



**BLUEGRASS LAND
CONSERVANCY**

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**CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS
2026 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT**

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FROM JESSIE HANCOCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As summer gives way to fall, the changing season offers an opportunity to reflect on where we've been, celebrate what we've accomplished, and look ahead to what comes next. At Bluegrass Land Conservancy (BLC), 2025-2026 was a year defined by major growth and frustrating obstacles, resulting in a renewed commitment to protect the landscapes that make the Bluegrass region so extraordinary.

Throughout the past year, BLC was challenged with navigating funding freezes, cancellations, and re-structuring slowdowns affecting our federally-funded purchase of development rights projects through the Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS). These programs bring much-needed dollars into the hands of qualifying farmers for conserving their land. With more than 13,000 acres of projects slated for these programs at the beginning of 2025, the stakes have been high, and our focus has shifted to simply maintaining our projects within an ever-changing landscape.

While the unexpected obstacles have been frustrating, BLC has done what we always do best—adapt to the challenges in front of us and execute our mission to protect Bluegrass lands. During the 2025-2026 year, we continued to implement our growth plan and expanded our staff to 12 employees, allowing us to better service our communities. Despite the hold on NRCS projects, our land protection team managed to complete a staggering 14 projects, protecting nearly 5,000 acres of farmland and natural lands spanning Oldham, Woodford, Fayette, Bourbon, Boyle, and Jefferson counties.

Additionally, one of our most exciting accomplishments this year has been the launch of the Kentucky Legacy Land Project (KLLP), a first-of-its-kind, statewide conservation initiative designed to identify and prioritize Kentucky's most significant landscapes. Through data-driven analysis and collaboration with partners across the Commonwealth, KLLP will help shape a more strategic and proactive approach to conservation for years to come.

As we look toward the future, we remain focused on strengthening our impact through strategic growth, thoughtful stewardship, and meaningful community engagement. Conservation is never the accomplishments or frustrating obstacles of a single year. It is a long-term commitment that depends on people who believe that the landscapes we cherish today deserve to be protected for generations to come.

We hope you enjoy this organizational update and our 2026 Annual Impact Report. Thank you for your continued support and for being an essential part of our conservation community. Together, we are ensuring that Kentucky's fertile farmland, clean water, forests, and natural spaces remain a lasting legacy for future generations.



“When we see land as a community to which we belong,
we may begin to use it with love and respect.”

– Aldo Leopold

BLUEGRASS LAND CONSERVANCY MISSION

To permanently protect land in Kentucky's Bluegrass region through voluntary conservation easements to ensure agricultural viability, natural habitats, rural heritage, and scenic open spaces.

VISION

A thriving community where land is protected to sustain our identity, economy, and quality of life.

GOALS

PROTECT

Permanently protect and steward lands critical to agricultural viability and community character in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky.

SUSTAIN

Grow the financial and organizational capacity to ensure our commitment to perpetuity and meet dynamic conservation goals.

INSPIRE

Elevate the importance of land as part of our regional identity and land conservation as a priority for maintaining a high-quality of life and a vibrant economy.

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PROTECT

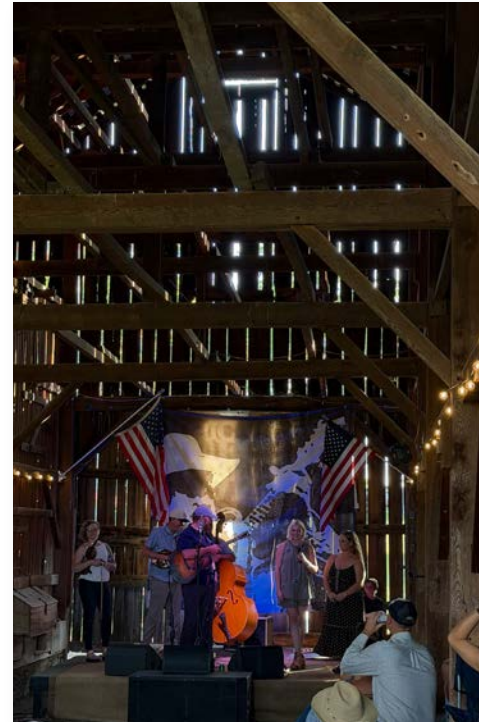
Protecting the beauty of the Bluegrass region begins with trust built over time and carried forward through action. For more than 30 years, Bluegrass Land Conservancy has partnered with landowners to protect the Bluegrass we love through voluntary conservation easements.

Thanks to this shared commitment, **nearly 39,000 acres across 184 unique properties are permanently protected**, helping ensure that working farms, natural habitats, and the character of our communities endure.

Yet our work is far from finished. Since the 1980s, Kentucky has lost nearly one million acres of farmland, and development pressures in central Kentucky continue to grow.

Across the region, farmland is increasingly fragmented by suburban growth and rising land values, placing working farms and open spaces at heightened risk. BLC is responding by prioritizing high-impact projects and strengthening partnerships to protect land before it is lost.

Even in a year of significant challenges for conservation, we remained focused on what endures: **safeguarding the land that sustains agriculture, supports wildlife, and anchors our communities**. With your support, Bluegrass Land Conservancy continues to protect land - not just as a legacy of the past 30 years, but as a foundation for the Bluegrass's future.



INSPIRE

At Bluegrass Land Conservancy, we know that conserving land does more than protect farms and forests. It shapes the experiences, traditions, and well-being of our communities. Protected lands provide open spaces for recreation, scenic beauty for residents and visitors, and the foundation for local food, bourbon, and equine industries that define the Bluegrass. They also help ensure **clean water, healthy soils, and resilient ecosystems** that benefit everyone.

Our goal is to make conservation part of the Bluegrass identity. By educating landowners, engaging community members, and highlighting

the tangible benefits of preserved land, we foster a sense of stewardship that extends beyond any single project. We aim to **ignite curiosity, pride, and action**, encouraging citizens to care for the land and support efforts that protect it.

There are many ways to join this movement: attend a BLC event, volunteer, follow us on social media, sign up for our Enews, or simply share the story of conservation with friends and neighbors. Every action helps strengthen a culture where **land, communities, and traditions thrive together**, inspiring the next generation of conservationists.

SUSTAIN

Conservation is only as strong as the systems that support it. Bluegrass Land Conservancy is committed to sustaining land protection in perpetuity through careful management of our financial and organizational resources. As our conservation goals evolve, we continue to focus on strengthening our core capacities with a **community- and growth-oriented mindset**.

Every easement is a promise to future generations. That's why BLC works every day to ensure the funds and infrastructure needed to **honor that promise indefinitely**. In addition to annual operating support, we are growing a robust **Operating Endowment** and **Stewardship Fund** to safeguard our conservation easements for the long term.

As a community-supported land trust, BLC relies on the generosity of individuals, businesses, and grantors to preserve the lands that define the Bluegrass. Every donation directly supports our mission-driven programs and advances lasting conservation impact.

There are many ways to support our work: gifts of cash, stock, or real estate; event sponsorship or auction items; workplace giving; planned gifts; and corporate partnerships. Through your ongoing support, Bluegrass Land Conservancy will continue to play a vital role in preserving our region's quality of life, economic vitality, and healthy environment for generations to come.

BECOME A STEWARD OF THE LAND

GIVE TO BLC KNOWING THAT IMPACT EXISTS AT ALL LEVELS

For many supporters, a monthly gift of \$10 or \$25 through our Acres of Impact program can be more manageable than a one-time gift of \$120-\$300. Monthly giving provides steady, reliable support that helps Bluegrass Land Conservancy grow, strengthen, and continue protecting the Bluegrass for generations to come. To learn more or join Acres of Impact, visit: **BluegrassLandConservancy.org**

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BLUEGRASS LAND CONSERVANCY BY THE NUMBERS

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BLC CONSERVATION LEGACY
[STATS SINCE 1995 THRU JUNE 2026]

38,926 Acres Conserved Forever
184 Total Easements
\$181 Million in Value Protected

FOCUS AREAS



No 1
LEADING THE WAY IN KY

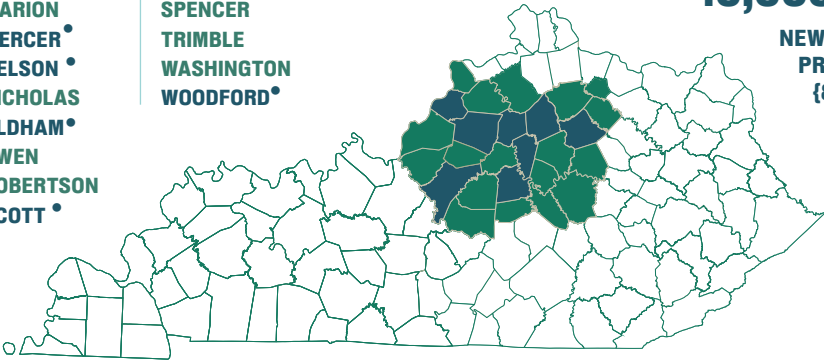
- LARGEST REGIONAL LAND TRUST IN KENTUCKY
- FIRST ACCREDITED (2013) LAND TRUST IN KENTUCKY

WE HAVE PROUDLY SERVED THE KENTUCKY COMMONWEALTH FOR {3} DECADES
IN THE FOLLOWING {26} COUNTIES:

ANDERSON
BOURBON
BOYLE
BULLITT
CLARK
FAYETTE
FRANKLIN
GARRARD
HARRISON
HENRY
JEFFERSON
JESSAMINE

MADISON
MARION
MERCER
NELSON
NICHOLAS
OLDHAM
OWEN
ROBERTSON
SCOTT

SHELBY
SPENCER
TRIMBLE
WASHINGTON
WOODFORD



• 10,000+ Acres

91%
OF VISITORS WHO
COME TO KENTUCKY
ENJOY AN OUTDOOR OR
FARM-BASED ACTIVITY

JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

*Based on unaudited financials

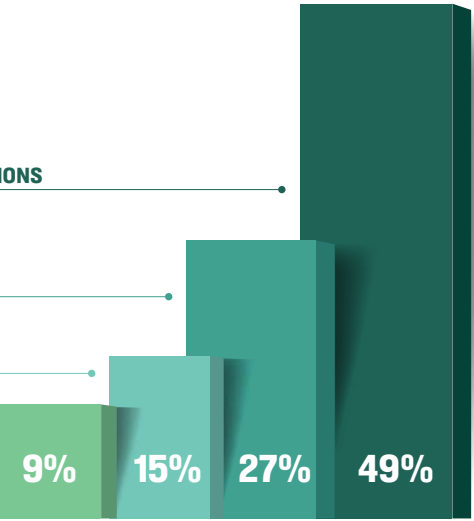
MORE THAN
\$275K
RAISED AT THE
2026 ANNUAL
AUCTION

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

EVENTS

CORPORATE
BUSINESS

FOUNDATIONS
GRANTS



600+
UNIQUE
DONORS

\$4,890,820
STEWARDSHIP AND
DEFENSE FUNDS

SOURCE OF FUNDS

USE OF FUNDS



PROGRAM SERVICES

MANAGEMENT

FUNDRAISING



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BLUEGRASS LAND CONSERVANCY EASEMENT DONORS BY COUNTY & ACRES

TAKING CARE OF THE LAND, EVERYDAY

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259 ACRES ANDERSON COUNTY

Ann and Darrell Gabhart
Panther Rock Farm

Patricia and Dennis Monohan
Monohan Farm

13,012 ACRES BOURBON COUNTY

Anonymous

Mary Clay and John Berry
Auvergne Farm

Sara Clay and George Branch
Canefield Farm

Felicia and Doug Branham
Hurricane Hills
Hurricane Hills North*
Hurricane Hills West
Hurricane Hills South
Flying High

Lendy and Darrell Brown
Stonereath Farm*

Brenda and R. Berle Clay
Auvergne Farm

Isabel McHenry Clay
The Larches*

Rhonda and Kory Cornum
Munroc Farm

Patricia and Johnny Elkins
Chestnut Hill Farm

Seth Hancock
Cherry Valley Farm

BOURBON COUNTY CONTINUED

Seth, Clay, and Dell Hancock
Claiborne Farm

Staci and Arthur Hancock
Stone Farm

Hinkle Brothers, LLC
Hinkle Farm

Michael Kalinyak and Sannie Overly
Stone Castle

Gayle and Jim Kane
Kane Angus*

Margaret A. Lake
Lake Farm*

Lary Farm, LLC
Glenlary

Nicholas M. Lotz
Briarbrooke

Pam and Bart McFarland
Resting Acres

Beatrice Clay Moran
Canefield Farm

Pamela and Charles Parker
The Parker Farm

Kristina and John Penn
Pennland

Jeff and Melanie Ramey
Stone Columns Stables
at Rosemont Farm

Katie Sutphin
Victory Haven*

1,035 ACRES BOYLE COUNTY

Anonymous

Bright Family LLC
Bright Family Farm

Drs. Katherine L. Bright and Daniel J. Moran
Katherine Bright Farm

Louise and Fred Dearborn
Fieldstone Farm

Greene-House Family
Greene-House Farm

Mary Pat and Scott Hankla,
Faye and Ren Hankla
The Hankla Farm*

Martha and Angereau McConnell
Springhouse Farm*

734 ACRES CLARK COUNTY

Anonymous

Linda and Nelson Barnes
Barnes Stoner Bend Farm

Ben C. Kaufmann and Janet Zusman
CallieCash Farm

Carolyn King
The Richard Hunt Smith Nature
and Wildlife Sanctuary

Leesa and Keith Moorman
Bow Wood Farm

Katie Sutphin
Sutphin Farm*

Dr. and Mrs. John van Nagell
Brookfield Farm
Boone Valley Farm

3,303 ACRES FAYETTE COUNTY

Anonymous (2)

Helen C. Alexander
Middlebrook Farm

Estate of Hilary J. Boone, Jr.
Wimbledon Farm

Susana P. and Leon J. Creek
and Anne J. Parker
Polohunt Farm*

Patricia and Johnny Elkins
Chestnut Hill Farm

Clay Hancock
EIEIO Farm*

Hardscuffle, Inc.
Elmendorf

Betty and Jim Kenan
Kenan Farm

Alston and Johnny Kerr
Greenfields

Lori Kirk-Wagner
Lori Kirk-Wagner Farm*

Bonnie and Dick Maynard
Maynard Farm*

Dede McGehee
Heaven Trees

Newtownanner Stud Farm
Newtownanner Stud Farm

Michael and Jeanne Owens
Cornerstone Farm*

Beth and Dan Pride
Oxford Farm*

Dr. and Mrs. John van Nagell
Brookfield Farm
Boone Valley Farm

802 ACRES FRANKLIN COUNTY

Blue Crosses LLC
Blue Crosses Farm

Frances P. Canty
Arrowhead Farm*

Dr. Joseph J. and Beverly V. Dobner
Dobner Family Farm

Dr. and Mrs. Eric Headley
Knoll Creek

Dorothy Meador Wilson
Wilson Farm

198 ACRES HARRISON COUNTY

Russell Gray
Gray's Run Farm

Susan and R.M. Richards
Chicory Ridge*

52 ACRES HENRY COUNTY

Donna and Jim Ludwig
Springstone Farm

31 ACRES JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jean W. Frazier



2,380 ACRES JESSAMINE COUNTY

Estate of Richard J. Corman
Corman Farm

Marijo and Tom Foster
La Fontaine

Jennifer and Dave Harris
Seven Stones Farm

Estate of Barbara Hunter
Brownwood Farm*

Phil & Jan Meyer, Barbara Groves,
Sarah & John Mutziger
Blue Gate Farm, LTD*

Ann and James Robert Wilson
The Judge Place
Pleasant Grove

340 ACRES MADISON COUNTY

Lois Combs-Richards
Combs-Richards Farm

633 ACRES MARION COUNTY

Linda and Parker Beam
SonBeam Farms

Sisters of Loretto
Loretto Motherhouse

274 ACRES MERCER COUNTY

Rose Cooper and Allen Bush

Leigh Andrea DeLair
Running Fox Farm

John D. Stuart
High Peak Farm-Mercer Co.*

766 ACRES NELSON COUNTY

Anonymous

Thomas A. Hart and Patricia E. Hart
The Meadows

Lida Oxnard
Post Oak Farm

Susan Perkins
Hard Times Farm

3,242 ACRES OLDHAM COUNTY

American Life & Accident
Insurance Company
of Kentucky
Cardinal Ridge
Fern Lea
Tirbracken

Ashbourne Farms
Ashbourne Farm

Julia L. Fields
Annewood Farms

Hardscuffle, Inc.
Hardscuffle

JF Longfield Farm, LLC
Longfield Farm

Nancy Lampton
Bobcat Ridge

Jane Newton
The Wetlands*

W. Allen Northcutt III
Flying Cross Farm

4 ACRES ROBERTSON COUNTY

Troy and Darrin Martin
Martin Farm

646 ACRES SCOTT COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. David Greathouse
Cockaigne*

Anna and Paul Isaacs
Shagbark Farm

Laura D. and Robert L. Riddle
Riddle Farm

Erin and Bill Rouse
Rouse Farm*

1,046 ACRES SHELBY COUNTY

Sarah and Paul Keith
Pine Grove Farm

Peter E. Leonhardt
Lakeview Farms

605 ACRES WASHINGTON COUNTY

Linda and Parker Beam
SonBeam Farms

Dominican Sisters of Peace
St. Catharine Farm

8,976 ACRES WOODFORD COUNTY

Anonymous (5)

Helen C. Alexander
Spring Station Farm*

Gay and Michael Barnett
Blackburn Farm*

Mina Berger
Woodstock Farm*

Frances P. Canty
Ridge Farm*

Mary and Joseph Carter Family
Carter Farms

Dr. and Mrs. John Caton
Hillside Farm

Jennifer and Ben Chandler
Polly Place Farm

Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Clay
Three Chimneys Farm*

Clear Creek Cattle Company, LLC
Clear Creek Cattle Company

Pam and Roger Conley
Wildflower Farm

Susana P. and Leon J. Creek, Anne J. Parker
Polohunt Farm*

Mr. and Mrs. William Curlin
Dunvegan Farm*

Dr. and Mrs. Mike Daugherty
Three Springs Farm

Drs. Claire and Rolf Embertson
Chancey Mill Farm

William Davis Fishback, Jr.
Trackside Farm

Drs. Laurie and David Haas
Lookout Farm

Gloria and Jack Halter
The Halter Farm*

Jennifer and Dave Harris
Seven Stones Farm

Hoppy Henton
Diamond A Farms*
Henton Farms

Dr. Stephen and Debbie Jackson
Jackson Purchase

Margaret and David Jeffiers
Trailside Farm

Libby and Brereton Jones
Woodburn Farm
Airdrie Stud
Airdrie: Gratz Place and Home Place

Captain and Mrs. Richard Kane
Horseshoe Bend Farm*

Alice Carneal Kinkadee
Braestone Farm*

Lyster Real Estate Company, LLC
Ashview Farm

Dorothy and William Mathews V
Hanlen Farm*

Newtownanner Stud Farm
Newtownanner Stud Farm

Linda Skardon Pavey
Hermitage Hill Farm

Dr. Gary and Kathy Priest
Woodspring Farm

Lynn Pruett and James Mansfield
Four Hills Farm

Randle Properties, LLC
Ashley House Farm*

Allison and Danny Richardson
Buckhead Farm

Suzi Shoemaker
Lantern Hill Farm

Sue Van Patten and Steve South
Locust Hill Farm

John D. Stuart
High Peak Farms*

Jan and Ben Taylor
Taylor Farm

Andrea and Bernard V. Tew
Chanteclair*

Elaine and Ben Walden
Paul's Mill*

Judy Wells
Shadewell

Dr. and Mrs. Smiser West
Waterford Farm*

Sheryl Wood and Craig Wood
Millwood Springs Farm*

*a conserved property with new ownership

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BLC continues to implement its strategic plan, including convening roundtables with fellow conservation leaders to develop the Kentucky Legacy Land Project (KLLP)—a new initiative that will expand BLC's conservation strategy and use data-driven scientific land analysis to help guide future conservation efforts.

BLC expanded its staff to implement the next phase of the organization's strategic plan while celebrating its 30th anniversary through innovative fundraising campaigns and community-minded initiatives, including the relaunch of Friends of BLC.

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BLC began working through the federal program and gained support from the Kentucky General Assembly to help expand operations to bring the federal dollars to Kentucky landowners. This once in a generation program is expected to conserve more than 20,000 acres of land.

First non-profit Land Trust in Kentucky to procure funds for landowners through the Federal NRCS easement program. Since this time, BLC has brought more than \$6.4 million in federal dollars and \$12.8 million in conservation value to Kentucky farm owners.

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BLC merges with Limestone Land Trust to create the largest regional land trust in Kentucky. The merger combines years of experience and expertise in Central Kentucky with the long-time passion, vision, and need for conservation in the Louisville Region.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission recognizes BLC as a land trust meeting the highest national standards for excellence and conservation permanence, naming BLC as the first nationally-accredited land trust in Kentucky.

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BLC becomes the first non-profit Land Trust in Kentucky to directly conserve more than 10,000 acres of farmland and natural lands. This milestone sets the stage for continued increases to the pace of conservation.

BLC establishes the Fayette County Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program, which will receive local funding to conserve farmland, eventually resulting in more than 31,000 acres of land in Fayette County to date.

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The first conservation easement is completed by BLC. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson protected their 190-acre historic farm, The Judge Place, in Jessamine County, setting the stage for a new age of land conservation in the Bluegrass.

In 1995, Bluegrass Land Conservancy (BLC) is formed by a group of landowners concerned with the rapid, sprawling growth happening in the central Bluegrass region. Their vision continues today through our direct mission to land conservation.

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>CONSERVATION PARTNER \$25,000+

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Ashford Stud
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Justice Real Estate, Inc.
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Matthew Carter Interiors
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Woodford Reserve

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The Henry Laird Smith Foundation
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Dr. Robert Worthing and Mrs. Kaylan Turner

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Mrs. Margaret Lindsey
Mrs. Amy Lucas
Mr. Richard Mandella
Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Martin
Ms. Kristi Martin
Dr. Mavin Martin and Mr. Neil Mellen
Mr. Keith Mason
Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. May
Mr. John S. L. Morgan and Ms. Linda A. Carroll
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Mr. and Mrs. Billy Otter
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob D. Owens
Mr. and Mrs. John Penn
Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pride
Mr. Andre F. Regard
Mr. and Mrs. David Richardson
Dr. and Mrs. Earl G. Robbins
Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Roggenkamp
Ms. Mary F. Rounsavall
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rouse
Ms. Jennifer Shah
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Speckert
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Ms. Melanie Van Houten
Ms. Gay Haggin VanMeter
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Werner
Mr. J.R. Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. Paula Worthing
Ms. Lynn Yelton
Ms. Julia C. Young
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Young

>PRESERVATIONIST \$100+

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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Ausbrook
Ms. Joan B. Austin
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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Barnett
Mr. Roger Bean
Dr. and Mrs. Bryan Boone
Ms. Laura Burg
Ms. Lisa Carey
Mr. Jon Carlotfis
Mr. Tom Cheek and Ms. Fran Taylor
Mr. Gavin Colton
Ms. Patricia Courtney
Ms. Nash Cox
Mrs. Jessi Craft
Ms. Tracy Crum
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dale
Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Dearborn
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FEATURING PHOTOGRAPHS FROM APRIL 16 AT FASIG-TIPTON IN FAYETTE COUNTY.
The Annual Farmland Conservation Celebration and Auction raised more than \$275,000.

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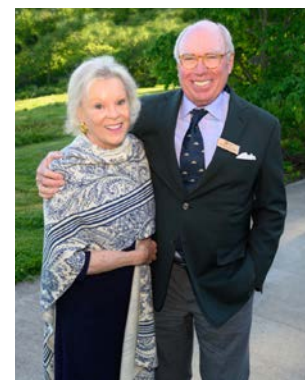
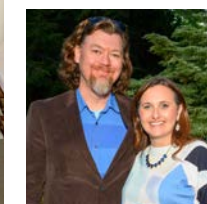
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FEATURING PHOTOGRAPHS FROM MAY 7 AT YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS IN OLDHAM COUNTY.
Robert Clay was awarded The Kentucky Conservationist Lifetime Achievement Award, featured left with Blythe Baldwin
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KLLP 2026 MILESTONE



The KLLP mission is to create a comprehensive, data-driven framework that reflects Kentucky's diverse landscapes and conservation priorities.

Bluegrass Land Conservancy is expanding efforts statewide. The Kentucky Legacy Land Project (KLLP) is an ambitious initiative designed to shape the future of conservation across the Commonwealth.

By bringing together data, expertise, and regional priorities, the project will result in a tool for impactful conservation.

A major milestone in the project took place in 2026, when BLC convened three regional roundtable discussions across Northern, Eastern, and Western Kentucky.

Land trusts along with conservation professionals, agricultural leaders, and other experts came together to identify challenges, share insights and help establish priorities unique to their diverse regions.

The goal is to identify and prioritize the lands that matter most while also assessing areas facing the greatest risk of loss.

The final result will be a publicly accessible mapping and planning resource designed to help land trusts, communities, policymakers, and conservation partners make strategic and well-informed conservation decisions.

Through the Kentucky Legacy Land Project, Bluegrass Land Conservancy is building a collaborative and connected approach to conservation—one that will help protect Kentucky's farms, forests, waterways, wildlife habitats and culturally significant landscapes for generations to come.

Team KLLP, left to right: Emmanuel Fields with BLC, Matt Stevenson with CORE GIS, Lee Bard and Rosalind Streeter with BLC.

BOURBON FOR THE BLUEGRASS: CONSERVATION COCKTAILS



Every September, Kentucky enjoys Bourbon Heritage Month.

In 2026, Bluegrass Land Conservancy joined in the celebration with the First Annual *Bourbon for the Bluegrass: Conservation Cocktails* campaign.

As every Kentuckian knows, great bourbon starts from the ground up. It is shaped by the fertile soil the corn is grown in, limestone-filtered water, white oak barrels, and the landscape that makes it all possible.

Throughout the month participating bars, restaurants, and distilleries helped raise a glass to the Bluegrass while supporting land conservation through the promotion of featured cocktails.

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BISTRO LE RELAIS / Jefferson County
BOONEDOGS BAR & RESTAURANT / Fayette County
CAMEL CLUB / Fayette County
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JACK FRY'S / Jefferson County
MILETA RESTAURANT / Fayette County
OAK & EMBER AT THE TRAIL HOTEL / Nelson County
PROVA SPIRITS / Jefferson County
THE VOID SAKE CO. / Fayette County

We're grateful to our partners. In addition to building recognition statewide, for every cocktail sold \$1 was given to support the mission of BLC.



FRIENDS OF BLUEGRASS LAND CONSERVANCY



In 2026, BLC proudly re-launched *Friends of BLC*, creating unique opportunities for young Kentuckians and like-minded individuals to connect and advocate for land conservation. This growing community believes in protecting landscapes of Kentucky. Through social gatherings, educational programs, and volunteer opportunities, members play an active role in supporting the mission of BLC while building meaningful connections with fellow conservation advocates.

Keeneland Eve event at the Camel Club in Lexington on September 30th

WE WELCOME YOU TO MAKE A NEW FRIEND

GET INVOLVED TO PROTECT ALL THAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT KENTUCKY

Join BLC's advocate group for young adults who are passionate about the conservation of our land to sustain our identity, economy, and quality of life. This group raises awareness and support for BLC through fun, purpose-driven events throughout the year. Reach out: Development@BluegrassConservancy.org



Bluegrass for the Bluegrass concert event held at BLC-protected Stone Farm on July 11th

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SPONSOR HIGHLIGHTS



HELEN ALEXANDER
MIDDLEBROOK FARM
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Owned and stewarded by accomplished horsewoman and Bluegrass Land Conservancy Vice Chair Helen Alexander, Middlebrook Farm has built an impressive legacy within Kentucky’s Thoroughbred industry. The farm has produced numerous Grade I stakes winners, including champion Covfefe and Breeders’ Cup Classic winner Bayern.

ICONIC
LANDSCAPES



349
ACRES

“*The Earth is what we all have in common.*”
– Wendell Berry

Middlebrook Farm also serves as a powerful example of conservation in action. In partnership with BLC, Helen permanently protected the farm’s 349 acres through a conservation easement, ensuring the property will remain an intact, working farm for generations to come.

Protecting farmland is essential to preserving Kentucky’s equine heritage. The fertile soils, open pastures, and carefully-managed landscapes of the Bluegrass provide the foundation for raising world-class Thoroughbreds while supporting the state’s agricultural economy.



That commitment to stewardship closely reflects Bluegrass Land Conservancy’s mission to protect the farms, forests, and natural spaces that define Kentucky’s landscape and heritage.

Bluegrass Land Conservancy is enormously grateful for Summer Wind Farm’s continued support and investment in conserving the land that makes the Bluegrass region so special.

Under the leadership of renowned breeder Jane Lyon, Summer Wind Farm has earned a national reputation for breeding and raising exceptional Thoroughbreds, including Flightline, one of the most celebrated racehorses in recent history.

But the farm’s success extends beyond the racetrack. Like many of Kentucky’s premier horse farms, Summer Wind understands that healthy horses begin with healthy land. The Bluegrass region’s rich soils, rolling pastures, and carefully managed landscapes provide the foundation for generations of world-class Thoroughbreds.

JANE LYON
SUMMER
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LANDOWNER FEATURES



SUSAN PERKINS
HARDTIMES FARM
NELSON COUNTY



For Susan Perkins, protecting her farm means more than preserving a beautiful piece of land — it’s about sharing it, caring for it, and making sure it remains part of Kentucky’s future.

“My husband loved the land, and I love the land, and I don’t ever want to see it changed,” Susan says. Through a conservation easement with BLC, Hard Times Farm will remain protected. Always.

WORKING
FAMILY FARM



260 ACRES

“Look at all this land. It matters. It all matters. When it’s too late, people are gonna want to do something about it. Well, we need to do something now.”
– Susan Perkins

Susan’s story is also a reminder that conservation is for everyone. Protecting land isn’t reserved for the wealthy or for large farms and estates—it begins with people who care deeply about the places they call home and want to see them endure for generations to come.

That love of the land has always included sharing it with others. “We’ve always been generous with people that like to hunt and fish,” she explains. “I always tell people, bring your kids to the river—it’s wonderful for kids.” For Susan, conservation means keeping those experiences possible. “We try to share as much as we can with other people, and that’s the way we want it to stay.”

ANASTASIA CURWOOD
CAROL SKRICKI
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WOODFORD COUNTY

WILDLIFE
HABITAT



101
ACRES



As second-generation owners of a farm conserved by BLC, Anastasia Curwood, Carol Skricki, and Karen Isberg take pride knowing that they are carrying forward an important commitment for the Bluegrass region of Kentucky.

For Carol, the opportunity to steward Bay Stone Farm is deeply personal: “It’s kind of a dream come true to have a place like this.”

Anastasia sees the land as an active partner in that work. “The land has become a friend and a partner in trying to preserve a little corner of farmland and also to support a little corner of the earth.”

Karen firmly believes “Our time on this earth is brief and it is our responsibility to keep this beautiful land healthy and protected for generations to come.”

As the next generation, the trio are restoring habitat by removing invasive species and allowing portions of the pastures to re-wild. Their approach reflects and respects what conservation is truly about — not solely protecting land from development, but also caring for it over time making the land more resilient while allowing it to heal and flourish.





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ASHBOURNE FARM

{ In 2024, a 46-acre portion of Ashbourne Farms in Oldham County
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