

ATHENS CONSERVANCY

Celebrating Appalachian Ohio

The spectacular lands of Southeastern Ohio are the essence of Athens Conservancy's mission. The breathtaking Appalachian foothills and deep hardwood forests, the beautiful vistas and bountiful wildlife inspire us all as humans and feed our souls. They are the reasons we strive to protect the natural places around us.



Athens Conservancy is a non-profit land trust that helps protect and preserve natural lands, maintain healthy ecosystems, preserve water quality, protect biodiversity, and nurture natural habitats. The lands the Conservancy protects in Athens County and surrounding areas encompass nearly 2,900 acres, with more than 1,800 acres open to the public to explore.

We invite the community and visitors to explore our preserves, whether it's for hiking, running, meandering, bird-watching ... or simply moseying around in nature.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We're grateful for our community of supporters and friends, volunteers and all of you environmental advocates. There are many ways you can help support our work, and protect and preserve the spectacular lands in Southeast Ohio.

One-time or recurring monetary gifts help fund our mission, and may be directed for specific uses, including land acquisition, land management, general support, and more.

Many other ways to give exist, too. You might consider making a charitable gift part of your retirement or estate planning. Possibilities include bequests, charitable trusts, stock transfers, and other options. Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA is a tax-wise way to satisfy your required minimum distribution.

Land owners may want to consider a gift of land, or creating a conservation easement.

In-kind gifts are welcome, too. Donating tools you no longer use – such as mattocks, weed trimmers, pruning shears, loppers, saws, or fire rakes – can help us care for the land and trails.

Visit: athensconservancy.org/donate for more information. Or contact Victoria at victoria@athensconservancy.org.



Our **HEALTHY FOREST FUND** centers on efforts to tend the land, maintain trails, control invasive species, and nurture wildlife. Your support helps care for the special spaces that are home for the trees and wildflowers, the furry and feathered friends ... and even the slithering and crawly ones. Give today!

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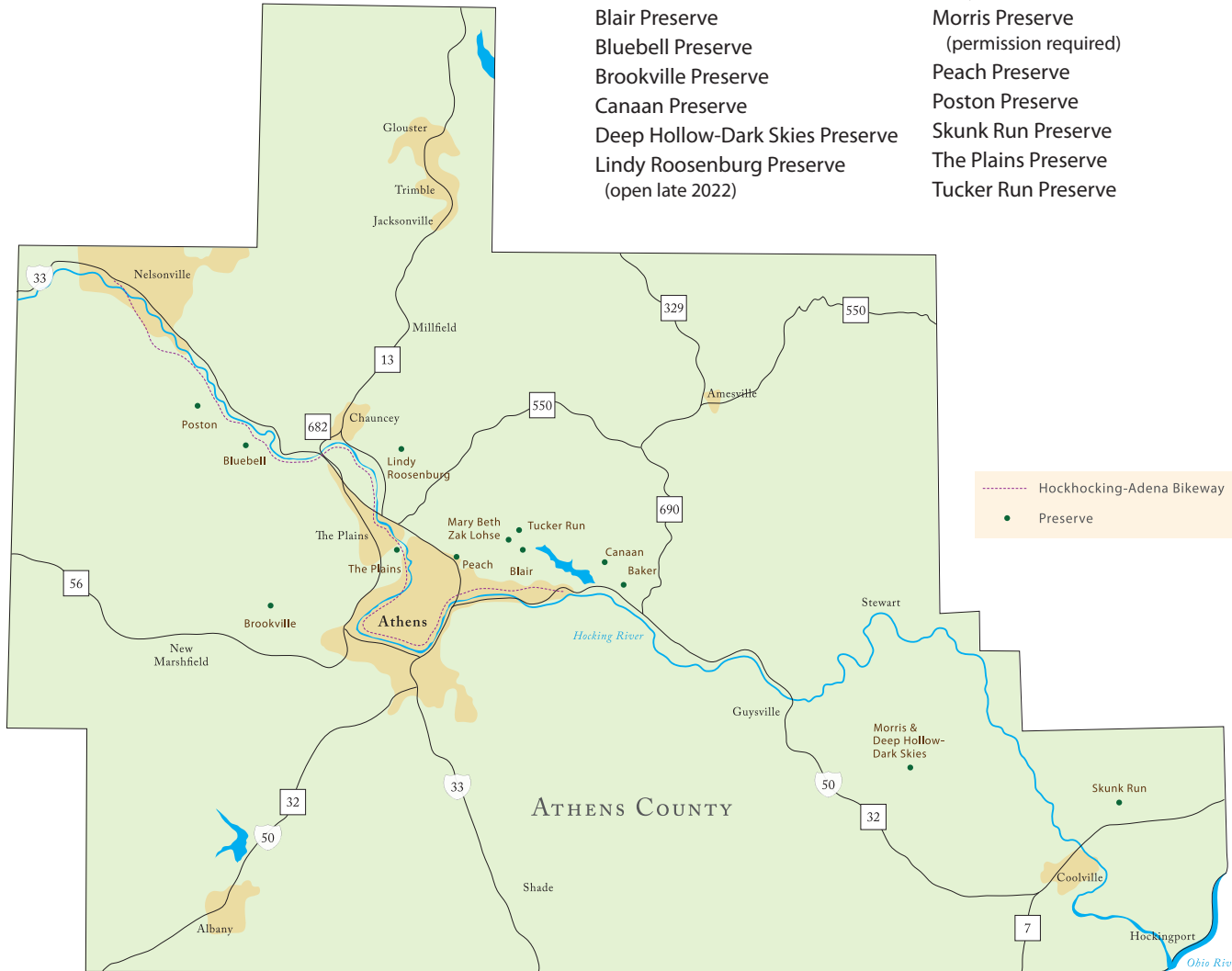
protecting special spaces and wild places



ATHENS CONSERVANCY PRESERVES:

Baker Preserve
 Blair Preserve
 Bluebell Preserve
 Brookville Preserve
 Canaan Preserve
 Deep Hollow-Dark Skies Preserve
 Lindy Roosenburg Preserve
 (open late 2022)

Mary Beth Zak Lohse Preserve
 Morris Preserve
 (permission required)
 Peach Preserve
 Poston Preserve
 Skunk Run Preserve
 The Plains Preserve
 Tucker Run Preserve



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Athens Conservancy began with a 2003 effort to rescue a beautiful stand of old forest – well known to local naturalists – that had been purchased by a lumber company. That forest is now the breathtaking and rugged Hawk Woods, part of the Riddle State Nature Preserve. Today, the Conservancy owns and manages 14 nature preserves, 10 conservation easements, and a portion of the Athens-Belpre Rail Trail.



New Preserve! Athens Conservancy has established the Lindy Roosenburg Preserve – an exceptional property with mature forests, scenic rock formations, and an abundance of wildflowers and wildlife – just north of Athens. The nearly-71 acres were purchased through a fund established by Selinde’s parents, in memory of the aspiring wildland firefighter, and public donations.

Two new trails opened in 2022. The John Knouse Trail, built in honor of the Conservancy’s founder, is a two-mile forested trail that crosses Canaan Preserve and is a critical link connecting trail systems of Strouds Run State Park and Baker Preserve. And a whimsical Art Trail opened around the pond at the Mary Beth Preserve.



CONSERVE LAND. NURTURE NATURE. LOVE WILDLIFE.

Your generous support helps Athens Conservancy preserve natural lands, build trails, and keep our forests healthy for plants and animals ... and visitors like you.