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Upstate Forever grew \$18,000 richer this week after a fundraiser at the newly opened Whole Foods store on Woodruff Road.

The store gave all of the proceeds from the event to the organization that manages a land trust program for 27 conservation easements on 5,000 acres in the Upstate.

The conservation group is in the midst of a \$1.2 million capital campaign to increase the number of properties protected and to buy and renovate the organization's headquarters in the Pettigru district near downtown Greenville.

