



## **Palmetto Land + Water Legacy Alliance**

### **Who We Are**

(updated 1/24/17)

#### **ABOUT THE ALLIANCE**

In 2016, conservationists from across the state came together to form The Palmetto Land + Water Legacy Alliance. The purpose of the Alliance is to educate our state's residents about the SC Conservation Bank and the great work it does, and to enlist their support to make sure the SC General Assembly reauthorizes it in 2017.

The Conservation Bank was created 14 years ago to safeguard our drinking water, preserve our history and culture, and protect our precious natural resources. It's the only statewide source of public funding available for willing landowners and their land trust partners to voluntarily conserve important SC lands, and it will shut down if not reauthorized by June of 2018.

#### **Mission statement**

Our mission is to ignite a grassroots effort to ensure the protection of our farms, forests, natural areas and waterways, and the preservation of our cultural and historical sites, through the reauthorization South Carolina Conservation Bank in 2017.

#### **Other major goals:**

- Eliminate the sunset provision so the Bank can continue on a permanent basis (we acknowledge that the new bill is asking for 10 more years, but our goal is eventually making the Bank a permanent part of State government)
- Modify the "death clause" of the current law, so that the Bank will still receive at least minimal funding during lean budget years, instead of cutting it to zero
- Advocate that the statutory funding formula be allowed to function without modification or interference
- Expand the list of organizations, individuals, companies and agencies that support the mission of the Alliance

#### **Funding**

The Palmetto Land + Water Legacy Alliance is being funded and supported by state conservation groups, economic organizations, companies and individuals who care about the future of our state.

#### **Leadership**

The Palmetto Land + Water Legacy Alliance is governed by a Board of Directors whose members are currently:

- Paul C. “Bo” Aughtry III, Windsor-Aughtry
- Ashley Demosthenes, Lowcountry Land Trust
- Frank Holleman, Naturaland Trust
- Mikee Johnson, Chairman and CEO of Cox Industries
- Burnie Maybank, Partner, Nexson Pruet, Columbia, former Director, SC Department of Revenue
- Sharon Richardson, South Carolina Audubon Society
- Mark Robertson, The Nature Conservancy
- John Tynan, Conservation Voters of South Carolina
- Brad Wyche, Upstate Forever
- Barry Wynn, Colonial Trust, Spartanburg, former SC Republican Party Chairman

Up to two additional Board members may be appointed in the near future.

Any person, group or business can become a member through a minimum donation of \$1000. Many organizations and individual members have also donated time, lesser amounts of money, or marketing to support the Alliance efforts. This include but are not limited to:

Organizations/Companies

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| ○ Congaree Land Trust              | ○ The Nature Conservancy    |
| ○ Pee Dee Land Trust               | ○ Upstate Forever           |
| ○ Lord Berkeley Conservation Trust | ○ Conservation Voters of SC |
| ○ The Conservation Fund            | ○ SC Audubon Society        |
| ○ Lowcountry Land Trust            | ○ Michelin                  |
| ○ Naturaland Trust                 | ○ SC Chamber of Commerce    |
|                                    | ○ Lowcountry Land Trust     |

Individuals (in addition to the Board members listed above)

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| ○ Bob Inglis    | ○ Minor and Hal Shaw |
| ○ Bob Royall    | ○ Charles Lane       |
| ○ Carlton Owen  | ○ James Wilkins      |
| ○ David Wilkins |                      |
| ○ Hunter Howard | ○ Glen Hilliard      |
| ○ Jim Morton    | ○ Doug Harper        |
| ○ Erwin Maddrey | ○ Ed McMullen        |

**Supporters**

Anyone can register FREE as a supporter, by going to our website:

[www.palmettolandwater.com](http://www.palmettolandwater.com)

By doing so, you will get periodic updates on Conservation Bank activities and success stories, and details about what you can do to make sure your legislative representatives support the bill this year.