Our mission is to improve quality of life for all by preserving, protecting, and strengthening the fabric of the community through education and the stewardship of land for purposes of affordable housing, conservation, agriculture, and economic development. We respond to community-identified needs and build individual and collective power among historically marginalized people.
Athens Land Trust is more than a CLT

Recognizing the importance of land as a tool for empowerment and community health, ALT is a Community and Conservation Land Trust.

Addressing economic, environmental, and social justice opportunities through land access and protection, food system support and security, financial literacy, and building affordable homes.
As of today, we have 58 homeowners and 6 lease purchasers in our program.

120 unit rental complex at 4th street village. 96 units are affordable

6 unit apartment complex on Waddell St.
ALT HOMES
Education & Empowerment Program

OUR GOAL
ALT's department of education & empowerment focuses on the economic development of communities and families through financial literacy, housing counseling, homeownership, and small business development.
Financial Literacy

Through financial literacy, we help individuals expand their knowledge in finances so they will be able to understand and make informed decisions when dealing with personal financial planning and money management. We believe the long-term success of families, businesses, and communities depends on their ability to make sound financial decisions which allows them to achieve financial goals and security.

Throughout the year several financial literacy workshops will be held on topics such as:

- Credit/budgeting
- Student loans/financial aid
- Insurance
- Estate planning and wills
We strive to provide responsive, high-quality housing counseling and education to low and moderate income residents. Our program includes both one-on-one counseling and group education. Our housing counseling program provides individuals with:

- Mortgage delinquency and default resolution counseling
- Pre-purchasing counseling for clients interest in the homeowner process
- Monthly Homebuyer education workshops
- Rental Housing Counseling
Young Urban Builders (YUB)
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Conservation Landowners

Langdale Farm

Andersons

Powers-Breedlove

Green

LOST MOUNTAIN

Conserved with assistance from:
RAYMOND M. REED AND FAMILY
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM
Conservation Properties
Farmland Conservation

Farm Bill/USDA

Farmland Protection Outreach/Assistance

• Helping localities identify match and increase farmland protected in Georgia
• Increase farmland access and succession planning

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

• Agreement to support new and beginning and historically underserved farmers access NRCS programs, specifically EQIP funding support
Conservation Stewardship

ACC/Greenspace
Volunteer work, educational walks, community engagement

Young Conservation Stewards
Invasive removal, job skills and career workforce development
Trail building

Northeast Georgia Invasive Plant Cooperative
Hot Shot Crew
Capacity Building, research,
On-the-ground invasive management
Research, publication

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Georgia FarmLink (GAFarmLink.org) helps farmers access and protect important farmland, facilitates farmland succession planning, and ensures Georgia’s best farms continue contributing to the local economy through sustainable farming practices and farm business development strategies.
Community Agriculture

Promote and provide farmer assistance in soil and water conservation strategies to achieve sustainable agriculture

Increase access to healthy food

Support economic and entrepreneurial opportunities for underserved youth and adults
Farmer Outreach

Collaborative effort with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Goal: to increase the number of minority farmers and raise awareness of NRCS programs

Conduct outreach and educational activities for underserved groups in 15 NE Georgia counties
  ◦ Workshops
  ◦ Small Business Farmer Course

Farmer network

Feed the People Farm Visit
Farmer Outreach

Program Objectives
- Introduce new and underserved populations to farming as a career
- Introduce new and existing farmers to NRCS programs
  - Easement programs such as the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program and the Grassland Reserve Program
- Increase opportunities for beginning, non-traditional farmers
  - Provide educational activities
  - Match with landowners who are not currently utilizing their land
- Expand opportunities for new farmers through a land lease program
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Community Garden Network

Partnership of organizations that meets quarterly to collaborate on school and community garden projects

15 community gardens in low-income ACC communities

2 major “hub” gardens (West Broad & Williams)
West Broad School

- Community garden
- Educational space
- General event space
- Farm stand
West Broad Farmer’s Market

Saturday market
Vendor development
  • Grow Your Business Course
Cooking Demonstrations
Nutrition Education
Nourish/Wholesome Wave
Ambassadors
West Broad Farmer’s Market

Soul Food With a Twist

Seeds and Stems Farm
Young Urban Farmers (YUF)

Support youth developing skills that will enhance confidence and competence as they prepare to enter the competitive workforce.

Youth are paid a wage and receive the profits from their respective on-farm enterprises.

Over 100 high school students have participated.
Williams Farm

- Incubation farm for new and beginning farmers
- Educational space
- Workshop space
- Farming demonstration venue
Some of the extra