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Upstate Forever protects 240-acre tract

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[Upstate Forever \(http://www.upstateforever.org\)](http://www.upstateforever.org) 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.

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