



Aiken Land Conservancy

Conservation Easement Process

- Step One:** Landowner contact initiated.
- Step Two:** Preliminary site visit by ALC representatives; discussion of landowner's conservation goals and available conservation tools.
- Step Three:** ALC preparation of preliminary conservation plan (2-4 weeks).
- Step Four:** Landowner review of conservation plan; discussions with advisors (family members, attorney, accountant, etc.).
- Step Five:** Landowner signs a letter of understanding to conserve their land.
- Step Six:** Project review by ALC's Land Acquisition Committee, based on project selection criteria; recommendation to Board of Directors to decline or continue with conservation project (2-8 weeks).
- Step Seven:** If approved by the Board of Directors, preparation of draft conservation easement, option to purchase, or other conservation tool; preparation of stewardship and monitoring plan and budget; initiation of fundraising efforts where applicable (2-6 weeks).
- Step Eight:** Initiation of baseline inventory (biological and ecological assessment), boundary survey, and other applicable services (4-8 weeks).
- Step Nine:** Final approval of conservation easement or other legal conservation tool by landowners' advisors, ALC Board of Directors, and ALC advisors (1-2 months).
- Step Ten:** Conservation easement or other legal documents are signed by parties and recorded with county.
- Step Eleven:** Press announcements made (as determined by landowner).
- Step Twelve:** ALC assumes responsibility for monitoring the property.

This outline represents the ideal scenario. As each property and landowner may have different needs and goals, not all conservation projects will follow this outline.

To learn more about protecting your land with a conservation easement, contact us at:

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