecting and restoring access to nature can be vital to human health, with benefits that include:

- boosting the immune system
- lowering blood pressure and reducing stress
- improving mood
- increasing ability to focus, even in children with ADHD
- accelerating recovery from surgery or illness

A study in the United Kingdom actually shows that an increased proximity to trees reduces the amount of prescribed antidepressants (*Urban street tree density and antidepressant prescription rates—A cross-sectional study in London, UK*).

Chattanooga-based physician and Baldwin County native Dr. Suzanne Corrington said she sees her support of SALT as a way to help ensure those benefits continue for generations to come.

"Natural areas sustain us," she said, noting the positive health benefits research has revealed. "It's important to save what we can." Preservation efforts, she said, are the best ways to do what we can to protect the land and natural resources that benefit us in so many ways.

Through the support of professionals like Rebecca Bryant and Suzanne Corrington and so many others, SALT is making efforts to meet this watershed moment head on and preserve the healing, natural areas of south Alabama. -- **CB**

30 YEARS 30 SUPPORTERS

South Alabama Land Trust has thrived for 30 years thanks to hundreds of supporters -- from volunteers to members and donors to landowners. As part of our anniversary celebration, we are telling stories of 30 individuals who have put their stamp on local conservation through their time, talent or treasure. We hope that in reading their stories you will meet an assortment of like-minded people who enjoy the abundance of natural resources—the land, the water, and the wildlife—in south Alabama, and who are doing their part to protect what we have today, and for the tomorrows of those who come behind us.

HANK MINER

Hank Miner's life and livelihood revolve around the water. From his childhood memories, to spending time with his children, to expanding his successful business, water is a consistent and critical element.



Photo by Stephen Savage

"I grew up about a half mile from Fish River," Miner recalled. "I've been up and down that river 10,000 times. I've been across Weeks Bay and down Magnolia River 10,000 times."

Now he spends time with his four children on the water, sharing both inland and offshore adventures. "My kids love to fish," Hank said. "We go offshore and snapper fish every chance we get."

After graduating from Auburn, the Fairhope native said he couldn't wait to get home and remembers a conversation with his father upon his return. "I said, 'Dad, there is not a chance I'm leaving Fairhope again.'"

Miner purchased Sportsman's Marine & Outdoor in 1995. The dealership sells and services boats and motors, and just this year, he added a new location in downtown Fairhope where he sells accessories, apparel and battery-operated vehicles.

His business was once again this year a major sponsor of SALT's annual fundraiser, the Bald Eagle Bash. Miner said his connections to water have fostered an appreciation for the work SALT does to protect local land and, subsequently, the health of the waterways.





“Obviously, there’s a business interest, but we like to be involved with good organizations,” he said. “We’re happy to do it. They do good things so we want to be involved.”

Hank said he also appreciates the positive changes his industry has made to lessen its environmental impact. “One of the great things that’s happened in the industry is the advent of the four-stroke motor,” he said, noting they are much more environmentally friendly than their predecessor. A far cry, he recalled, from the motors he used when skiing and tubing on the river in his youth. -- CB

MICHAEL AND MARGARET NEELY

Fairhope residents Michael and Margeret Neely grew up in Mobile. As one of five siblings, Michael recalls how his father always had him and his siblings on the water – shrimping, crabbing, soft-shelling – from Fowl River to Mobile Bay. You could see clear through to the bottom of the bay, he said.

It was when the Neelys moved back to the area after 25 years in Atlanta that they became aware of what was happening – the bay wasn’t as clear and there were other environmental issues that were not present almost three decades earlier.



Photo by Stephen Savage

Active community volunteers, the Neelys attended a SALT event at the Fish River home of Mac and Gina Walcott in October, 2019, and it was there that they got their inspiration to do more.

“Just hearing their story about what they’d done to preserve their property was the clincher for us,” Michael said. “We left thinking what can we do to better support the work that’s being done by others. The other thing that got us involved was taking a Delta tour with (local naturalist) Jimbo Meador.”

Margaret said they love the volunteer and outreach opportunities that SALT makes available. They recently attended a tour of SALT’s pitcher plant bog where, as Margaret described, they were able to get up close and see the remarkable plants.

“All of the outreach opportunities that SALT makes available, like the kayak tours, where you’re exposing different people to what we have here, helps

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Weeks Bay Watershed – Yours to
Protect

Back from the cancellations of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 11th annual Bald Eagle Bash netted a record \$82,000, thanks to the generosity of longtime and many new supporters.

Co-chairs Chesley Allegri and Coley Boone led the effort to put on a party that would both celebrate



being together again and raise money for the preservation of our amazing outdoors, which grew in importance and relevance during the shutdown.

With 15 restaurants, music by The Marlow Boys, and a gorgeous setting on Weeks Bay, it was a perfect party on a perfect day.

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PROTECTING ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY



Photo by Rodney Kilgore

"Dauphin Island relies heavily on tourism and eco-tourism," Dauphin Island Mayor Jeff Collier said. "But the bottom line is, we recognize the importance of the environment, not only to our economy but to the sustainability of the island. The first part of that is recognizing that importance. The second part is doing something about it. And I'm happy to say, I think we are doing both."

That effort comes in many forms for this barrier island town, but one important element has been the partnerships with and between other groups that have allowed critical habitat here to be preserved. In 2001, South Alabama Land Trust (SALT) partnered with the Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries (DIBS) to place a conservation easement on 28 parcels owned by DIBS. The easements added a layer of protection to ensure the preserved bird habitat would remain intact.

"Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, here on the island, does a lot of work," Collier noted. "They've purchased properties that they felt were critical habitat. The town has worked with them, and we've purchased properties for more passive public use."

This year, SALT was awarded a \$2 million grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to acquire more than 20 parcels on Dauphin Island. Lands acquired through this project will be directly deeded to and managed by DIBS, while SALT will hold the conservation easements on the properties.

According to Connie Whitaker, executive director of SALT, the primary goals of the project -- to acquire and protect land for long-term conservation -- helps restore and maintain the ecological functions of landscape-scale coastal habitats, beaches and coastal marshes, and increases their viability and resilience against existing and future threats.

Collier said the funding and resources SALT brings to the table are paramount.

"DIBS works basically off of donations," he said. "With

property values going up, they can't keep up. In looking for other funding mechanisms that allow you to have more leverage to acquire properties, the trust and other partners certainly play a key role in that."



Photo by Colette Boehm

Dauphin Island is recognized as one of the most important bird habitats in the country and is part of the Mississippi Flyway, one of North America's most important rest stops for migratory birds. In addition to the diversity of native birds, hundreds of species of migratory birds also stop over on Dauphin Island each spring and fall.

With the migrations come birders. SALT board member and founder of the Alabama Coastal Birdfest, Dr. John Borom recognizes the protection the easements provide. The festival, held each October, is now in its 17th year and brings hundreds of birders to the area during the fall migration.

"This is a wonderful thing," Dr. Borom said. "This will ensure that land will remain forever as it is for birds and birders. If you don't have some sort of protection, things have a way of getting away from us. This guarantees that future generations will be able to go into the Audubon Sanctuary and enjoy nature."

"We have to be balanced. I think we've done well," Collier concluded. "It's not just what we're doing here. It's the ability to partner with these land trusts that are able to compliment, and in some cases facilitate, what we're able to do." -- **CB**



WELCOME ABOARD!

Katherine Kuhn recently joined the SALT teams as Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator. Katherine lived in multiple states growing up and later found herself wanting to retreat somewhere close to the coast. She attended Spring Hill College in Mobile where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Marine Organismal Biology. Upon graduation, she began a fellowship program with the Alabama Coastal Foundation where she was later hired as the Coastal Relations Coordinator, a position she held for two years. Katherine was a graduate of Mobile United's Connect Mobile Young Professionals class of 2019. In 2020 she completed training in Seattle to become a NOAA Fisheries certified North Pacific Fisheries Observer in Alaska for two terms. She now lives in Orange Beach where she enjoys being outdoors, drawing, and learning about local flora and fauna.

WEEKS BAY RESERVE

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS!

This year marks the 35th Anniversary of the Weeks Bay Reserve's designation as the 16th National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) under the authority of the National Coastal Zone Management Act.

On February 25, 1986, officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony under the live oak tree near the original trailhead on US Highway 98 west of Weeks Bay. Much has happened in the ensuing three and a half decades, but throughout its history the Reserve has functioned as a living laboratory for research scientists and students to increase understanding of estuaries and how vital they are to the quality of life we enjoy on the Gulf Coast.

The Reserve has weathered many storms, including hurricanes, an oil spill and the pandemic. The staff, however, has been resilient through it all, working every day to perform research, stewardship, education and training to help communities better understand and adapt to ever changing environmental conditions.

As we celebrate our 35th anniversary, we hope you enjoy this Weeks Bay NERR retrospective by-the-numbers. We have a bright future ahead, building on the hard work and accomplishments of those who came before us.

- 6 Managers, three permanent (Pam James 1988, Thomas Mcalpin 1992, L.G. Adams 1995) and four interim (Eleanor Livaudais, 1991, Brenda Spivey, 1994, Will Underwood, 2020, and Angela Underwood, 2021)
- 27 tropical weather systems have affected the Reserve since 1986 (13 hurricanes, 12 tropical storms, 2 tropical depressions¹) with 5 tropical systems passing within 20 miles of the Reserve (Hurricanes Danny 1997, Ivan 2004, Ida 2009, Sally 2020 and Tropical Storm Arlene 2005)
- 1 oil spill, Deepwater Horizon (Apr 20, 2010 – Sep 19, 2010)
- 26 years of monitoring water quality and weather data through the System Wide Monitoring Program (SWMP)
- 9,317 acres of protected habitat in the current Weeks Bay NERR designated boundary
- 22 online videos of learning content created while the Reserve was closed during the pandemic





- 30 live video virtual field trips adapted to accommodate post pandemic learning
- 28 years since the first prescribed burn of the pitcher plant bog in 1993
- 801+ species identified on iNaturalist within Weeks Bay NERR
- 196 Coastal Training Program (CTP) workshops since implementation in October 2004 through September 2020 (over 12 per annum) for 6,159 coastal decision-makers accumulating 55,650 training hours
- 0.5-meter tidal range within Weeks Bay
- 29 coastal sites currently designated as Reserves in the National Estuarine Research Reserve System as well as 29 graduate students as part of Margaret A. Davidson Fellowship throughout the country.
- 75% of U.S. commercial fish catch and a greater number of recreational fish catch depend on estuaries to provide habitat

The Weeks Bay Reserve is managed by the State Lands Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources through a cooperative agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Michael and Margaret Neely continued from page 9

us all better understand that if we don't protect the environment there won't be anything left for our children and grandchildren," she said. "It's just a beautiful area."

Margaret recalled sitting on a bench overlooking the Bay after her mother passed away. "I thought, it's amazing how it soothes the soul."

In addition to supporting SALT, the Neelys are also members of Mobile Baykeeper and the Fairhope Museum, and Margaret volunteers with the Eastern Shore Art Center and the Fairhope Public Library. -- **DB**

COGONGRASS

NON-NATIVE GRASS IS MAJOR BLOW TO LOCAL ECOLOGY

Drive anywhere in Baldwin and Mobile counties in the spring and you're likely to see swaths of flowery white-fringed grass lining roadways or dominating entire fields. It's called cogongrass, and while it may look nice, it is anything but.

As a perennial rhizomatous grass, meaning a plant that lives for more than two years and grows modified underground stems capable of sprouting at regular intervals, cogongrass has become a formidable invasive species in Alabama. At first, the Southeast Asian species was used as packing and arrived accidentally, but it was later introduced intentionally as a means for erosion control and possible food for horses or cattle.

Although cogongrass grew quickly and showed potential in erosion mitigation, it failed as useful livestock feed, which allowed it to spread unhindered. Unfortunately, the introduction has been a major blow to the ecology of the southeast United States as it wins the battle with many native plants for sunlight and is inedible to most native

wildlife. Aside from the race for sunlight, the cogongrass root system can be an aggressive competitor by using its sharp growing tip to pierce through much bulkier and established roots.

The negative implications of cogongrass are made worse by the area's natural processes. The longleaf pine ecosystem, which once flourished over 90-million-acres of the southeastern United States, is fire dependent. Only a fraction of this ecosystem now remains, and what does remain must be managed with the aid of fire if the native wildlife and plant species are to survive.

The problem cogongrass presents is the intensity at which it burns. When left untreated, the highly flammable cogongrass will rapidly spread, causing a fire hazard severe enough to threaten even the hardiest of tree species. Given this, fire alone is not an effective way to control cogongrass. In fact, cogongrass can thrive just weeks after a prescribed burn. Because cogongrass burns hotter than most other grasses and shrubs, fire effectively



aids this exotic grass in killing its competition. Fire burns away the above ground fraction of the plant, but leaves the bulkier underground rhizomes intact to sprout in a fresh helping of nutrients at the expense of the recently deceased native plants.

As the destructiveness of cogongrass increases its range, the biodiversity of native animals, as well as plant species, becomes at risk. The gopher tortoise, for example, is a keystone species and an indicator of the health of local upland ecosystems. Tortoises can't penetrate the density of cogongrass, they are unable to eat it, and it eliminates the plants they can eat. This combination reduces the habitat of the already struggling gopher tortoise and is a growing contribution to its decline.

Ecology is forever changing, but the rate at which cogongrass is spreading across the southeastern United States does not allow for the adaptations necessary for the current level of biodiversity to remain. To counteract this invasion, it is

important for residents to recognize and differentiate cogongrass from other plant species. Positive identification becomes easiest when in bloom. The flower/seed head is two to eight inches long and is silvery white in color, with a fluffy appearance similar to dandelion seeds.

Cogongrass blooms from late March to mid-June depending on weather conditions. The grass blades have a midrib that is off-center and are a green to yellowish green during the growing season, often turning reddish during fall and brown in winter. The blade length averages three to four foot when left uncut and is renowned for growing in dense patches. Treatment of this federally deemed "noxious weed" can vary depending on the circumstances.

To learn the best treatment of cogongrass, visit <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/forestry-wildlife/cogongrass-management-faq/>.
--DW

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July (Date/Location TBD)

Guided Lotus paddle

August (Date TBD)

Guided tours of bog - white-fringed orchids

September 1

SALT Photo Contest opens

September (Date TBD)

Guided nature walk - Fish River

October 6-9

Alabama Coastal BirdFest

November 1

SALT Photo Contest closes

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