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### A letter from our director

2021 has been a record year for the Spartanburg Area Conservancy and we wanted to let you know how thankful we are to have you as part of our Land Trust family. With your continued support, SPACE has worked to protect 5,400+ acres since 1990 and provide places where communities gather, food is grown, and families take time to play. During this season of giving, know that your donation for conservation today is an investment in future generations to come.

Since the beginning of the global pandemic, we have faced challenges in new ways. Our green spaces have served as a respite -a refuge- for many in the Spartanburg community. Our SPACE team has been inspired by your support of our ongoing, valuable work, which we, collectively, protect our natural world. Additionally, our conservation team is actively conserving land with plans to announce a new project in 2022.

# In a typical year we host 60,000 visitors on our trails. SPACE projects an additional 40,000 visitors this year which means your support helps us maintain our privately owned, publicly accessible land for generations to come.

This year we've expanded our educational programming, SPACE to Learn, our free conservation education program, was launched to teach children in Spartanburg County about the importance of our watershed. Seeing Through Their Eyes connects students and families to the trails and green-spaces with cameras to capture their view of nature during this once-in-a-lifetime pandemic.

As we round out 2021 with gratitude and hope for 2022, join us in supporting the land we love across the Spartanburg area by giving a year-end gift. Your support is always needed and always cherished.

Keep Spartanburg Wild.

Amanda Mathis Executive Director SPACE

## LAND THAT WE LOVE

Glendale Shoals Preserve

Cleveland Preserve Farm

SPACE protects thirteen acres of the Glendale Shoals preserve that runs along Lawson's Fork Creek in the shadow of the historic Glendale Mill site. The land is accessible to the public from dawn till dusk, offering trails, a picnic area, and a beautiful view of the waterfall below the Historic Glendale Bridge.

The 300 acre Cleveland Farm Preserve is owned by SPACE and operated privately as South Carolina's only fully organic, grass fed cattle farm. The farm is home to a six acre pond, native prairie grasses, hawks, and dozens of wild turkeys. South Tyger River Blueways Tract

The South Tyger River Blueways Tract has fifty-three privately owned acres along the Middle Tyger River in Duncan, SC. Home to a cattle farm, the land is protected by a Conservation Easement held by SPACE, and is adjacent to a public river landing managed by our friends at the Tyger River Foundation.



Home to the popular Cottonwood Trail, the 116 acre Edwin M. Griffin Nature Preserve runs along Lawson's Fork Creek on Spartanburg's east side. The preserve boasts four miles of active trails, pristine wildlife and bird watching, a newly renovated boardwalk over the wetlands, and multiple picnic areas. Two Rivers Farm, located in Moore, SC, makes up a tract of 350 acres of privately owned land protected through Conservation Easements granted to SPACE. The name Two Rivers is attributed to the confluence of the North and Middle Tyger Rivers and the land is home to 250 acres of wetland and nearly 10,000 feet of streamside. The Upper Chinquapin Greenway is thirty-six acres of land protected by SPACE, located on the headwaters of the Chinquapin Creek across from the Milliken Research Center in Spartanburg. The land hosts two miles of active trails and provides a habitat for over a dozen species of ferns and wildlife.

## CONSERVATION IN EDUCATION



The Spartanburg Area Conservancy, Spartanburg Science Center, and USC Upstate Foundation created 'Seeing Through Their Eyes,' a STEAM program for children and students Spartanburg community to take photos of the world they see around them in nature during the pandemic.

The program provided take-home kits in English and Spanish with a disposable camera, a nature guide and suggested activities, and passes and guided tours to three locations. The guide included nature and items that can easily be photographed in your yard or around your neighborhood. Children were led down the Cottonwood Trail, the animal room in the Science Center, and the Susan Jacobs Arboretum at the University of South Carolina Upstate campus.

Over 300 nature kits were shared with children in the community, and thousands of photos were developed as digital images in an online gallery from the disposable cameras last month. The STTE team and a panel of local photographers reviewed the images ranging from litter to chickens to sunsets and narrowed down the top 30 for the student exhibit.

The community then voted on their top three community choice awards, and these 33 selected images were on display during March 18th ArtWalk, marking the one-year anniversary of the Pandemic shutdown.

You can see the collection now outside the Spartanburg Science Museum at the Chapman Cultural Center.



Partnering with Spartanburg Water, the Spartanburg Area Conservancy (SPACE) has launched a children's nature exploration course called "SPACE to Learn" in spring 2021, with plans to continue in 2022.

This program provides free outdoor learning opportunities for Spartanburg County pre-K to high school students along the Cottonwood Trail.

SPACE to Learn provides an alternative, outside-the-box classroom for science teachers, homeschooling groups, and children's organizations – and focus on the importance of preserving and caring for the Pacolet River Watershed.

Partnering with the John F. Green Spartanburg Science Center, the curriculum for this outside classroom field experience includes how the Pacolet Watershed impacts local families, what comes off the tap, and how individual, everyday choices affect our watershed.

Groups can sign up today on our website, spartanburgconservation.org



## Give Today

Sponsor a plaque on our new **Cottonwood Trail Boardwalk** or a **picnic table** for one of our many green spaces in honor of a friend or loved one!

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This year we hosted 57 photo sessions on our Cottonwood **Trail Boardwalk! We love** seeing our green spaces in your holiday cards!

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What an exciting year 2021 has been for SPACE! Things have begun trending back toward "normal" after 2020, which was anything but; our staff has been full steam ahead with exciting new projects and our mission to "Keep Spartanburg Wild"! Although not quite as difficult as 2020, this year has come with its own set of challenges, and each of our supporters has helped us keep Spartanburg beautiful and provide our community with places to enjoy nature.

Not only have we seen overwhelming support through significant events like "Flockin' Good Time" and "A Weekend with Teddy Roosevelt" and individual and corporate donations, but we have also been working hard to conserve new property for the enjoyment of all. In addition, we have grown our educational programming (SPACE to Learn) with the help of our land manager Lynn Rhodes and continued our Boardwalk Portraits campaign.

Our goal is to keep up the momentum through the coming year and encourage each of you to support a greener Spartanburg. It is more important than ever to balance the growing development of our county with the protection of the natural resources that give us room to breathe. Conservation and preservation of our green spaces depend on your support now more than ever, and we greatly appreciate you being a friend to SPACE!

**Ben Boland** 2022 Board President SPACE

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Theodore Roosevelt is often considered the "Conservationist President." He helped establish 230 million acres of public land, 150 of which were set aside as National Forests. Joe Wiegand is considered the world's premiere Theodore Roosevelt reprisor. As an actor and historian, Joe's portrayals of Theodore Roosevelt in live performances and television have people wonder if TR has come back to life!

Joe traveled to Spartanburg in November for three days to connect, through SPACE, with the Spartanburg Community.

In various venues and to a broad audience, he talked about history and conservation which several events such as An Evening with Teddy at SCC Downtown Campus Evan's Theatre, The 5th Annual Shucking Good Time with Teddy at Glendale Shoals, SPACE Family Day with Teddy at Glendale Shoals, and Cocktails with Teddy Roosevelt at the Milliken Guest House.



"On behalf of all of **Cleveland Academy students and staff**, Thank you for the incredible visit from President Theodore Roosevelt! What a wonderful, fun, and engaging hour with history - our students truly thought they had been with the President and learned so much through this experience! We are so thankful to SPACE for sharing him with our students while he was in Spartanburg. Thank you for this incredible experience!"



An extraordinary effort from our community, staff, sponsors, and board went into producing A Weekend with Teddy. We cannot thank you enough for coming together to celebrate 30+ years of conservation in Spartanburg with such a special guest, Joe Weigand.

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