

A unique property recently protected **Sycamore Island**



In December, 2007, Allegheny Land Trust purchased Sycamore Island, the larger of the 2 islands in the photograph at left. This 14-acre wilderness island sits in the Allegheny River near Blawnox. Thanks to the efforts of Allegheny Land Trust, the island will remain in its natural state forever.

About Allegheny Land Trust

ALT Conservation Areas provide the public with benefits such as stormwater management to reduce flooding, and protection of our region's scenic character and unique plant and animal habitats. The public is invited to enjoy these lands for hiking, wildlife observation and other similar passive activities.

Mission

To serve as the lead land trust conserving and stewarding lands that support the scenic, recreational and environmental well-being of communities in Allegheny County and its environs.

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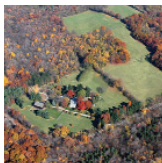
Allegheny Land Trust's Top 10 Conservation Areas

Here's a list of the featured properties with a few brief details.

ALT has protected over 1,380 acres in 19 municipalities—visit www.alleghenylandtrust.org for more information.

Audubon Greenway Phase I & II and Fern Hollow

Disturbing the natural structure of either property would have irreparably damaged the Little Sewickley Creek and the Biological Diversity Area (BDA) that surrounds it.



Audubon Greenway

Location: Sewickley Heights

Size: 98 acres

Year: 2006



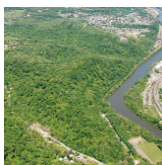
Barking Slopes

Location: Plum Borough, Allegheny riverfront

Size: 230 acres

Year: 2000

The Barking Slopes BDA is characterized by a relatively steep walled, forested valley and stream known as Blacks Run. The overall ecosystem of the site is enhanced by the northern facing riverfront slopes and wide range of exposed bedrock, soils, and moisture conditions resulting in a unique forest community.



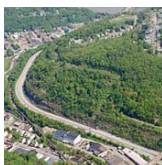
Dead Man's Hollow

Location: Lincoln, Liberty, Elizabeth, Youghiogheny riverfront

Size: 440 acres

Year: 1994

The Wildlife Preserve at Dead Man's Hollow encompasses 440 acres of highly significant wildlife habitat in Lincoln and Liberty Boroughs. The Preserve is the largest privately protected conservation area in Allegheny County.



Grandview Scenic Byway Park

Location: City of Pittsburgh

Size: 11.3 acres

Year: 2008

Allegheny Land Trust has purchased an 11.3 acre parcel in the city of Pittsburgh that is to be added to the "Grand View Scenic Byway Park", bringing the total park acreage up to 239 acres. The parcel overlooks the West End and Route 51. It is the largest private land purchase added to a Pittsburgh park in decades.



Linder Farm Conservation Easement

Location: Washington County

Size: 104 acres

Year: 1994

The land is privately owned and not open to the public. Formerly owned by hockey great, Mario Lemieux, ALT holds a conservation easement that effectively protects it as a farm, maintaining the rural character of the community.



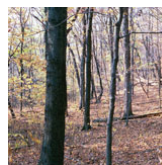
Lowries Run Slopes

Location: Ross Township

Size: 16 acres

Year: 2000

While commercial uses dominate the floodplains and there is residential development on the uplands, the Lowries Run BDA is significant in that it holds a small population of a state classified rare-plant species.



Marino Preserve

Location: Chartiers Township, Washington County

Size: 62 acres

Year: 2000

This property was donated by Mrs. Santina S. Marino in memory of her late husband, Judge P. Vincent Marino who served with distinction on the bench in Washington County from 1960 to 1973.



Sycamore Island

Location: Allegheny River at Blawnox

Size: 14 acres (and growing)

Year: 2007

Sycamore Island, located in the Allegheny River near Blawnox, PA, is the last remaining privately owned undeveloped island in Allegheny County. The Allegheny County Natural Heritage Inventory included Sycamore Island as part of the "Allegheny River Biological Diversity Area" which has a ranking of "High Significance."



Joshua C. Whetzel Preserve

Location: Forward Township, Monongahela riverfront

Size: 212 acres

Year: 2000

The linear tract buffers farms that have been preserved through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program administered by Allegheny County and provides habitat for a range of wildlife, especially bird species such as hawks and other raptors that prefer high locations with commanding views.



Wingfield Pines

Location: Upper St. Clair and South Fayette Townships

Size: 80 acres

Year: 2001

Wingfield Pines has seen its share of human use and is now in the process of reclamation and renovation as a natural recreational and educational area. Situated on a flood plain along Chartiers Creek, it is also a critical element in flood prevention in the Lower Chartiers Watershed.