



PANHANDLE GREENWAY CONSERVATION PROJECT

ALT and community partners are working to permanently conserve 221 acres of woodlands in rapidly developing South Fayette and Collier Townships. The protection of this special land, adjacent to existing parks and other protected lands along the Panhandle Trail and Robinson Run will preserve the historic character of these communities, build resiliency, and provide expanded recreational opportunities enhancing the quality of life today and for generations to come.

Project Details

- Conservation of 221 acres of woodlands through two acquisitions in Collier and South Fayette Townships
- Located six miles from Downtown Pittsburgh
- Strategic “conservation keystones” due to adjacency/proximity to Panhandle Trail, Robinson Run, and other parks, trails, and conserved lands
- North-facing land sloping from hilltop to creek providing critical habitat resiliency
- Highly visible from the Trail and many other community vantage points
- Under severe development pressure
- ALT to purchase from current owners contingent upon ability to raise required funds by December 2023

Community Support

- Like most of its conservation projects, ALT’s funding plan to acquire the Panhandle Greenway properties 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 (see below)
- Support from individuals in the community is critical to close the funding gap, provide required matching dollars to unlock potential government grants, and demonstrate local support to other funders
- Endorsements to-date include:

State Representative Jason Ortity

State Senator Devlin Robinson

Community Benefits of Protection

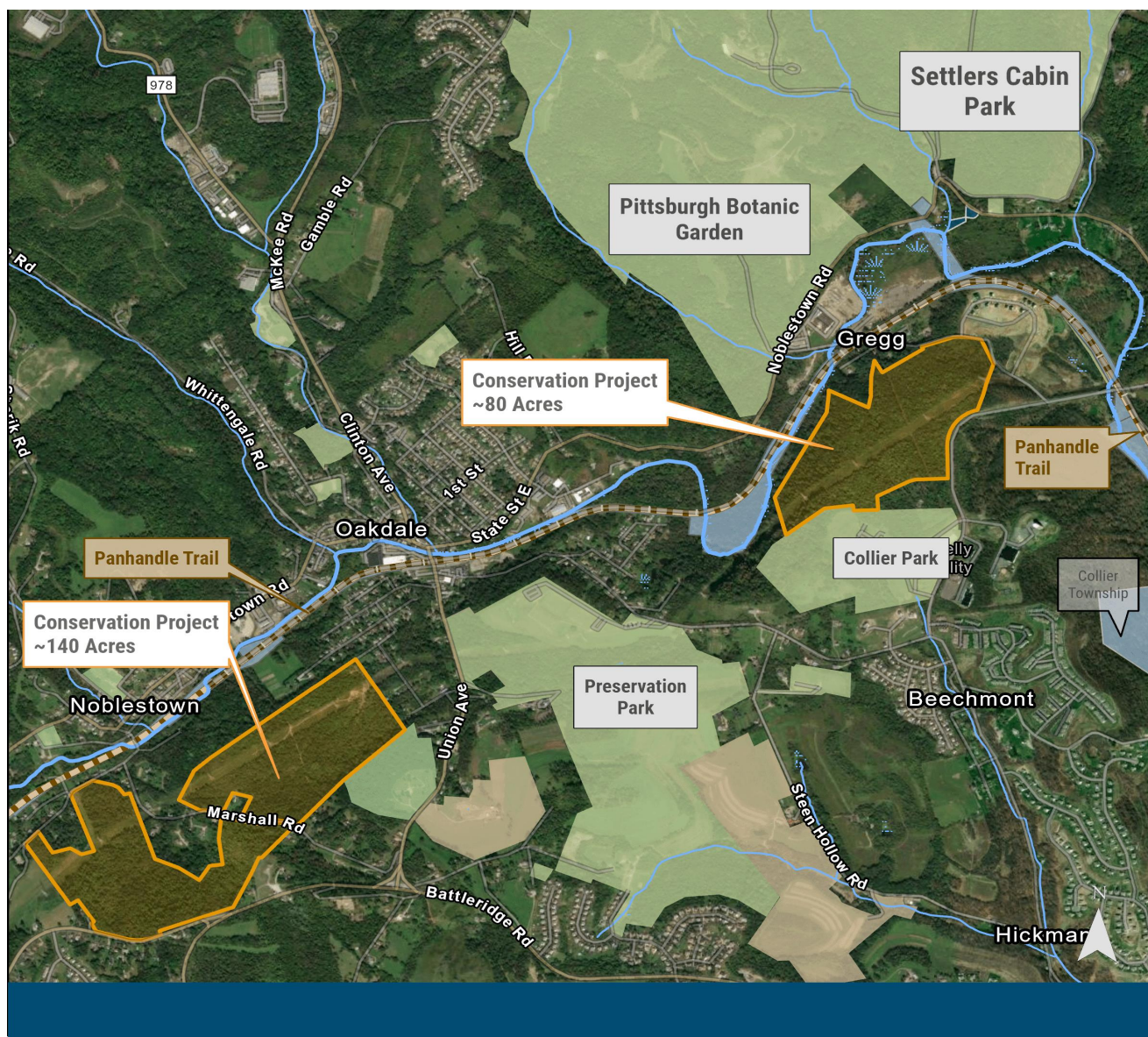
- Preserve the character of the community by balancing intense development pressures with thoughtful and strategic conservation
- Protect the area’s scenic beauty and rural character
- Provide enhanced opportunities for close-to-home outdoor recreation
- Maintain the natural setting of the Panhandle Trail corridor
- Proactively address community and regional resiliency by:
 - Absorbing 182 million gallons of rainwater annually to mitigate flooding in Robinson Run and Chartiers Creek
 - Sequestering 891,000 lbs. of carbon and 15,800 lbs of other pollutants annually to mitigate climate change and cleanse the air
- Build an unparalleled network of interconnected parks, conservation areas, trails, and streams to create a truly unique regional recreational and ecological asset today and for generations to come

Current Funding Plan / Status as of February 15, 2023

TOTAL REQUIRED FOR ALT’S ACQUISITION	\$1,785,000
PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources	\$856,275
Foundations	\$448,000
PA Department of Community and Economic Development	\$250,000
Corporate Sponsor	\$75,000
Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County	\$75,000
Municipalities	\$30,000
Community	\$50,725

****The above represents the funding plan that ALT is currently pursuing. Grant requests are pending with multiple sources and a community campaign is underway.***

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Legend

- Panhandle Greenway Projects
- Other Protected Lands or Cemeteries
- Farm Easement

