



Resilient Landscapes Initiative Completed Projects December 2016 - September 2017

From providing natural land buffers to protect communities in the wake of severe storms to providing a safe haven for wildlife in a changing world, land conservation plays a critical role in responding to climate change. OSI's [Resilient Landscapes Initiative](#) awards grants to local land trusts and partners to protect vital habitat; and since 2012 has protected more than 22,000 acres. Our most recent success totals 5,100 acres in landscapes from New England to the Southeast.

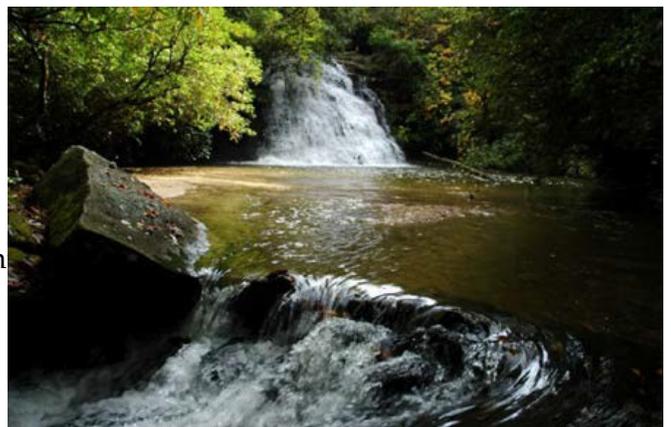
Harvey Forest ~ Rockingham County, NH *Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire*

The Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire acquired a conservation easement on 1,114 forested acres in the southeast corner of New Hampshire. 80% of the property lies over moderately calcareous geology and is ranked as above-average for resilience and complexity. The parcel, located in a rapidly developing region, is part of 4,700-acre forest block. OSI awarded \$200,000 towards the purchase price of \$2,830,000.



Headwaters State Forest ~ Transylvania County, NC *The Conservation Fund*

The Conservation Fund (TCF) worked with the state of North Carolina to conserve 1,540 acres as part of a larger effort over the past 5 years to protect what was then the largest single tract (8,000 acres) in the Southern Blue Ridge. The property scores high for resilience, a significant portion is also above-average for complexity, and it is adjacent to over 100,000 acres of contiguous protected lands. The Conservation Fund received an award of \$200,000 towards a \$9,237,840 purchase price.



Lost Lake Longleaf Preserve ~ Montgomery County, NC *LandTrust for Central North Carolina*

The LandTrust worked with the State of North Carolina to acquire an easement on 105 acres surrounded on three sides by the Uwharrie National Forest. Almost half of the property scores above-average for resilience, and 100% on an under-represented setting. This project received an OSI grant of \$48,928 the purchase price of \$285,600.



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The Narrows ~ Franklin County, TN

The Nature Conservancy

Southeast Resilient Landscapes & Southern Cumberland Land Protection Funds

TNC purchased the 1,350-acre Narrows property that has been incorporated into Tennessee's Bear Hollow Mountain Wildlife Management Area. The Narrows is adjacent to TNC's existing 1,012-acre Pumplog Hollow Preserve. 100% of the Narrows property ranked above-average for overall resilience, connectedness, and met funding criteria for two OSI grant funds. TNC was awarded \$109,255 from the Southern Cumberland Land Protection Fund and \$193,390 from the Southeast Resilient Landscapes Fund toward the \$1,522,615 purchase price.



Catawba Headwaters ~ McDowell County, NC

Foothills Conservancy

The Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina acquired 523 acres of land adjacent to and surrounded by the Pisgah National Forest and other privately conserved lands. The properties, which are highly resilient and complex, are now owned and managed by the Foothills Conservancy as part of its Catawba Preserve. For the acquisition, Foothills received \$155,000 grant toward the \$1,582,700 purchase price.



Barnes Creek Headwaters ~ Montgomery County, TN

The LandTrust for Central North Carolina

The LandTrust for Central North Carolina purchased an easement on 182 acres within the headwaters of Barnes Creek, a tributary of the Pee Dee River. The land lies in the northern portion of OSI's Greater Pee Dee Focus Area and is close to the Uwharrie National Forest. The project has a highly resilient ranking of above-average for resilience, connectedness, and complexity. North Carolina's Clean Water Management Trust Fund now holds an easement on the riparian areas, and the LandTrust holds a working forest easement on the remainder. The LandTrust received a \$62,000 grant toward the \$432,132 purchase price.



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Ames Hill Headwaters ~ Windham County, VT

Vermont Land Trust

Vermont Land Trust (VLT) partnered with the Ames Hill-Marlborough Community Center to acquire and protect 207 acres adjacent to almost 500 acres of conserved land. The property has slightly above-average resilience, with above average landscape diversity and a small area of an under-represented setting. The land includes a high-value wetland complex. The Center now owns the land for passive recreation and habitat protection, subject to a VLT held conservation easement. OSI awarded a \$36,000 grant towards a purchase price of \$205,000.



Horse Mountain ~ Hatfield & Williamsburg, MA

Kestrel Land Trust

The Kestrel Land Trust worked with two Connecticut River Valley towns to conserve 128 acres of upland forest that contain the peak and ridgeline of Horse Mountain. This property includes good landscape diversity, ranking above-average for resilience and complexity, and supporting far ranging mammals such as moose and bobcat, as well as salamander species of state concern. The town of Williamsburg now owns 34 acres and Hatfield acquired the remaining 94 acres, subject to a conservation restriction held by Kestrel Land Trust. The project was awarded a \$40,300 grant towards a \$230,000 price tag.



Fogg Woodlands ~ Otisfield, Oxford County, ME

Western Foothills Land Trust

Western Foothills Land Trust (WFLT) has conserved 74 acres on the Crooked River in southwestern Maine. This project builds on previous OSI supported efforts within the Crooked River watershed, the largest source of clean water for Sebago Lake, Portland's drinking water supply. This land is a diverse landscape and connects to large undeveloped areas. A significant portion of the site overlies low-lying silt, clay, and loam along the river corridor, all under-represented settings important to wildlife. WFLT now owns the land and will manage it for passive recreation, habitat protection and sustainable forest management. WFLT received a \$17,500 grant award towards a \$68,000 purchase price.

