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2025 Impact Report: Northwest Arkansas Land Trust



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The Northwest Arkansas Land Trust ("NWALT") issued its 2025 IMPACT REPORT ("Report").

NWALT is a nonprofit organization that describes its mission as to:

... preserve and enhance the quality of life for all people in Northwest Arkansas through the permanent protection of land.

The service area includes the greater Northwest Arkansas Region, with a core focus on Benton, Washington, Madison and Carroll counties.

NWALT is an Accredited Land Trust.

The Report provides a summary of certain activities such as:

- Acres Permanently Protected 9,581.
- Known State Species of Conservation Need Protected 34.
- Miles of Stream Protected 100.
- Counties Currently Served 7.
- Protected Properties Open to the Public 12.

A number of additional topics are addressed in the Report such as:

- Importance of streams and rivers.
- Impact of conservation.
- Role of riparian buffers.
- Growth of Northwest Arkansas.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act 319 Grant and Beaver Lake Watershed.
- Bird conservation through land protection.
- Importance of permanent land protection.
- Community engagement and citizen science -1347 checklists submitted.
- Wilson Springs Preserve.
- Lake Frances Preserve.
- Flint Creek Headwaters Preserve.
- Betty Hinshaw Bird Sanctuary.
- Middle Fork Headwaters Protection Area.
- Beaver Lake Protection Area.
- Water and forest habitat near Elkins protected.
- Strengthening urban forest protection (including importance of urban forest).
- White River Headwaters Preserve protected.

A copy of the Report can be found <u>here</u>.