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Attendees of a fall tree planting help to reintroduce native trees to Churchill Valley Greenway.



## FROM THE CEO: Match the Momentum: Support Our Day of Giving 2024

by Christopher J. Beichner | President & CEO

**A**llegheny Land Trust (ALT) was established in 1993 to counterbalance the rapid consumption of green space. Over the past three decades, we have conserved and cared for almost 4,000 acres of local land in over 40 communities, ensuring the health and well-being of current and future generations.

Our conservation and stewardship efforts have accelerated; 50% of our total conserved acres have been protected in just the last six years. Our efforts have also expanded to prioritize Environmental Justice communities, along with educational programs that connect people to nature. This growth has necessitated increased resources to sustain these existing and new initiatives.

ALT is fortunate to have dedicated supporters like you who generously contribute to our mission. Over the past 10 years,



Ducks gather at Wingfield Pines.

our Day of Giving has grown exponentially, with nearly 300 contributors raising over \$90,000 in a single day.

This year, we aim to build on that momentum for our Day of Giving on Thursday, September 19, and our Board of Directors has once again generously created a \$45,000 match pool to inspire our donors. We hope you will double your impact by donating on September 19 to help us reach our goal of raising at least \$90,000 from at least 300 individual donors during this year's campaign to support our mission.

The funds raised on Day of Giving support various ALT projects, such as the new boardwalk at Wingfield Pines; the design, planning, and implementation of an Acid Mine Drainage system

at Churchill Valley Greenway; the hopeful acquisition of the 140-acre Panhandle Greenway conservation project; critical funds to secure and protect all of Healcrest Green; and other





Photo by Luke Haury. The recently repaired boardwalk at Wingfield Pines Conservation area crosses through retention ponds.

conservation projects and initiatives.

Our Day of Giving on September 19 is a crucial component of our fundraising puzzle and critical to supporting ALT and the innovative projects we are working on this year.

So, please mark your calendar and plan on donating for conservation on September 19, 2024, and ask a friend or neighbor to join you to become part of the “we” on ALT’s Day of Giving.



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Ask your employer if they match charitable contributions.



### Share

Tell friends about ALT and the opportunity to double your dollar for conservation.





Large trees shade some field at an ALT conservation easement in Indiana Township.

## What is a Conservation Easement?

by Casey Markle | Conservation Easement Director

**B**etween January 2020 and December 2023, developers submitted applications to build structures on over 9,300 acres of land in Allegheny County - that's equal to a quarter the size of the City of Pittsburgh. It's an alarming yet sobering testament to the fact that our woodlands, creeks, and hillsides remain under constant threat and could be lost forever due to development that continues to outpace our population growth rate.

*Protecting our green spaces in every way possible is now more urgent than ever.*

One common technique to conserve land that most land trusts across the country use is conservation easements – a legal agreement where a landowner voluntarily donates or sells certain rights like development, timber, and gas rights, to a group like Allegheny Land Trust who then ensures the conservation values, such as woodlands or water resources, are protected in perpetuity. The landowner continues to own, live on, and

otherwise use their land as specified within the terms of the easement agreement while the land trust ensures it remains conserved forever.



A landowner who has a conservation easement with ALT walks with her dog through her protected land.

As development continues to consume land in Allegheny County, eliminating green spaces and altering the scenic character of the region, the landowner can rest assured knowing their property will continue to remain as it has been for generations to come.

ALT is expanding its conservation easement efforts and is looking for new opportunities to work with landowners. We are especially looking for opportunities in communities touching the watersheds of Robinson Run, Deer Creek, and Big Sewickley Creek.

A conservation easement offers an excellent opportunity to secure a lasting green legacy for both you and your land. If you're interested in exploring this option, please reach out to us. We're here to provide detailed information and answer any questions you might have.



For more information, contact Casey Markle at [casey@alleghenylandtrust.org](mailto:casey@alleghenylandtrust.org), or visit: [alleghenylandtrust.org/ways-to-serve-your-land/](https://alleghenylandtrust.org/ways-to-serve-your-land/)





## conservation easement FAQs

**1. Is the landowner restricted from developing their land?**

ALT works closely with landowners to understand their vision for the property and create an agreement to serve their needs while preserving conservation value, which may include development in certain areas of the property. For example, we have written easement agreements that permit home additions, a new garage, or a new shed. Easements are not meant to limit the landowner's vision; rather, they are a tool to balance development pressures in a community.

**2. Are there tax benefits for donating a conservation easement?**

The landowner may qualify for a federal tax deduction if the easement is donated. Additionally, acquisition expenses (like a survey) may be eligible toward a tax deduction. Landowners should consult with their legal counsel and/or financial advisor.

**3. Is public access required on my property?**

While public access is a welcome feature, an easement agreement does not require public access to be permitted. The specific terms of the easement are solidified through careful consultations between the landowner, the landowner's advisors and ALT.

**4. What funding considerations make a project most successful?**

Most ALT conservation easements have been donated as a reflection of the owner's personal desire to preserve their special land. ALT's ability to purchase easements is limited by its financial capacity and funding access at any given time.





A young explorer observes critters in the soil while perched on a rock at Healcrest Green.

## Help Save Healcrest Green

by Tom Mulholland | Community Conservation Director

**We need your help to raise \$5,000 from individuals and local businesses to save the entire Healcrest Green for the benefit of Garfield community members today and for generations to come. To support this project, please use the enclosed envelope or visit our website to make your tax-deductible contribution today!**

**F**or the past several years, Allegheny Land Trust (ALT) and community partners have been working to conserve 1.5 acres of land in the City of Pittsburgh neighborhood of Garfield.

This land was previously managed as an urban farm where specialty herbs were crafted into teas, syrups, extracts, and ice pops. When farm operations ended, the management and programming of this space was taken over by the Bloomfield Garfield Corporation (BGC). In partnership with ALT, BGC has been managing the Healcrest Green as a multi-purpose green space, as a way of addressing the goals identified in their Garfield Green Zone plan.

ALT has been diligently working to protect Healcrest Green, parcel by parcel, ensuring it remains a cornerstone of the larger Green Zone. With this protection, it can continue to enhance the unique character of the Garfield neighborhood for future generations and provide the benefits associated with close-to-home green space. With the support of the Pittsburgh Land Bank, we are now in the final phase of our efforts. Once the land is fully conserved, BGC will carry forward their vision. This vision includes opening the land for public use, providing spaces for passive recreation, nature enjoyment, community gatherings, gardening, and serving as an active outdoor classroom.

Conserving the land will bring numerous environmental benefits to the neighborhood, such as improved air and water quality, better stormwater absorption, sound buffering, urban cooling, and wildlife habitat protection. The community is already experiencing some of these benefits through ongoing activities like trail-building, trash removal, and habitat restoration efforts led by BGC and its partners.

We have been executing our funding plan to bring this project to fruition. A total of \$38,000 is required to conserve this land. ALT has submitted funding applications to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and has received some support for the project from local foundations. The final, crucial piece of the funding puzzle is donations from community members.

Currently, we are in the final phase of this project and aim to conserve the entire green space by October 30, 2024. We have the remaining parcels ready for permanent protection, contingent on successfully raising \$5,000 from the local community. Donations from individuals and local businesses are essential to acquire the land, provide the matching funds needed to unlock state grants, and show local support to elected officials and other potential funders.



Logs form a gathering area  
at Healcrest Green.



Visit [alleghenylandtrust.org/healcrest](https://alleghenylandtrust.org/healcrest) for more information on this project, or scan the QR code to the right to make a donation.





A father and son walking  
through the Audubon Greenway.

# Leaving a Legacy Through Planned Giving

by Tom Dougherty | VP of Development & External Affairs

**A**LT and our supporters share in the belief that permanently conserved and sustainably stewarded land is one of the greatest gifts we can leave to future generations. Many supporters have chosen to continue their commitment to local conservation beyond their lifetimes by making a planned gift to ALT.

These special supporters have designated a monetary gift or gift of land to ALT in their will or have named ALT as a beneficiary on their life insurance policy, retirement plan, or other investments.

If you are considering making a planned gift to ALT, you can learn more by visiting our website or by sending me a note at [tdougherty@alleghenylantrust.org](mailto:tdougherty@alleghenylantrust.org). I'd be more than happy to discuss ideas with you.

If ALT is already included in your estate plans, please let us know. We have created The Conservationist Society to express our appreciation to the special supporters who have chosen to include us in their estate plans and have made us aware of their intentions to do so. If we're already in your plans, please complete and return the simple form found at the link in the bottom of this article so that we can include you in The Conservationist Society.

Please note that the above suggestions are not intended to be financial planning, legal, or tax advice. Please consult your planner, lawyer, or accountant to determine if these forms of giving would be appropriate for your circumstances.



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Independent site steward, Rick Duncan, offers background on the history of Sycamore Island during a site tour.

## Activating Our Independent Land Stewards

by Dani Kramer | Field Coordinator

**M**any of ALT’s conservation areas feature hiking trails, habitat restoration areas, and room for passive recreation. These spaces cover around 3,700 acres of land; that’s a lot of ground to cover! How do we manage it?

It’s all about community: finding each other and contributing our unique skills and abilities to caring for the green spaces that matter to us. If a tree falls in the woods and ALT staff aren’t around to hear it, it still makes a sound. We hear it through the grapevine from neighbors, visitors, and stewards. Stewards are the eyes, ears, and –frequently– the boots on the ground. They’re on the scene tending to saplings, maintaining hiking trails, and reporting to us when trees have been making moves.

ALT’s volunteer workdays are a wonderful way to learn new skills, help us tackle big tasks, and enjoy the uplifting experience of a team effort. After a group workday, one might find themselves inspired to do more, which is where our “stewards” come in.

Stewards are individual volunteers who contribute their time and effort to help sustain progress on restoration projects and maintain accessible trails. Stewards have the freedom to choose the volunteer work that interests them at the property they care about.

From weed-whacking the trails of Bethel Green to identifying bird species on iNaturalist at Wingfield Pines to smoothing trail tread at Girty’s Woods, stewards maintain and improve the wild places we love on a schedule that works for them.

To some, a stewardship responsibility at ALT means visiting the property they live near once a month to tidy up the trails. Others participate more frequently to lead the way with habitat restoration at a specific property through activities like managing invasive plant species across the seasons. If there’s a conservation area you care about, there’s a way for you to get involved in its care and upkeep.

Becoming an ALT steward is easy and starts with a conversation with our Field Coordinator. Together, you can discuss the management plan of the property you’re interested in caring for and how you can contribute. Communication is key! We keep in touch about our game plans so we can offer each other support as needed, celebrate our accomplishments, and determine when group efforts are needed.

ALT stewards may often operate as lone wolves in the woods, but we’re a community focused on conservation; and there’s room for everyone! We know that the wild spaces with ALT’s name on them are for everybody - from the birds that pay a short visit on their migration path to the neighbors who have grown up with the woods in their backyard. The community of stewards who work on the land are doing so for everyone.



To become an ALT site steward, please contact Dani Kramer at [dani@alleghenylantrust.org](mailto:dani@alleghenylantrust.org)





Explorers train their eyes to the skies during a Feathers and Fungi education program at Dead Man's Hollow.

## The Importance of Supporting Education

by Julie Travaglini | Senior Director of Education & Curriculum

**S**upporting environmental education is vital for fostering a sustainable future and empowering individuals to tackle pressing environmental challenges. Environmental education equips people with the knowledge and skills needed to understand and address issues such as climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss. By contributing to our efforts, you help cultivate a generation of informed and engaged citizens who are better prepared to make eco-friendly choices, advocate for effective policies, and drive innovations in sustainability.

Investing in environmental education not only enhances personal responsibility but also inspires collective action toward preserving the planet for future generations. On our dedicated Day of Giving, such support is a meaningful step toward a healthier, more resilient world for everyone in our region.

Your donations to ALT support our team's work in providing access to high quality environmental education for all. Your support helps us keep our webinars free and our program costs low. It enables us to create new initiatives and reach underserved communities. It allows us to bring environmental education into K-12 classrooms around the region. As we look towards the future, we are excited to bring you new partnerships and programming with municipalities, new Sustainability at Home workshops, new webinar topics, a handful of newly forged partnerships and several new initiatives!

We hope you'll consider supporting us during our 2024 Day of Giving to keep ALT's momentum moving and our education programs growing into 2025 and beyond!



## more to learn

### 5 Ways to Support ALT's Education Efforts

1. **Give on our Day of Giving!**  
Your gift supports our team's efforts in offering frequent, high quality, all-ages nature-based programs that reach our region and beyond.
2. **Attend a program.**  
When you sharpen your nature knowledge, your community is better for it! Join us for an upcoming program online, in a classroom, or on the land.
3. **Donate when you purchase an event ticket.**  
Many of our events are free, and your donation allows us to continue to offer programs at low or no cost.
4. **Shop our wish list!**  
We have a public Education Wish List on Amazon. Items can be purchased and sent directly to us. Make sure to include your name so we can thank you!
5. **Share our posts and events.**  
Even if you cannot support or attend, sharing what we do with your networks can help us reach even more people every year.



# Our Growing, Changing ALTeam

As an organization that helps local people save local land for the benefit of residents today and generations to come, we are accustomed to keeping an eye on the future. As our team, acreage, and projects have grown and evolved, so too is our desire to utilize our team in maintaining momentum in our mission.



On July 1, we welcomed three new Board Members to help guide and advance our mission, and we have promoted two staff members to advance ALT's ability to be proactive, creative, and responsive with our membership and conservation easement programs. We hope you'll join us in congratulating them!

## OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS



### PHYLLIS ANDERSON

Phyllis J. Anderson is a Pittsburgh native who holds a Master of Public Policy & Administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public & International Affairs. She is passionate about leaving this world in a better place than she found it. As the Assistant Borough Manager of Oakmont Borough, she prides herself on the work she has completed in the field of sustainability. Some of her projects include being one of the first municipalities in the region to install electric vehicle charging stations, collecting more than 70 tons of glass with a permanent glass recycling dumpster, and working on a multi-generational plan to restore and maintain a 40-acre nature reserve. She is an Executive Committee Member of CONNECT and is on the Board of Directors for the Allegheny County Conservation District.



### REGE EBNER

Rege Ebner is a native Pittsburgher and grew up in Shaler Township. He is an accountant by trade and has spent the past 25+ years in municipal government with the last 5+ years as the Franklin Park Borough Manager. As Borough Manager, he was abruptly introduced to stormwater management in 2019 when several severe storms hit the area. His interest in looking for stormwater solutions led to him becoming a Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward in 2021, and this past year he became a member of the North Area Environmental Council board. Rege enjoys landscape gardening and habitat preservation, and believes very strongly in the mission of ALT.



### ANNE SWAGER WILSON

Anne Swager Wilson spent most of her career representing architects as the Executive Director of Pittsburgh's American Institute of Architects. She has a profound respect for the effect both the built and natural environment have on our well-being and happiness. As a long-term resident of the Pittsburgh region, she has watched as our development patterns gobble up more and more of our green space. Anne is a Mt. Lebanon Commissioner and currently, serves as the President. She is passionate about smarter land use policy and conservation to preserve natural spaces for everyone. Anne and her husband are avid bike riders on the trails in our region.

## STAFF PROMOTIONS



### CASEY MARKLE

#### Conservation Easement Director

Casey Markle has been promoted to ALT's Conservation Easement Director after serving as the organization's Conservation Associate since 2022. He now directs the organization's efforts to connect with landowners and form new conservation easements to support the organization's mission. He is also leading water conservation projects in the Big Sewickley Creek Watershed, managing ALT's project evaluation process and due diligence, and supporting ALT's data management and reaccreditation.



### SHELLEY HARNETT

#### Membership Manager

Shelley Harnett has been promoted to a full-time role as ALT's Membership Manager after serving as ALT's part-time Development Associate since 2021. She is now assessing and improving the organization's systems to best serve our growing community of members, and to improve our members' experience with ALT. Her efforts will ensure that members are well-connected with our mission and receive regular communications to keep them involved with our mission-driven activities.



For more information about conservation easements or to explore an easement option, contact Casey at [cmarkle@alleghenylandtrust.org](mailto:cmarkle@alleghenylandtrust.org)



For more information about membership or to discuss membership ideas, contact Shelley at [sharnett@alleghenylandtrust.org](mailto:sharnett@alleghenylandtrust.org)





## Tim Moury

by Lindsay Dill | Senior Director Of Marketing & Community Engagement

Following destruction from flooding in 2018, then-Council President Tim Moury and the rest of Bethel Park's Council sought traditional and innovative planning solutions to prevent future tragedies while also supporting the community's quality of life.

"We came together and agreed to hone our focus on maintaining green space," Moury said. "We knew it could address the flooding while creating space for people to walk a natural environment."

Fortuitously, Allegheny Land Trust had begun efforts on the "Bethel Green" conservation project, which council swiftly supported and Moury took on as his personal project.

"This was a once in a lifetime chance to save a rare remaining piece of green," Moury said. "When you get out on the trail, you're hard-pressed to realize you're in the middle of the very densely populated Bethel Park."

Moury led council and the Bethel Park community in working with ALT to successfully conserve the land by early 2020.

The 40.5-acre green space is host to a biodiverse forest within an urban landscape, and a network of community-maintained hiking trails. The site also preserves a piece of Bethel Park's industrial past as it hosts tailings from the former Mollenauer Mine (Mine 3) that are now used as a novel, scenic trail (something that Moury relishes as a historical preservationist).

As a result of their efforts, the land will remain forever green and contribute to community resiliency through maintained air and water quality, absorbed stormwater and air pollutants, protected wildlife habitat and scenic character, and designated space for outdoor recreation and environmental education.

"Our goal was always doing what was best for our residents," Moury said. "We knew we could do this together, all rowing in the same direction. The community was truly united in wanting to get this done, and we knew the land would be in good hands with ALT."

Moury's indelible mark on both his community and the environment didn't end with Bethel Green, however. He has now forged a partnership between ALT and the Bethel Park Historical Society, where he currently serves as the Board President, to provide the community with opportunities to learn more about the outdoors.

"Many programs are often geared toward adults, but we thought ALT's programs could cross-pollinate nature education among all ages in our community," Moury said.

Through this partnership, ALT has now hosted two series of events that provide separate course times for adults and kids to grow their nature knowledge. The historical society sponsors this program so that attendees from Bethel Park and beyond can attend for free.

"It's not just the people that live here that are inspired by the programs and preserved green space," Moury said. "It's people from here or who live nearby that have been shaped by this community. That kind of impact makes this work a no-brainer for us."



Nature has begun reclaiming historical mine tailings at Bethel Green, and visitors now use the tailings as a hiking trail.



For more information on Bethel Green, visit: [alleghenylantrust.org/green-space/bethel-green](https://alleghenylantrust.org/green-space/bethel-green)





“ When you get out on the trail, you’re hard-pressed to realize you’re in the middle of the very densely populated Bethel Park. ”

– TIM MOURY

A hiker explores Bethel Green’s community-forged trails.

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**E** Education Events

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## FUNGI SERIES

**September 16 | Fungi 101 Talk & Walk**  
**September 27 | Beginner's Mushroom ID Hike**  
**October 29 | Slightly Spooky Mushroom Walk**

You can learn more about the wonderful beings that are beneath our feet wherever we go: Fungi! Join us at our varying levels of fungi hikes to learn how to spot, identify, log, and compare found species with experts from ALT and the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club.

**All Ages | Location, Time, & Cost: Varies**



## ALT 2024 DAY OF GIVING

**September 19 | ALL DAY**

Our Board of Directors is generously providing a match pool during our annual Day of Giving! Double your impact in support of our efforts to help local people save local land. All gifts made on this date will be matched by our Board!

**Donate at: [alleghenylandtrust.org/donate](https://alleghenylandtrust.org/donate)**



## VOLUNTEER TRAIL-BUILDING

**September 21 | Girty's Woods**  
**November 16 | Churchill Valley Greenway**

Help improve these incredible green spaces by building new, sustainable trails with fellow volunteers. Volunteers will use loppers, handsaws, rakes, and grub hoes to cut new paths and level tread.

**All Ages | Time: Varies | Cost: Free**



## VOLUNTEER TRAINING: PHENOLOGY

**September 28 | 9:00 - 11:00 am | Barking Slopes**

Contribute to community research on seasonal changes with our certified local phenology leader. You'll learn to spot, identify, and log seasonal changes – like the first emergence of wildflowers and box turtle activity! Your efforts will help us understand how Barking Slopes' plant populations are responding to their environment while investigating the health of a potential box turtle population.

**All Ages | Cost: Free**

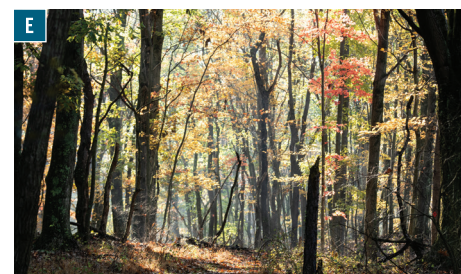


## THE BETHEL PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY SERIES

**October 7 | Kids 6+: Better for Birds**  
**October 7 | Adults: PA's Beautiful Bats**  
**November 11 | Kids 6+: Too Many Bobcats**  
**November 11 | Adults: All About Bears**

The Bethel Park Historical Society has generously supported a fall 2024 – spring 2025 event series with Allegheny Land Trust to benefit the Bethel Park community.

**Time: Varies | Cost: Free**



## WAYFINDING HIKE: AUTUMN VIBRANCY

**October 12 | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Explore autumn's colorful landscape and other natural phenomena at Dead Man's Hollow! We'll cover roughly 3.6 miles of moderate/strenuous terrain on the Cool Spirit, Haunted Hollow, and Table Rock trails. We'll take breaks along the way to enjoy the scenery.

**All Ages | Cost: \$10**





## PROJECT WILD: CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

**October 12 | 9:30 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium**

Presented in partnership with the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium, this Project WILD educator workshop focuses on creatures of the night! All curriculum materials are backed by sound educational practices and theory and represent the work of many professionals within the fields of education and natural resource management from across the country. Support for this workshop was provided in part by EITC funds.

**All Ages | Cost: \$40**



## ALT & OUTDOOR AFRO SERIES

**October 17 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Owl Prowl**  
**November 14 | 4:00 - 5:30 pm | Nature Hike**  
**December 5 | 4:00 - 5:30 pm | Birding Hike**

Join ALT and Outdoor Afro for our first series together! Outdoor Afro celebrates and inspires Black connections and leadership in nature. At each hike, attendees will learn about different wildlife that call Churchill Valley Greenway home.

**All Ages | Cost: Free**



## 50+ AARP WALK SERIES

**October 18 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm | Haunted History**  
**November 9 | 9:00 - 10:30 am | Phenology**

Join an Allegheny Land Trust Educator on our last 50+ Walking Series of 2024, sponsored by AARP Pennsylvania. Geared for those ages 50 and up, we will hike ALT's properties over moderate terrain and distances, taking plenty of breaks to stop and learn about our local flora and fauna.

**Ages 50+ | Location: Varies | Cost: Free**



## VOLUNTEER FALL TREE PLANTING

**October 26 | Meyer Farm**  
**November 9 | Churchill Valley Greenway**

Planting season is back! Join ALT as we improve the ecological health of our conservation areas by planting native trees. Churchill Valley Greenway is a former golf course transforming into a diverse habitat for wildlife and an oasis for nature-loving humans; Meyer Farm is a farm where we're introducing beneficial "working buffers" to food grown on-site. Be a part of the progress!

**All Ages | Time: Varies | Cost: Free**



## PROJECT WET: OCEAN EXPLORATION

**December 7 | 9:30 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium**

Presented in partnership with the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium, this WET workshop will focus on the importance of our oceans! Project WET is dedicated to solving critical environmental challenges by teaching the world about water through hands-on, science-based water education resources to formal and non-formal educators around the world. These resources encourage responsible environmental stewardship and promote meaningful action to address environmental challenges, climate change, social justice, and sustainability. Support for this workshop was provided in part by EITC funds.

**All Ages | Cost: \$40**



## SCIENCE STROLL: WINTER SOLSTICE

**December 21 | 8:00 - 9:30 am | Wingfield Pines**

Celebrate the first day of winter by learning more about the outdoors with an ALT Educator! Attendees will learn the difference between astrological and meteorological winter and learn how the solstice is celebrated around the world.

**All Ages | Cost: \$5**



## WEBINAR SERIES

Learn more about the outdoors from anywhere with an internet connection!

**September 26 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm | Phenology Volunteer Info Session**  
**October 2 | 5:00 - 5:45 pm | Awesome Opossums**  
**October 16 | 5:00 - 5:45 pm | Nature's Vampires & Zombies**  
**November 20 | 5:00 - 5:45 pm | Nature's Vampires & Zombies**  
**December 11 | 5:00 - 5:45 pm | Seasonal Song Animals**

Our professional educators will take learners of all ages on a deep dive into various nature-based topics so we can all learn more about the environment around us.

**All Ages | Cost: Free**





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# ABOUT ALT

**Allegheny Land Trust is a nationally accredited land conservation nonprofit that has been helping local people save local land in the Pittsburgh region since 1993.**

ALT has protected more than 3,700 acres of green space in 41 municipalities to preserve our region's unique natural beauty, provide expanded outdoor recreational opportunities, protect and improve water and air quality, sustain biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life for all in our region. ALT's areas of strategic priority include Land Conservation, Land Stewardship, Community Conservation, and Environmental Education.

With conservation areas in 41 municipalities, there is now an ALT conservation project within 8 miles of every Allegheny County resident. The benefits of ALT's efforts can be experienced across the region from McKeesport to Franklin Park, Upper St. Clair to Blawnox, Mt. Washington to Plum, and many places in between.



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