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Upstate Forever Protects Pauline Creek Farms

Spartanburg County Farmland Preserved by McClures

(Spartanburg, SC) – Upstate Forever has partnered with landowners Don and Kay McClure to protect Pauline Creek Farms, a 241-acre parcel in Pauline. The tract is primarily forested, but also includes open fields, wildlife food plots, trails, and a garden. Pauline Creek, a tributary to Fairforest Creek, flows through the property.

“Pauline is truly one of our region’s most beautiful and special areas,” said Don McClure. “Kay and I wanted to do our part in protecting it. We hope some of the other landowners in the area will do the same.”

The property is located in an area of the county possessing high conservation values, as determined by a 2009 Upstate Forever study, “A Special Places Inventory of Spartanburg County.” In addition, the Spartanburg County Preliminary Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2015 categorizes the property as “Rural and Rural Residential,” where rural characteristics and resources should be conserved.

The tract is now permanently protected by a conservation agreement. A voluntary contract between a landowner and a qualified land trust, a conservation agreement retains private ownership for the landowner, who relinquishes some or all of the rights to develop a property. Upstate Forever's Land Trust Program now partners with the owners of 84 properties across the Upstate region to protect a total of 16,282 acres through conservation agreements.

Upstate Forever is a nonprofit, membership-based organization promoting sensible growth and the protection of special places in the Upstate region of South Carolina. Our three program areas are Land Trust, Sustainable Communities, and Clean Air and Water. Founded in 1998, Upstate

Forever now has over 1,800 members, two offices, and a staff of 17. For more information, see www.upstateforever.org.

A photo of the protected property is attached.