



## Athens Land Trust

Our mission is to improve quality of life for all by preserving, protecting, and strengthening the fabric of the community through education and the stewardship of land for purposes of affordable housing, conservation, agriculture, and economic development.

We respond to community-identified needs and build individual and collective power among historically marginalized people.

# Athens Land Trust is more than a CLT

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- Recognizing the importance of land as a tool for empowerment and community health, ALT is a Community and Conservation Land Trust.

Addressing economic, environmental, and social justice opportunities through land access and protection, food system support and security, financial literacy, and building affordable homes





# ALT Portfolio

- We have 60 homeowners and 5 lease purchasers in our program.
- 120 unit rental complex at 4th street village. 96 units are affordable
- 10 rental small infill rental units





# ALT HOMES

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before



before



after



after



**ALT HOMES**



# Community Garden Network

- Network of gardens in low-income neighborhoods
- 2 major “hub” gardens (West Broad & Williams)



# Community Agriculture

- Promote and provide farmer assistance in soil and water conservation strategies to achieve sustainable agriculture
- Increase access to healthy food
- Support economic and entrepreneurial opportunities for underserved youth and adults





# Farmer Outreach

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- Collaborative effort with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Goal: to increase the number of minority farmers and raise awareness of NRCS programs
- Conduct outreach and educational activities for underserved groups in 15 NE Georgia counties
  - Workshops
  - Small Business Farmer Course





# Farmer Outreach

- **Program Objectives**

- Introduce new and underserved populations to farming as a career
- Introduce new and existing farmers to NRCS programs
  - Easement programs such as the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program and the Grassland Reserve Program
- Increase opportunities for beginning, non-traditional farmers
  - Provide educational activities
  - Match with landowners who are not currently utilizing their land
- Expand opportunities for new farmers through a land lease program





# West Broad Farmer's Market

- Saturday market
- Vendor development
  - Grow Your Business Course
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Nutrition Education
- Nourish/Wholesome Wave
- Ambassadors



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Seeds and Stems Farm



Soul Food With a Twist



Rashe's Cuisine



## Young Urban Farmers (YUF)

- Support youth developing skills that will enhance confidence and competence as they prepare to enter the competitive workforce
- Youth are paid a wage and receive the profits from their respective on-farm enterprises
- Over 100 high school students have participated





- Incubation farm for new and beginning farmers
- Educational space
- Workshop space
- Farming demonstration venue

# WILLIAMS FARM

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

Scale varies in this photograph. The distance from North Avenue to Lake Street on Ruth Street is approximately 0.4 miles.







**What's next**



Questions?



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