



GATEWAY WOODS CONSERVATION PROJECT

Allegheny Land Trust and community partners seek to permanently conserve 124 acres of woodlands in the Municipality of Monroeville. Protection of this rare, uniquely situated property will directly connect three municipal parks and an existing ALT conservation area to create a contiguous 425-acre green space that will provide innumerable natural and recreational benefits today and for generations to come.

Project Details

- ALT seeks to acquire 124 acres of woodlands (two transactions) in the Municipality of Monroeville and adjacent to Pitcairn Borough for permanent conservation
- Property is between and adjacent to Monroeville's Municipal Parks East and West, Pitcairn's Sugar Camp Park, and ALT's Mosside Slopes Conservation Area
- Its preservation will create an expanse of greater than 425 acres of permanently protected green space in an otherwise highly developed community
- Located less than one mile upstream from the flood prone Turtle Creek and the center of the Borough of Pitcairn, and less than one mile from the Gateway School District high school/middle school campus
- Visible from the Turtle Creek Valley communities
- ALT to purchase from current owners contingent upon the ability to raise required funds by December 2023

Community Support

- Like most of its conservation projects, ALT's funding plan to complete the Gateway Woods conservation project is built around a collaborative mix of government, foundation, corporate, and community support
- ALT is currently in the process of submitting funding requests to potential partners in each of these categories based on the chart below
- Support from individuals in the community is critical to close the gap, provide required matching dollars to unlock potential government grants, and demonstrate local support to other funders
- Endorsements to-date include:
 - Municipality of Monroeville
 - Allegheny County
 - Representative Brandon Markosek
 - PA DCNR
 - Turtle Creek Watershed Association

Community Benefits of Protection

- Protect the scenic beauty and wooded character of surrounding communities
- Provide a place for additional and enhanced close-to-home outdoor recreation
- Buffers existing parks and conservation areas from encroaching development
- Create an unusually large and virtually unparalleled network of connected green spaces for current and future recreational activities that has the potential to elevate the desirability of surrounding communities among potential homeowners
- Avoid exacerbating flooding issues in flood prone Turtle Creek valley communities by ensuring the continued absorption of 102 million gallons of rainwater annually
- Provides cleaner air by sequestering 497,720 pounds of carbon and removing 8,860 pounds of other pollutants each year
- Contributes to the municipality's efforts to meet MS4 clean water requirements

Current Funding Plan/Status (February 15, 2023)

TOTAL REQUIRED FOR ALT'S ACQUISITION	\$1,338,760
PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (2022 application awarded)	\$521,000
Current Funding Gap	\$817,760
PA Department of Community and Economic Development – GTRP*	\$250,000
Foundations/Corporations*	\$231,000
Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County *	\$125,000
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 2023*	\$121,760
Municipality*	\$30,000
Community*	\$60,000

* Campaign in pursuit of these additional funding sources is in progress.

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Legend

- Gateway Woods Projects
- ALT Property
- Other Protected Lands or Cemeteries

