

THE CONSERVATION FUND

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The Pulte Land Legacy Fund



Launched in 2005, the Pulte Land Legacy Fund has protected more than 73,000 acres of critical conservation lands thanks to Pulte's generous investment.

The Conservation Fund has employed the ready capital of the Pulte Land Legacy Fund to purchase top-priority lands in geographies of interest to Pulte and its employees. Since its launch, the Pulte Land Legacy Fund has been applied as critical bridge financing toward 21 unique conservation projects in 14 states, leveraging additional conservation dollars and achieving dramatic results for wetlands, forests, and waterways from coast to coast.

The Pulte Land Legacy Fund is deployed to pay for options, title searches, appraisals, surveys, environmental assessments, up-front staff costs, interest in fee, and the purchase of conservation easements. As loans from the Pulte Land Legacy Fund are repaid by state and federal appropriations or philanthropic gifts, monies are made available to support future conservation projects.

The Pulte Land Legacy Fund now stands at \$2,500,000 and has helped to protect vital land and water habitats valued at more than \$166 million.

PULTE LAND LEGACY FUND

2005-2008

Investment:	\$2,500,000
Total acres:	73,811.56
Total projects:	21
Number of states:	14
Fair market value:	\$166,382,448



PULTE LAND LEGACY FUND US-AGE

Most Recent Projects

• **Pee Dee River, NC**

Total acres:1,650

Fair Market Value:\$3,500,000

Continued Investments

• **Allegheny Mountains - Cedar Creek Property, VA**

Total acres:.....4,233

Fair Market Value:\$6,350,000

• **Adams County, PA**

Total acres:2,568

Fair Market Value:\$12,500,000

• **Big River and Salmon Creek, CA**

Total acres: 16,050

Fair Market Value:\$52,250,000



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Adams County, Pennsylvania

At the headwaters of the Nanticoke River, the Fund recently protected over 2,000 acres of land in the Glatfelter Forest. This significant tract marks the completion of a three-year, multi-phased project of more than 5,000 acres—some of the last vast forested lands in this area. Within the Chesapeake and Delaware Bay watersheds, this area will be preserved for recreational opportunities and wildlife viewing. True to our mission of integrating economic and environmental goals, a portion of the forest will be set aside for managed timberland.

Pee Dee River, North Carolina

Featuring a diversity of habitats, from upland longleaf pine sandhills to bottomland hardwoods, this area along the Pee Dee River provides critical habitat for a variety of species. The Pee Dee River March Ponds are one of the area’s most unique features—home to a number of rare plant species such as the beautiful water-spider orchid. Bald eagles are frequently spotted in the area as well as a healthy population of canebrake rattlesnakes, a species of concern that is very sensitive to habitat fragmentation. The protection of this property, and the ensuing water quality benefits, will support a rainbow of aquatic species including the Carolina redbhorse, shortnose sturgeon, Roanoke slabshell and yellow lampmussel all found in the Pee Dee River.

Allegheny Mountains - Cedar Creek Property, Virginia

This remarkable property includes unfragmented mixed hardwood and conifer forestlands running along 10 miles of Short Hills, a prominent range in the Allegheny mountains. Cedar Creek, the stream that runs under Virginia’s famous “Natural Bridge” is located just east of the property. The land is habitat for many native species, including black bear, deer, turkey, ruffed grouse, bobcat, fox, beaver, songbirds and raptors. Additionally, the land contains a unique plant community under watch by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, and is situated near other protected lands, creating the perfect opportunity to bridge these areas through green corridors.