Allegheny Land Trust and community partners seek to permanently conserve 24 additional acres of woodlands in Ross Township to preserve scenic beauty, protect water quality, and expand the existing Lowries Run Slopes Conservation Area.

# **Project Details**

- ALT seeks to acquire 24 acres of woodlands in Ross Township for its permanent conservation
- Adjacent to ALT's existing 16-acre Lowries Run Slopes Conservation Area
- Its preservation will create a contiguous 40-acre greenspace in an otherwise highly developed community
- Lowries Run flows along the northern property line and is fed by tributaries coming through the land
- Highly visible from Lowries Run and Rochester Roads
- ALT to purchase from current owner contingent upon ability to raise required funds by December 2023

# **Community Support**

- Like most of its conservation projects, ALT's funding plan to complete the Lowries Run Expansion 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:

# **Community Benefits of Protection**

- Protect the scenic beauty and wooded character of surrounding communities
- Provide expanded opportunities for close to home outdoor recreation, and potential for future connections and/or expansions
- Preserve water quality in the clear-flowing Lowries Run
- Mitigate downstream flooding by ensuring the continued absorption of 20 million gallons of rainwater annually
- Provide clean air and combat climate change by sequestering 97,000 pounds of carbon and removing 1,700 pounds of other pollutants each year
- Contributes to the municipality's efforts to meet MS4 clean water requirements

# Current Funding Plan / Status as of November 1, 2022

TOTAL REQUIRED FOR ALT'S ACQUISITION	\$550,000
PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources	\$263,850
Foundations/Corporations	\$180,000
Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County	\$50,000
Municipality	\$15,000
Community	\$41,150

\*The above represents the funding plan that ALT is currently pursuing. No funding commitments have been received to date.

# **LOWRIES RUN SLOPES EXPANSION**







