



# Space to Grow:

A NEW HOME FOR CONSERVATION  
ON THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FALL LINE

The Nature  
Conservancy 



# A Strong Foundation: The Fundraising Campaign

The Nature Conservancy in Georgia (TNC) is thrilled to announce the completion of our new Chattahoochee Fall Line (CFL) office. This achievement marks a significant milestone in our 30-year history of conservation in the Greater Columbus area, which includes the development of recreational areas for outdoor enthusiasts, critical habitat for wildlife and helping ensure mission-readiness at Fort Moore.

Our fundraising campaign, launched with the support of our dedicated co-chairs and local TNC supporters, set an ambitious goal to fund the construction of a state-of-the-art facility that would allow us to expand our work in the area. For years, TNC staff and volunteers have utilized makeshift facilities that were ill-equipped for the team's needs, spread across the landscape and expensive to maintain.

Thanks to the unwavering commitment of our donors and funds saved from our land management activities, we raised 100% of the necessary funding through private sources. This outpouring of support is a testament to our shared passion for conserving Georgia's unique landscapes and biodiversity.

## Framing the Future: Construction and Design

With a solid financial foundation in place, TNC broke ground on our new office in December 2023. We partnered with Weber Construction, a hometown builder located just a few miles from our project site. This partnership not only ensured quality work but also supported our local economy, with virtually all subcontractors coming from nearby communities.

The design of our new office prioritizes sustainability and functionality, reflecting TNC's commitment to environmental stewardship. Key features include:

- Energy-efficient systems to minimize our carbon footprint
- A shop area with three enclosed bays for vehicles and equipment
- Flexible meeting spaces to foster collaboration with partners and community members
- A Starlink internet system that serves both the new facility and our nearby Crew House

## Raising the Roof: Completion and Move-In

We are delighted to announce that construction of our new 3,750-square-foot building was completed by the end of July 2024, on time and within our proposed \$600,000 budget. The final construction cost came in at \$594,185, a testament to careful planning and management.





Our team has officially moved into the new space, marking the end of our reliance on outdated facilities scattered across the region. The new, centralized location brings efficiency to our operations and provides our staff with the resources they need to expand our conservation impact.



*“This new facility represents countless good things for TNC’s work in the region, and perhaps foremost on that long list will be an increased capacity to strengthen our already deep roots in this community.”*

MIKE HENSLEY

## Opening Doors: Looking to the Future

As we settle into our new home, we’re excited about the opportunities it presents for advancing conservation in the Chattahoochee Fall Line. Our future plans include:

- Hosting community education programs in our new multipurpose room
- Expanding our research capabilities to better understand and protect local ecosystems
- Strengthening partnerships with local landowners, government agencies and conservation groups
- Launching new initiatives to address climate change impacts in the region

We’re also embarking on an ambitious restoration project for the surrounding 1,000-acre Oakland Property. Once cattle pasture dominated by non-native grasses, TNC is transforming this land into a thriving forest ecosystem. In late 2024 or early 2025, we plan to plant more than 180,000 longleaf and shortleaf pine seedlings across 300 acres. When our reforestation project is complete, it will create a 204,000-acre corridor of connected forest in the CFL! We also intend to restore 70 acres with native grasses and wildflowers, which will serve as a future seed source for TNC’s other restoration projects.



## The Cornerstone: Recognizing Our Supporters

This project would not have been possible without the leadership of **our co-chairs Clint Cox, Liz Lampton and Ashley Turner**, and the generosity of our donors. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to:

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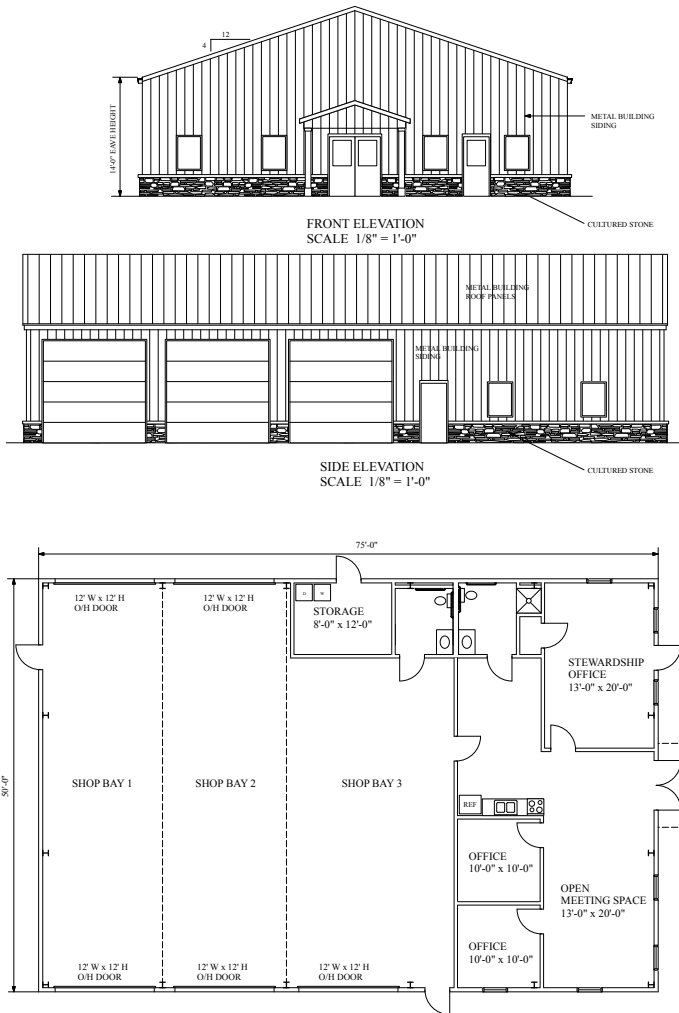
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Ashley and Jack Turner

Your support has constructed more than a building—you've created a hub for conservation that will benefit nature and people in Georgia for generations to come.



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## Building on Success: Join Us in Our Ongoing Mission

The completion of our new Chattahoochee Fall Line office is not an endpoint, but a beginning. As we look to the future, we have plans to enhance the property with:

- The necessary tools, office equipment and supplies to fully outfit our new workspace
- An additional pole barn to house larger stewardship equipment, such as tractors, trailers and a skid-steer tracked vehicle
- A 300-acre tree planting project and a 70-acre ground cover restoration project on the Oakland property

Over the last 20 years, TNC has protected 35,000 acres of ecologically significant land, and in the last five years we've planted 425,000 trees and engaged and educated more than 3,000 people through local outreach and events in the Greater Columbus area. We invite you to continue supporting our work in this region and across Georgia. Whether through financial contributions, volunteering or spreading the word about the importance of conservation, your involvement is crucial to our long-term success.

Together, we can ensure that Georgia's diverse ecosystems thrive with resilient landscapes and a sustainable future for all who call this beautiful state home.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. We look forward to welcoming you to our new space and sharing the impact of your support.