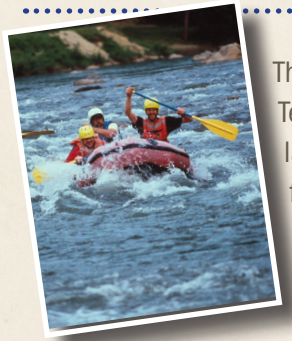
THE NEED

It's an important part of our Tennessee way of life...

Northeast Tennessee has seen significant growth in recent years as our communities continue to bloom. Our region is known for its scenic mountain views, peaceful pastoral valleys, rich cultural heritage and local working farms.

Between 2007 and 2012, we lost 15% of our farms. Farming communities and the future of the agricultural economy are integral pieces of our Northeast Tennessee way of life. We are losing critical lands and natural open space at an alarming rate. We need to protect this region for the health, heritage, prosperity and spirit of our families and community.

ABOUT THE LAND TRUST FOR TENNESSEE AND THE APPALACHIAN RC&D COUNCIL



The Land Trust protects Tennessee's natural and historic landscapes for you and your family to have places to farm, fish, hunt, hike, bike, relax and breathe deeply... forever.

We work with willing landowners, partner organizations and communities to preserve Tennessee's unique character for future generations.

Established in 1994, The Appalachian Resource Conservation and Development Council has provided leadership and expertise in conserving natural resources and promoting a strong agricultural economy in Northeast Tennessee.

The Land Trust for Tennessee is a private, non-governmental, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization established in 1999.

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The LAND TRUST for TENNESSEE

Protecting Northeast Tennessee's AGRICULTURAL Landscape

Unparalleled scenic beauty and rich cultural heritage...

The Land Trust for Tennessee and The Appalachian RC&D are working together to protect this region.

Why?

NORTHEAST TENNESSEE STRONG AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE & PRODUCTION

- Greene Co. : 2nd in cattle + 2nd in dairy production
- Washington Co. : 9th in cattle + 6th in specialty vegetables
- Sullivan Co. : 3rd in goats + 15th in cattle
- Carter Co. : 2nd in cut Christmas trees

OUTDOOR RECREATION, FORESTS & MOUNTAIN VIEWS

- Unicoi Co. & Johnson Co. : Entry points to the Cherokee National Forest, main resupply points for the Appalachian Trail, home to fishermen, kayakers and other water enthusiasts.

A beautiful place for you and your family to grow, prosper + love your way of life.

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

By taking action to conserve this region now, The Land Trust, The Appalachian RC&D and the community are working together to ensure a better future for all.

"It gives me a special peace of mind that the way of life I grew up with can be passed on to future generations by ensuring that the land will be protected to remain as it's always been. My descendants and the community will have the means to make a living from the soil if they choose to or need to. They will also have green fields, clean water and towering trees to enjoy."

- Wayne Hughes of Rocky Field Farm, a Pioneer Century farm in Greene County

A PIONEER CENTURY FARM:
A working farm that has been in continuous operation by members of the same family for over 200 years.

PANORAMIC PHOTOS: UNICOI COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

How?

The Land Trust for Tennessee works with communties and individuals to identify and protect our natural and historic landscapes before they disappear forever. Since 1999, nearly 100,000 acres of scenic and historic Tennessee open space have been saved through 281 individual projects, with more land being protected every day.

Since 2005, The Appalachian RC&D and The Land Trust have partnered to educate landowners about protecting our Northeast Tennessee landscape. As a result, nine families worked with us to place conservation agreements on their working farms, totaling 3,500 acres of scenic and productive land. We continue our work with the community and additional families interested in helping us conserve the culture and beauty of this region.

A CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

A Landowner's Tool

- A conservation agreement is a legal agreement between the landowner and The Land Trust to permanently limit the uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values.

- TAX INCENTIVES: In most cases, the landowner can be eligible for Federal income, estate and property tax benefits.

- The landowner continues to own the land and can live on it, farm it, sell it or pass it to heirs with the agreement remaining in place.

Call us and learn more about protecting the land you love!