

Join Our Conservation Community

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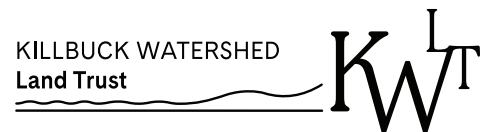
Protect your land from subdivision and development in perpetuity with a conservation easement.

VOLUNTEER

Help us keep our nature preserves and trails clean and accessible or even lend a hand with office support.

SUPPORT

Gift a tax-deductible contribution to support us as we continue our land stewardship work.



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Local folks
working together
to preserve
local land.

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We Love Living Here Too.

The beauty and bounty of our rural slice of Ohio is irreplaceable. The rolling hills, winding streams, thickets of woods, patches of marsh and acres upon acres of rich, fertile farmland that continue beyond the horizon make it feel like home. And for more than 20 years, we have been earnestly working to protect it.

We Began as a Group of Concerned Citizens.

In the late '90s, rapid residential and commercial development were replacing farmland and open spaces throughout the state. Motivated to save the agriculturally and environmentally significant land surrounding us, a group of local individuals felt it was necessary to establish a nonprofit conservation organization for landowners seeking to preserve the integrity of the lands we love.

“We have seen so many farms split up and turned into housing developments, and we did not want our farm to lose its unique splendor. Working with the Killbuck Watershed Land Trust was an easy decision for us.”

- Jim and Susie Nelson
Wayne County
127 acres in 2014

Ensuring the Future of Family Farms

Hundreds of thousands of acres of family farmland has been lost to development in Ohio in just the last 20 years.

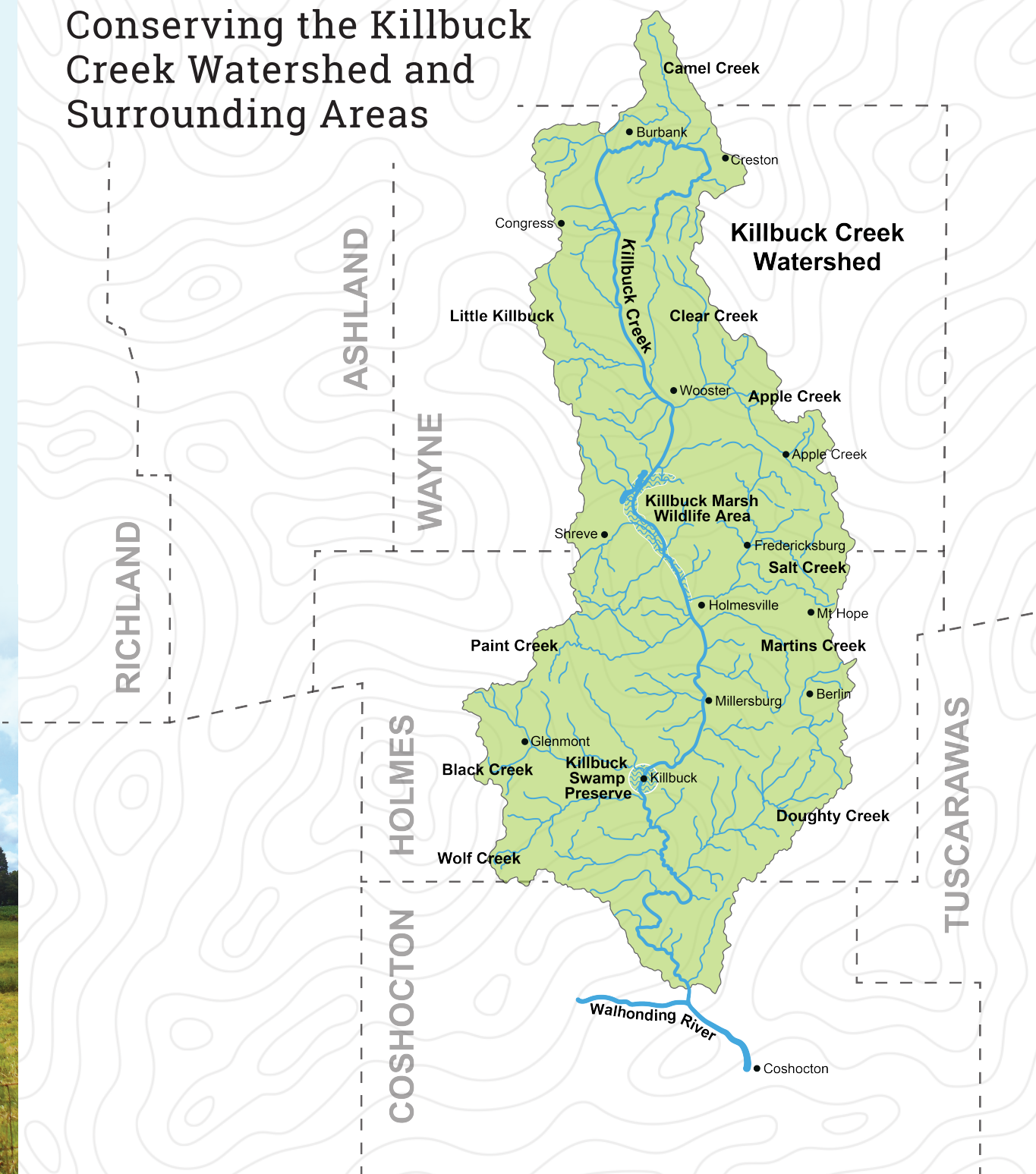
And, yet, Ohio has some of the richest and nutrient-dense soils in the country. To date, we have helped more than 50 farmers place agricultural easements on their properties. These conservation easements are a way for farmers to extract the development value of the land while also legally protecting the future of the property as farmland—forever—whether they want to continue to own the land, sell it or pass it on to their heirs.

“We wanted our grandkids to know farmers are food providers for our country and for the world. We need to protect our productive soils, and we’re glad we did it, we really are.”

— Homer & Sandy Ayers
Ashland County
211 acres in 2009 and 82 acres in 2010



Conserving the Killbuck Creek Watershed and Surrounding Areas



Preserving the Natural World

In addition to its rich farmland, Ohio is known for its forests, prairies and wetlands.

However, rapid development and poor land use practices are threatening the natural habitats of our countryside, as well as the quality of air and water. Dedicated to ensuring a thriving environment for everything that depends on it, KWLT manages conservation easements for landowners wanting to keep their unique properties whole and safe from development.

Working closely with conservation partners, KWLT also purchases ecologically significant land to be protected as nature preserves. Together, the ecosystems we safeguard are prolific with native plants and home to an abundance of wildlife.

