



**LANDS PRESERVED BY THE  
AIKEN LAND CONSERVANCY**

**LANDS OWNED BY ALC (548.12 ACRES)**

**Alibi Farm** (147 acres): Bottomland hardwood flood plain along Shaw's Creek and buffering upland bordered by meadow and old-field succession, with deeded access to Fox Pond Road. The generous gift of Frances and Marion Smoak.

**Boyd Pond Park** (92 acres): In a partnership with Aiken County, ALC received a \$300,000 grant from the South Carolina Conservation Bank to purchase 92 acres of the 206-acre former ORA site south of Aiken. The ALC tract will be leased to Aiken County for perpetual care and use for passive recreation such as hiking. The undeveloped portion of Boyd Pond Park, owned by the ALC, complements the developed portion owned by Aiken County.

**Foxchase** (2.0 acres): Two entrance lots that serve as buffer to riding trails, with conservation easement access to the 2,100-acre Hitchcock Woods preserve.

**Garvin Trust** (1.25 acres): Donated by Olivia Garvin in memory of her husband. Steep slopes hold magnificent long-leaf pines and kalmias. Preservation of this small preserve aids in containing down-slope flooding.

**Parkman Reserve** (90 acres): In Creekside subdivision. Two adjoining 26-acre parcels slope down to Town Creek, with another 12-acre parcel surrounding a feeder creek and containing wild azaleas, kalmia, and large hardwoods. Additional acreage of many lots, donated over several years by Mr. J.P. Parkman.

**Jantzen-Pickett Preserve** (1.75 acres): Four small but critical lots donated by John Pickett and Carol Jantzen to provide access to the trails on our preserved land from Creekside subdivision to the Parkman/Lyman tract.

**Winthrop Polo Field** (12 acres): Purchased by ALC from the Winthrop family, this multi-use equestrian and pedestrian open space is located in Aiken's historic horse district.

**Raiford Three Runs Farm** (22.32 acres): Donated by Wayne Raiford in December, 2006. A portion of this property is wetlands, with Upper three Runs Creek frontage.

**Thomas Reserve** (180 acres): In Barnwell County, this outright donation and an adjacent easement combine large agricultural fields, active timber land, cypress swamp, and 50 acres of pristine flood plain along the Salkahatchie River.

**LANDS PROTECTED BY ALC CONSERVATION EASEMENTS (766.89 ACRES)**

**Alibi Farm** (81 acres): Over and above the deeded land described above, ALC holds a conservation easement on 81 acres of agricultural-use meadow, wooded wildlife corridors, and old-field succession areas that are managed for deer, quail, and turkeys.

- Brodie Preserve** (39.27 acres): In Perry, SC. Mixture of hardwood and upland planted pine forest, with two ponds and assorted buildings on the site. This land has been in Mr. Brodie's family since an original land grant.
- Blackmon Tract** (130 acres): This tract was purchased by ALC with a South Carolina Conservation Bank grant, and then turned over to the SC Heritage Trust as part of the Heritage Trust Gopher Tortoise Site.
- Carolina Bay Nature Preserve** (24 acres): 14 acres was purchased by ALC and donated to the City of Aiken. The City combined the gift with 10 acres it already owned, including a central pond, to create a fully protected and largely restored Carolina bay and its watershed—a wildlife preserve almost in downtown Aiken.
- Clark Barn** (2.5 acres): This historic property in Aiken's horse district abuts the Winthrop Polo Field, and includes a stable, riding arena, paddocks, and open lawn with magnificent old trees. This easement was donated by George and Gretchen Wintersteen in 2005.
- Freeman Preserve** (51 acres): Mixed forest with trails and pond-front property, located off Chukker Creek Road.
- Jantzen-Pickett Tract** (6 acres): Hardwood upland that joins the Parkman Reserve and the Lyman Preserve described below.
- Lyman Preserve** (90 acres): A highly visible open meadow that frames an historic farmhouse and rolls down to woods, a small azalea wetland, and two ponds.
- McClary Reserve** (15 acres): In Greenwood, SC. Meadows that form the historic setting for an extraordinary historic house. ALC held this easement until the Upper Savannah River Land Trust could take it over.
- Maxwell Nelson Preserve** (21.32 acres): Located off of Hwy 302 southeast of Aiken, bottomland forest and wetland.
- Preston Preserve** (17 acres): Farm pasture and mixed forest. Located west of Montmorenci.
- Power Preserve** (21 acres): In the Ridge Spring section of Aiken County, this tract is the first parcel of what ALC plans as a greenway along McTier Creek. Hillside seeps on a regularly mown power line right-of-way hold rare plants, surrounded by deep sand longleaf pine ecosystem on the ridges and hardwoods below.
- Soucy Preserve** (65 acres): Terraced fields located 10 miles southeast of Aiken, off of Hwy. 302. Donated in December 2006.
- Talatha Gardens** (18.3 acres): Forested common space with a trail in the Talatha Gardens subdivision. Donated in September 2006 by Mr. Otis Crowell.
- Thomas Reserve** (150 acres): In Barnwell County, this easement and an adjacent outright donation combine large agricultural fields, active timber land, cypress swamp, and 50 acres of pristine flood plain along the Salkahatchie River.
- Waters Tract** (38 acres): This hardwood bottomland and upland buffer along upper Shaw's Creek is the anchor parcel to protect the water supply of the City of Aiken. Donated to ALC by Jerry Waters, it was gifted to the City and is protected by a conservation easement held by ALC.

**Total acres protected: 1,316.56**