

Alabama Forest Land Trust

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Alabama Forest Land Trust announces Thomas Reddick as Executive Director

MOBILE, AL- Alabama Forest Land Trust, a leader of permanent land conservation in the state of Alabama, is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas Reddick as its new Executive Director, effective August 7, 2023.

Thomas Reddick joins AFLT with an extensive background of leadership and strategic experience in the field of forestry and land conservation. Prior to joining AFLT, Thomas gained experience in Alabama forestry during his time with The Cooper Timberlands division in Mobile and, more recently, as the Director of Forest Management with the Nature Conservancy of Alabama. He obtained a master's degree from The University of Georgia's Langdale Center for Forest Business and an undergraduate degree in Forestry from Auburn University's College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment. In 2016, he completed certification as a Registered Forester in Alabama. As the new Executive Director, Thomas will lead the organization's growth initiatives and drive innovation, further solidifying AFLT's position as a leader in land conservation in Alabama.

In accepting the role, Thomas Reddick expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to lead Alabama Forest Land Trust into its next phase of growth. *It's an honor to lead AFLT into its next era, building upon the foundation Dan and the board established, as the leading conservation organization for private landowners in Alabama. I'm excited to be back in Mobile and continue advancing working forest conservation while supporting the local landowners and economies that make our work possible.*

Dan Dumont, who held the position of Executive Director since AFLT's inception, passed away shortly before Mr. Reddick began. Dan was a respected leader within the industry and has led a storied career focused on wildlife and forestland conservation. He was the driving force to establish and grow the AFLT as an accredited land trust. The AFLT Board of Directors will be forever indebted to Mr. Dumont for his significant contributions and leadership during his long tenure.

AFLT was created to enhance, promote, and preserve the productivity and sustainability of Alabama's forest resources to ensure their economic and environmental benefits for future generations. Established in 1986, AFLT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization managed by an Executive Director and governed by a state-wide representation on its Board of Directors. As AFLT enters this new chapter under the leadership of Thomas Reddick, it is committed to continuing its mission of forest sustainability and preservation.

A nationally accredited working forest land trust and conservation organization, AFLT has protected nearly 83,000 acres of farm and forestland in 24 Alabama counties and an additional 13,000 acres while administering the Forest Legacy Program for the Alabama Forestry Commission.

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