

CHAIRMAN & PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With our impact on natural resources, scientific research and conservation, Tall Timbers had one of its most productive years in 2021. Our ability to influence others comes from demonstrating successful land management through long-term applied research and land conservation efforts. The most rewarding part of our work is when our messages on exemplary forest stewardship and frequent fire inspire people to apply these tools in their locales.

For instance, at a recent international fire conference, people discussed how they applied what they learned at Tall Timbers to manage forests with fire across Europe. Nationally, we have helped develop fire policies and management using ideas that guide fire practitioners in Florida and Georgia. Similarly, bobwhite and other wildlife restoration projects are occurring on

sites across the southeastern U.S. led by Tall Timbers. For all of Tall Timbers' history, we have used our scientific and practical knowledge to effect change. We in turn learn lessons from these experiences that help to refine our methods and management. This knowledge is then more valuable to a larger network of people.

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Our board and staff work tirelessly to fulfill our mission of expanding exemplary land stewardship. As a nation, we cannot escape the lack of fire use in the past, we can only manage it now and in the future. That is why we guide and support efforts for forest management and reintroduction of prescribed fire. The long-term benefits to recreation, biodiversity, and human health from restoring a purposeful fire regime will be enormous. It's a long game, but one we in the Red Hills and Albany regions, have been playing successfully for over 100 years.

We couldn't do what we do without the foundation built from our supporters, both in terms of funding and applying exemplary land stewardship to your lands. Thanks to you, our programs are stronger than ever and our important messages are being heard-and applied-by more people than ever. Thank you for your support.



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Mission

The mission of Tall Timbers is to foster exemplary land stewardship (ELS) through research, conservation and education. Our primary research focus is the ecology of fire and natural resource management including bobwhite quail and other wildlife in the southeastern coastal plain. Our conservation efforts are dedicated to helping protect the distinctive Red Hills landscape of south Georgia and north Florida, and its traditional land uses. Our education program transfers research and conservation information for resource management.

ON THE COVER

Bobwhite struts through a recently burned landscape. Herbert L. Stoddard, Sr. stated, "Controlled burning is the most importan factor in keeping the ground cover in the best possible condition for quail and quail hunting."

Photo by Justin Rectenwald.

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Fire Science Technician Hannah Redford retrieves data from drone.



RESEARCH Where Science Meets Management

In 2021, Tall Timbers continued to regain its position as a national and international leader in the ecology and management of fire-prone ecosystems. We were frequent media and Congressional contacts regarding prescribed fire and its role across the US.

Our research on bobwhite quail locally and in new locations continues to lead national efforts on restoration of this important species. Work on rare birds in the fire-prone ecosystems of the Red Hills and Big Bend regions continues to inform land management.

Our fire research utilizing our decades-long experiments forms the foundation of understanding how exemplary land stewardship protects species, prevents wildfires, and promotes a vibrant local economy.

EXPANDING BOBWHITE QUAIL POPULATIONS

Tall Timbers continues to be the leader in bobwhite quail research and application. In addition to the decades of research at Tall Timbers and across the Red Hills and Albany regions, the Game Bird Program began its **Western Pineywoods Quail Program** in 2021. The program is focused on research to understand the unique ecological conditions in east Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and how management can restore and increase quail populations.

A major focus has been on retranslocation of quail to bolster populations where habitat quality is in place and to restore habitats elsewhere to reinvigorate remnant populations. The program and our work in other quail expansion regions of South Carolina, Alabama, and central Florida all borrow from the decades of success in the Red Hills and the Stoddard legacy.

NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING AT TALL TIMBERS

In January, the National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center (NIPFTC) moved to Tall Timbers' campus. The staff, representing federal agencies that use prescribed fire, serve to train the nation's prescribed fire practitioners using the diversity of management on the lands of the southeast. PFTC hosts federal agency fire personnel from across the US, leveraging our natural laboratory, as well as the science and management expertise of Tall Timbers staff. The primary training — 20-day sessions — all begin at Tall Timbers, and then the participants tour the region burning and learning from the nation's leading managers and organizations on how to export the prescribed fire model to their lands. NIPFTC's



Photo Courtesy of the National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center

presence at Tall Timbers has been a major shot in the arm for our long investment in fire training, and also our new modeling work that promises to escalate fire training and application to meet the national needs for more prescribed fire.

ADVANCING FIRE SCIENCE TOOLS FOR MANAGERS

A major fire science thrust has been the adoption of new technologies to improve the prediction and modeling of fire behavior and the ecological effects of fire. Tall Timbers has been partnering with USGS and the USFS in the use of LiDAR to better characterize vegetation that serves as fuel for prescribed fires and wildfires, as well as habitat for important plant and animal species. These fuels data are then linked to fire behavior models like QUIC-Fire, developed with the Los Alamos National Laboratory, University of California San Diego, and USDA Forest Service Research and Development, to predict how fires spread, how intense those fires will be, and how conditions affect ecological outcomes. These advanced applications offer promise nationally as decision support and planning tools for fire managers, in addition to offering new training opportunities through simulations and ultimately virtual reality. The adoption of these tools for advanced training will be a key aspect of the Leigh Perkins Conservation Education Center and our collaboration with the National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center.



UNDERSTANDING AND RECOVERING RARE ANIMALS

The **Stoddard Bird Lab** continued long-term work with rare and declining birds in the Red Hills region and their studies continued on other imperiled species. They led research that discovered the magnitude of success from the reintroduced Red-cockaded Woodpeckers at Tall Timbers, and continue monitoring birds and cavities at Livingston Place.

Their work with the cooperative breeding Brown-headed Nuthatch continued locally, as well as supporting reintroductions to national forests in Missouri. The Lab used novel autonomous recording devices to detect the threatened Black Rail, an elusive bird found in coastal marshes of the Big Bend region continued. Their work on rare butterflies has extended to restoration efforts in north Florida and south Georgia.

LESSONS FROM LONG-TERM FIRE RESEARCH

The **Fire Ecology Lab** continues to learn from long-term experiments that serve as models for fire-prone ecosystems in the region and around the world. They published the latest in a paper on the tree dynamics in response to 1, 2, 3, and 4-year burn return intervals, and unburned conditions in the Stoddard Plots. In addition to these and the 40+ year-long studies with Beadel Fellow Dr. Bill Platt on the Wade Tract and Woodyard Hammock, two new long-term studies were initiated in 2021.



In 2021, the Fire Ecology Lab worked with Tall Timbers' Land Management and Administration staff to set up long-term research plots to burn in winter, spring, summer, and fall to more closely study seasonal effects of fire. Above, University of Florida Master's student Emma Zeitler sets up a trail cam to monitor deer browse following a fall prescribed fire. Her research is in the new season of fire burn plots that have attracted considerable collaboration opportunities.

The first, based at the shortleaf pine-oak-hickory area at Tall Timbers, known as the Scrub Course, is collaborative across Research. Scientists are studying the dynamics of this rare Red Hills ecosystem and how fire controls understory plants, how trees survive, and how vertebrates and invertebrates respond to these changes.

A new season-of-burn study at Anders North on the property is a collaboration between plant and animal ecologists to understand the differences in responses to contrasting seasons of prescribed fire. These long-term and new studies emphasize how Tall Timbers' programs are responsive to the changing needs of managers and the discoveries of scientists.

RESEARCH

BY THE NUMBERS:

- » During 2021, Tall Timbers scientists published more than 50 papers in top professional journals including Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, BioScience, Nature Ecology & Evolution, Ecosystems, Oecologia, Journal of Wildlife Management, Journal of Mammalogy, Journal of Forestry, The Wilson Journal of Ornithology, Global Change Biology, and several book chapters.
- » Awarded more than \$6 million in research funding from a diversity of public and private sources to support our critical research.
- » Kevin Robertson, Eric Staller, and colleagues published forest composition results in the Stoddard Plots, a fire frequency study established at Tall Timbers' founding.
- » Jim Cox and Stoddard Lab colleagues published work on cooperative breeding behavior of reintroduced Brown-headed Nuthatches in south Florida.

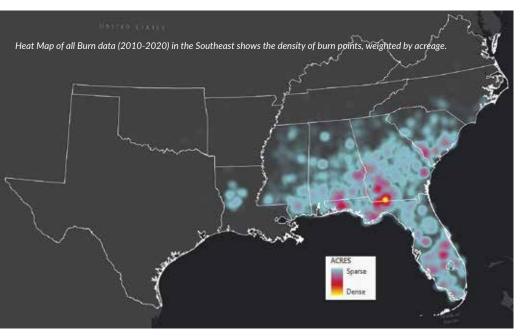




Side of an excavated wiregrass tussock showing the individual ramets growing outward.

- » Kevin Robertson and a Tall Timbers intern published results of a 37-year study on transplanted wiregrass and its slow recolonization on the property.
- » Morgan Varner, NASA, and Forest Service Research and Development colleagues published the first paper on the declines in Southeastern prescribed fire due to COVID-19 lockdowns.
- » Justin Rectenwald and Clay Sisson published findings of raptor predation on northern bobwhite, showing strong influences during quail breeding and during raptor migration.
- » Kevin Robertson and colleagues from across the US published a paper on determining fire severity using remote sensing.
- » Rob Meyer and Jim Cox published results of translocated Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers constructing new cavities.
- » Joe Noble and Kevin Hiers published a paper on using remote sensing to detect fires across Florida.
- » Kevin Hiers served as Chair of the Georgia Prescribed Fire Council. Staff serve in leadership roles on Fire Councils in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama.
- » Morgan Varner, Tim Shearman, Kevin Hiers, and colleagues led a paper on the effects of crown scorch on tree survival.

- » Morgan Varner, Kevin Hiers, John McGuire and Bill Palmer led a paper on the potential for "catastrophe funds" to provide insurance for escaped prescribed fires. This paper was fundamental to the adoption of legislation in California and serves as a model across the US.
- » Beadel Fellow Jeff Glitzenstein and Tall Timbers' scientists co-authored three chapters in the new book Fire Ecology and Management: Past, Present, and Future of US Forested Ecosystems.
- » Karen Cummins and Joe Noble began the Southeastern Prescribed Burn Permit Geodatabase project, which has coalesced prescribed fire permit data spanning the last decade from across the Southeast.



» Morgan Varner logged four minutes on the national airwaves when he was interviewed for a National Public Radio story originally run with the headline "To Stop Extreme Wildfires, California is Learning from ... Florida?



- » Clay Sisson and Brian Wiebler developed and launched a new job board service on the Tall Timbers website to help land managers and owners develop and connect with the workforce needed to manage world-class wild quail hunting properties. In it's first year of operation the job board had over 10,000 visits from over 4,500 users.
- » Brian Wiebler, Morgan Varner, and Bill Palmer led a partnership with the Florida Forest Service to help build public support for prescribed fire. 2021 was the second year in the three-year project and over 15 million pro-prescribed fire social media ads were delivered to target audiences throughout Florida."



» Kevin Hiers and Scott Pokswinski, with colleagues across the US, led papers on estimating fuels and biodiversity using LiDAR.

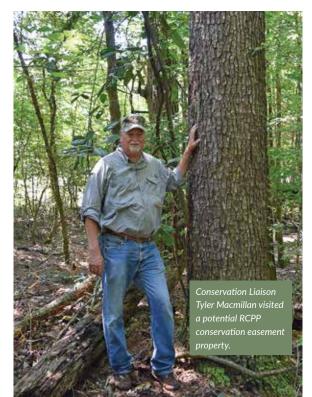
LAND CONSERVANCY



In 2021, our Land Conservancy began implementation of a \$7 million Natural Resources
Conservation Service-funded project to purchase conservation easements and enhance habitat management on private and public lands in the Aucilla and St. Marks River watersheds. The partnership-driven project was awarded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2018 Farm Bill via the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). RCPP partners include Tall Timbers, St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, Suwannee River Water Management District, Apalachee Audubon Society, Aucilla Research Institute, Wakulla Environmental Institute, and numerous private landowners.

At minimum, the five-year project aims to permanently conserve 5,000 acres and encourage exemplary land stewardship on another 15,000 acres through cost-share management activities. Landowners can receive technical and funding assistance for prescribed burning, longleaf pine replanting, invasive exotic plant treatment and other management needs. Public awareness programs and events are also part of the project, in order to increase awareness of the unique role these watersheds play in the natural and economic health of the region.

Peter Kleinhenz is heading the project as Tall Timbers' Partnership Programs Coordinator. Peter has been with Tall Timbers since 2019, strengthening relationships between non-profit and government entities working to conserve the many natural and cultural resources within the watersheds. As lead author for the RCPP grant proposal, Peter stressed the importance of the St. Marks and Aucilla River watersheds containing 116 first, second, and third magnitude springs, with Wakulla Springs being the largest in the world. Both rivers flow through one of the most biodiverse parts of the country. While nearly 30 percent of land in the watersheds is conserved, the threat from urban sprawl and other more intensive land uses remains a major challenge to water resources, wildlife, public recreation, and the Floridan aquifer—the source of drinking water for 10 million residents of Florida and Georgia.





During an initial site visit to identify potential land management practices for funding through the RCPP program, Tall Timbers biologist Rebecca Armstrong (center) evaluates vegetation in a forest opening with landowner Larry Perrin (right) and Florida Forest Service Madison County Forester Zach Butler (left).

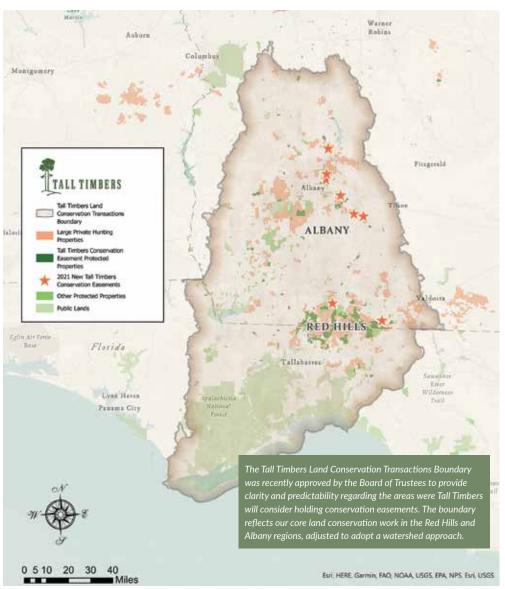
Peter's first task was to hire a project team. Tyler Macmillan, Conservation Programs Liaison, comes to Tall Timbers after a 32-year professional career with the Northwest Florida Water Management District. He has extensive experience working with landowners ranging from small acreage tracts to large working lands. Becc Armstrong, RCPP Field Biologist, has worked as a biological scientist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and was a former park biologist and ranger at Myakka River State Park.

During their first years, Tyler has worked closely with landowners to draft conservation plans and help them through the application process, while Becc has helped to develop procedures related to measuring environmental outcomes and created maps that help both landowners and NRCS staff plan management actions. To date, 21 Florida landowners and 13 Georgia landowners were approved for land management financial assistance. Current projects include 3,252 acres of prescribed burning, 235 acres of longleaf pine planting, 152 acres of invasive plant treatment, and 1,083 acres of forest stand improvement. Additionally, many purchased conservation easements are in the works.



From left to right: Nelson Ball, Becc Armstrong, and Kim Lynn Nguyen conducting site visit on Aucilla River property

TALL TIMBERS LAND CONSERVATION TRANSACTIONS BOUNDARY



LAND CONSERVANCY

Outside of the RCPP grant, the Land Conservation had a busy year with donated conservation easements. Kim Lynn Nguyen was hired to serve as Conservation Biologist for land conservation projects. Kim jumped right into conducting site visits and writing baseline documentation reports. Additional support for conservation easements was provided by intern Aubree Plymale and Conservation Technician Nelson Ball.

In 2021, the Land Conservancy protected eight properties with conservation easements, each in Georgia.

Two conservation easements boast frontage along the Flint River in Lee County. Senah 2021, owned by Benjamin Griffith, III, contains multiple large cypress domes and intact longleaf pine-wiregrass savanna. The easement with Tall Timbers protects 2,221 additional acres beyond an existing easement on the Senah property. Similarly, Margeson Farms North adds land to an adjacent Tall Timbers conservation easement by the Margeson family, protecting sloughs and forested wetlands and providing scenic views for the public from the Flint River.

Bay Branch Farms also shows continued trust in Tall Timbers' stewardship. Chad Gunter's second conservation easement with Tall Timbers, the Lee County property includes mature bottomland hardwood forests and depression pond wetlands, and its upland pines are managed with frequent prescribed fire, supporting tremendous plant and wildlife diversity.

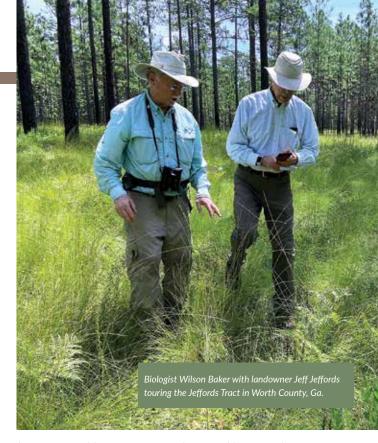
In Worth County, near Sylvester, the Castlerock conservation easement is unique in the quality and diversity of its many natural habitats including mature longleaf pine-wiregrass savannas, sinkholes, and depressional wetlands. Through decades of excellent stewardship and a strong conservation ethic, the Bean family and the manager, Craig Bragg, continue to maintain excellent wild quail populations on their 2,447-acre property while still promoting amazing habitat diversity.

Millenia Farms, another Worth County property, contains a mature longleaf forest and an expansive floodplain along Warrior Creek. The James G. Willard family has worked to restore the habitat for wildlife since 2007.

The Jeffords Tract in southern Worth County has been managed with a conservation philosophy for decades. The scenic viewshed along State Highway 33 is spectacular and a great opportunity for the public to observe one of Georgia's finest multi-aged longleaf pine-wiregrass savannas.

Down in the Red Hills, the Johnson Farms conservation easement in Brooks County joins over 30,000 acres of contiguous conservation lands. The property contains a portion of McMullen Bay, a large forested depressional wetland, which is hydrologically connected to the Aucilla River.

Finally, Rock Springs in the Upper Ochlockonee River watershed in Thomas County has



been owned by Harriet Hawkins and her family since 1970. It contains a spring and a perennial creek in its unique landscape of bottomland hardwood forests, drainages, and mixed pine and hardwood forest along rolling hills.

The Rock Springs conservation easement donation was made possible with the Red Hills Land Conservation Opportunity Fund which assisted with due diligence costs. Tall Timbers created the Opportunity Fund in 2016 to strategically invest in high quality and strategic land conservation projects to protect vital corridors and close the gap between conserved lands in the core Red Hills region.

- » Closed on eight donated conservation easements transactions. Now, 153,372 acres are permanently protected with conservation easements held by Tall Timbers and, along with Tall Timbers and Livingston Place properties (13,062 acres), over 166,000 acres throughout South Georgia and North Florida are conserved.
- » Completed all monitoring visits (123) and reports and assisted with 743 hours of stewardship services.
- » Submitted 18,575-acre Aucilla Corridor and 945acre Foshalee Slough Florida Forever applications for purchased conservation easements to Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
- » Conducted a gopher tortoise population assessment on Four Oaks.
- » Assisted Longleaf Alliance with Longleaf Ecosystem Occurrence project in Thomas County.
- » Hosted feral hog workshop for 40 Red Hills landowners/managers.
- » Successfully led and completed a Cornell Lab of Ornithology grant project in partnership with two other land trusts and four Audubon chapters to document declining bird species on private lands throughout Florida and South Georgia through the use of eBird.
- » Worked with conservation partners to secure passage of Florida Senate Bill 100, which repealed significant portions of the M-CORES toll road

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program and moved the proposed Suncoast Connector toll road out of the Red Hills.

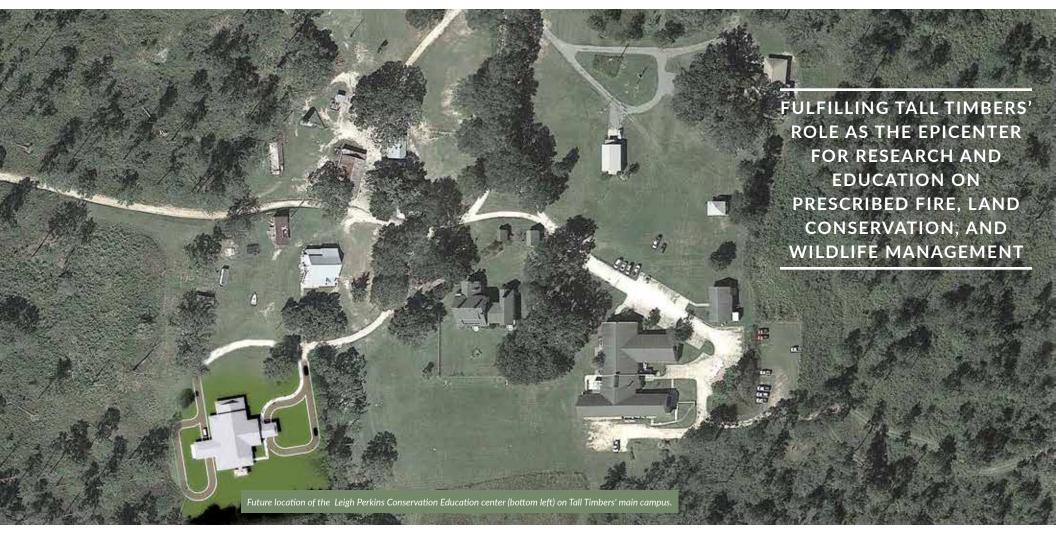
- » Worked with partners to secure support from the Leon County Commission and the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency to move the proposed Northeast Park from outside the Urban Service Area—where it would impact the use of prescribed fire—to a more appropriate suburban location in the Welaunee development.
- » Collaborated with the Georgia Conservancy seeking reauthorization of the Georgia
 - Conservation Tax
 Credit, a critical
 conservation incentive
 in the Peach State.
- » Began working with state legislators, subject matter experts, and conservation partners to advance the concept of a prescribed fire catastrophe fund in Florida.
- » For the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Tall Timbers hosted visits by 120 elected officials, business owners.

- and community leaders from Leadership Florida, Leadership Tallahassee, and Leadership Thomasville.
- » Completed refurnishing the Livingston Place Mansion by subcommittee of Virginia Wetherell Scott, Rosamond Davis, and Daphne Wood.
- » Completed National Register of Historic Places listing nomination for 9,125-acre Livingston Place. The nomination was approved by the US Department of Interior/National Park Service.



At right, Land Conservancy staff on a monitoring visit to Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve in Grady County, Ga.

LEIGH PERKINS CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER I



A NAME AS BIG AS THE NEED

The Tall Timbers community lost one of our conservation heroes when Leigh Perkins passed on May 7, 2021. Well known for growing The Orvis Company into a definitive outdoor brand now in its third generation of family leadership, Leigh was also a larger-than-life conservationist with an eye for practical actions and substantial impact. Tall Timbers is honored to name the next big addition to our campus the Leigh Perkins Conservation Education Center. Leigh's family and friends have generously rallied around the pragmatic need for a larger modern conference facility that allows Tall Timbers to host the future of conservation education.

THE NEED FOR MORE SPACE

As a convener and educator, Tall Timbers created the science of fire ecology, and announced to the world the importance of prescribed fire as a natural process to sustain forests. Our impact and the national interest in prescribed fire has grown through the years. We continue our focus on actually bringing people to Tall Timbers to experience the Red Hills landscape were fire science and land management sit together. Here we show that prescribed fire is the norm and not the exception.

In 1996, Tall Timbers renovated an old hay barn into the E.V. Komarek Science Education Center. The "Barn" which seats around 50 people, has met the needs of Tall Timbers since being repurposed —but no longer. To address the demand for education, training, and collaboration, Tall Timbers needs a much larger facility, and one that can accommodate multiple groups at one time.

THE LEIGH PERKINS CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTER

To continue as a leader in conservation education, Tall Timbers will build a modern training and education facility that can effectively host 300 people with high-quality audio-visu-al-communication technologies, which will enhance the scope and reach of our educational programs. The 14,200 square-foot facility, overlooking Lake lamonia, will blend in with our fire-maintained forests. This facility, once completed, will allow our staff and the National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center—collocated at Tall Timbers since January 2021 — to train more people on how to become safer more effective prescribed burners,

and fulfill our role as the epicenter for research and education on prescribed fire, land conservation, and wildlife management.

We are grateful for your support as we raise the final 20% to construct this new facility and honor Leigh Perkins' deep curiosity and conservation ethic.

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IN MEMORY —

REMEMBERING LANE GREEN

Lane Green, the former executive director of Tall Timbers passed away on August 15, 2021. Lane was the face, and voice of Tall Timbers for 22 years before retiring in 2012 to pursue his passions: time with family, hunting, travel, playing baseball and managing his family land. While retired, Lane remained a familiar face on the Tall Timbers campus — always ready to jump in and help. His enthusiasm, deep laughter, and joy for story telling have become part of Tall Timbers' culture. He is dearly missed by the many who worked, hunted or played with him.

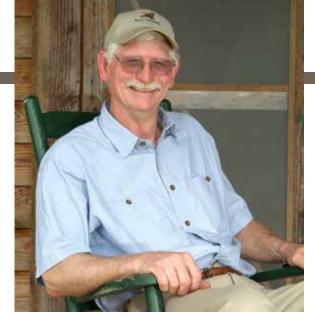
As word spread that Lane had passed, Tall Timbers heard from many who considered him a mentor, a friend and always an educator. They remember the notes of appreciation he sent to them as volunteers; their time and talent continue to make a difference for Tall Timbers. He was beloved in the neighborhood by the tenant families who lived at Tall Timbers before it became a research station; he grew up with them and appreciated their families' contributions to preserve the landscape.

Lane first came to Tall Timbers in 1990 as the director of the Red Hills Conservation Association (RHCA), a conservation group whose mission was to protect the scenic, ecological and historical resources and traditional land uses in the community. Tall Timbers had been a research station since it was incorporated in 1958 as a private, charitable organization, Tall Timbers

Research, Inc. By the end of 1990, RHCA had merged with Tall Timbers Research Station and Green was chosen as the first Executive Director of the newly combined organization in 1991. At the end of Green's first decade at the helm, he had led the organization through its first strategic planning process, which clarified the organization's vision and mission going forward. In 2009, Tall Timbers became one of the first accredited land trusts in the nation.

During Lane's tenure at Tall Timbers, much was accomplished under his leadership. The organization's annual contributions increased more than 50-fold; 120,000 acres in the greater Red Hills region and Albany area had been donated to Tall Timbers as conservation easements (now over 150,000 acres); during the 50th Anniversary Campaign begun in 2008 to increase Tall Timbers' endowment funds, almost \$10 million was raised to sustain the organization's research, conservation and education mission; this was during the financial recession! Lane left Tall Timbers on sound financial footing.

"Lane's heart bled Red Hills!" reported Kevin McGorty, Land Conservancy Director. "He loved conserving the region and its rich hunting and cultural traditions. He not only permanently conserved his family's historic land with a conservation easement, but convinced other landowners to do the same. Today, over 150,000-acres are permanently protected by Tall Timbers."



When he was executive director, Lane was the public face of Tall Timbers, especially promoting prescribed fire. He was featured on a series of Red Hills Reports produced by the local CBS affiliate WCTV in the early 1990s. And, he talked about the importance of prescribed fire in numerous public service announcements that have run locally and on TV and radio stations throughout Florida. He also led a 13 southern state effort to increase promotion of prescribed burning, *One Message Many Voices*.

Lane was involved in many professional and community service organizations; the most notable were: the North Florida Prescribed Fire Council; Georgia Prescribed Fire Council; founding member of the National Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils; Florida Governor Lawton Chiles' Wildfire Mitigation Task Force (1999). Because of his exemplary work in land conservation, he was appointed to the Florida Acquisition and Restoration Council by Governor Jeb Bush in 2006.

REMEMBERING CURTIS KORZAN



REMEMBERING DR. PAMELA HALL

Longtime friend of Tall Timbers, Dr. Pamela Hall, passed away in February 2021. Pam was a passionate, tireless advocate for protecting rural lands, especially the Leon County portion of the Red Hills. Without a doubt, Pam



was the most consequential and effective advocate for protecting rural lands, rural character, and natural resources in Leon County in the last 25 years.

Pam worked around the world as a rainforest biologist and university professor while raising two amazing daughters, Maia and Clea, with her husband Scott Hannahs. Scott is a nationally known scientist at the Florida State University High Magnetic Field Laboratory, but it's a sign of Pam's place in the community that he was often introduced as Pam Hall's husband; a role he relished.

Tall Timbers staff planted a longleaf pine in Pam's honor as a small token of our appreciation for her work helping to protect the Red Hills region of Leon County. Pam loved longleaf pines and their vital role in our natural community. The plaque accompanying the longleaf reads: "A Longleaf for a Long View: This longleaf pine tree was planted in 2020 with deep gratitude for Dr. Pamela Hall's many contributions to protecting the natural resources and unique character of Leon County's rural landscape. Pam gave freely of her time, talent, and intellect to ensure the sustainability of the Red Hills region for generations to come. For our friend, Pam."

Memorials continued on the following page -

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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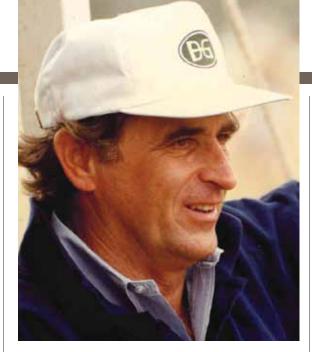
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IN MEMORY OF RUSSELL CHUBB

Russell Chubb, the owner of Springwood Plantation, passed away on August 3, 2022. As a Tall Timbers' supporter and member of the Science & Land Management Board Committee, he had continued his family's long-time connection to our organization. The publication of the Tall Timbers' history, The Legacy of a Red Hills Hunting Plantation: Tall Timbers Research Station & Land Conservancy, was made possible by a generous donation from Lee and Russell Chubb.

Since the Cooperative Quail Investigation was undertaken by Herbert L. Stoddard in the Red Hills in 1924, there has been a Chubb family connection to quail management research, and later at Tall Timbers through Herbert Stoddard and our other founders, Leon Neel, and Ed and Roy Komarek. Russell's sister, Rosamond C. Davis has been a member of the Tall Timbers Board of Trustees for many years and continues this legacy. On the Tall Timbers Science and Land Management Committee, Russell imparted his considerable knowledge of forest ecosystem management, instilled by Stoddard and Neel; he will be sorely missed.





REMEMBERING EDDIE DAVIS

Edward (Eddie) Davis passed away in February 2022. Eddie and Rosamond Chubb Davis (Rozzie), his wife of 49 years, have contributed immensely to Tall Timbers and the Red Hills community.

Rozzie is a current member of the Tall Timbers Board of Trustees, and active in many areas including community planning to protect the Red Hills region, and the restoration of the Livingston Place Main House.

Eddie and Rozzie recently provided a key donation to kickstart funding for a new historic exhibit at Livingston Place, a property rich with bird dog and horse racing history — pursuits Eddie adored. He also loved the beautiful woods and environment preserved on their Willow Oak property, not just for himself but for generations of family to follow.

REMEMBERING KEN HART

Kenneth R. Hart (Ken), passed away in August 2022. Ken was known to many of us as a great neighbor in the Red Hills. He was an avid hunter who loved the outdoors and longleaf pine trees.

His roles at the Ausley McMullen Law Firm, where he worked for over 44-years, included managing partner, chairman and CEO.



Ken was a long-time supporter of Tall Timbers. He was ever-present at fundraising events and faithfully attended our Fall Field Days. We could always count on him and his law firm for event sponsorships.

In addition, Ken provided critical assistance to help Tall Timbers acquire Livingston Place as a gift from the Geraldine C.M. Livingston Foundation in December 2013 — the largest gift of land to Tall Timbers since Henry Beadel donated his 2400-acre property and endowed the institution in 1958.

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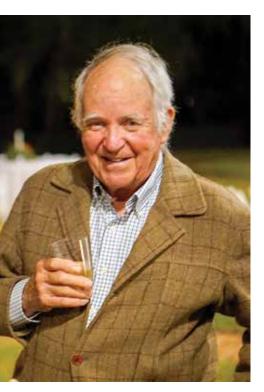
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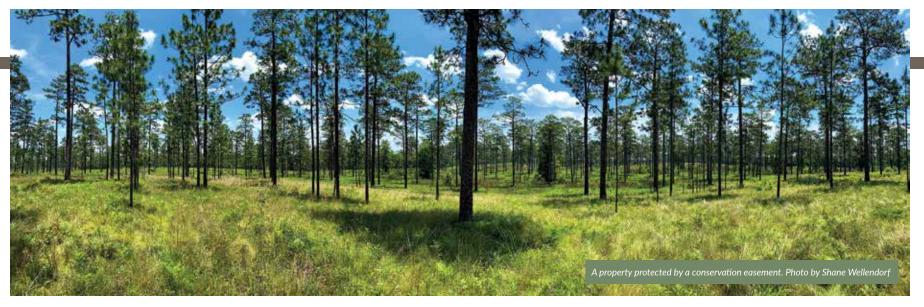
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Heather Levy (left) is heading up the Black Rail project with help from Heather Hill (right). The work is part of a larger collaboration spanning the 5 states along the Gulf, with support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Firebird project. They're standing next to the first autonomous recording unit (ARU) set out on St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge. The Stoddard Bird Lab is using 20 ARUs to complement the playback surveys they will be doing for Black Rails over the next 5 years. The focus is to get a better handle on the role that fire plays in maintaining habitat for Black Rails.

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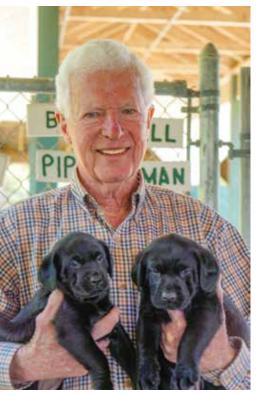
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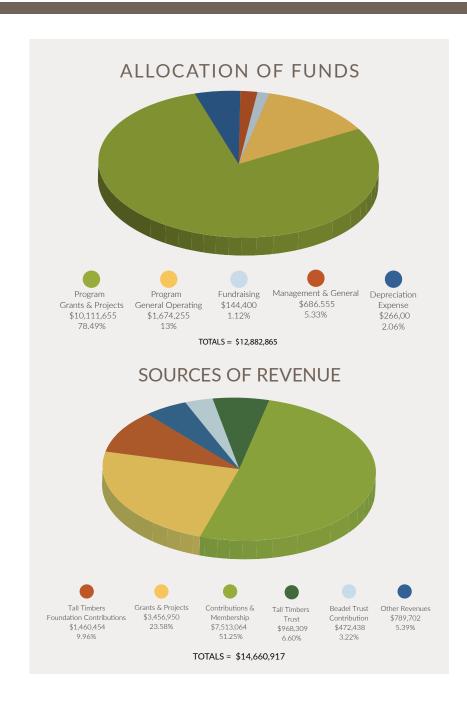
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Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,548,894	\$3,784,352
Accounts Receivable	306,580	-
Grants/Projects Receivable	1,080,930	1,581,792
Due from Tall Timbers Foundation, Inc. (Net)	23,986	132,947
Prepaid Expenses	5,102	2,181
Total Current Assets	\$3,965,492	\$5,501,272
Property & Equipment		
At Cost less Accumulated Depreciation	\$37,928,653	\$40,412,348
Other Assets	34,419	34,419
TOTAL ALL ASSETS	\$41,928,564	\$45,948,039
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	210,372	236,917
Accrued Liabilities	66,371	35,404
Notes Payable	472,508	446,188
Deferred Revenue	121,696	189,395
Total Current Liabilities	\$870,947	\$907,904
Long Term Liabilities		
Notes Payable - net of current portion	\$1,354,903	\$1,770,322
Total Liabilities	\$2,225,850	\$2,678,226
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	8,473,554	8,806,597
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