



Allegheny Land Trust preserves an additional 12 acres in the Chartiers Creek Watershed

South Fayette & Upper St. Clair Townships, PA. October 3, 2011 – Allegheny Land Trust (ALT) has successfully conserved an additional 12 acres that extends the greenway along Chartiers Creek. The acquisition was made possible thanks to the efforts of the USC Citizens for Land Stewardship (CLS) and the strong response to ALT’s board sponsored matching challenge, which in conjunction with a private donation raised the \$10,000 necessary for the long-term maintenance and stewardship of the property. Annette Shimer, President of USC Citizens for Land Stewardship, says “CLS is pleased that the community’s fundraising efforts contributed to the successful acquisition of this valuable land in the Chartiers Creek Watershed. Our members understand that maintenance and stewardship are crucial to the long term upkeep of this property.”

The preserved area lies on both sides of Chartiers Creek and is of interest to the land trust primarily because of the stream frontage and forested floodplain habitat. This land serves as an overflow area at times of high water and as a riparian buffer that helps filter runoff into Chartiers Creek. It is also near to ALT’s Wingfield Pines Conservation Area and may provide an upstream access point.

Roy Kraynyk, Executive Director of Allegheny Land Trust says, "We have been able to work with CLS to accomplish great things together in the Chartiers Creek Watershed. Strong partnerships like this enable ALT to leverage support for land conservation. We look forward to collaborating with CLS in the future as we continue our efforts to conserve high-quality land along Chartiers Creek.”

Allegheny Land Trust has protected 1,500 acres in 22 municipalities since incorporating in 1993. The mission of Allegheny Land Trust is to help local people save local land that contributes to the scenic, recreational, educational and environmental well being of our communities. To learn more about Allegheny Land Trust visit www.alleghenylantrust.org or call 412-741-2750.

The USC Citizens for Land Stewardship is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of land within the Township of Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania. Founded in 1997 in response to growing concern about the future of a prime diverse natural area within the Township, CLS members share an appreciation of the benefits of open space and natural areas. To learn more about USC Citizens for Land Stewardship visit www.usccls.org.