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WHEREAS, the Property possesses significant and diverse natural habitat, riparian, and open space features that includes hardwood forests, pine woodlands, granite outcrops, streams with hardwood forest buffers in the Broad River Watershed, and a pond; and

WHEREAS, permanently protecting the Property, with approximately 75 acres of natural and managed pine forest, will provide for the maintenance of prime forestry land, an important conservation purpose recognized by the State of Georgia as providing significant public benefit and therefore worthy of protection (See the Georgia Conservation Tax Credit Program ("GCTCP") at O.C.G.A. §48-7-29.12 and Conservation Tax Credit Regulations Chapter 391-1-6-.03(5)(d); and

WHEREAS, the pine forest on the Property shall be managed according to a professionally prepared Forest Management Plan (as defined below), and such management shall meet or exceed the then current Best Management Practices ("BMPs"), as defined by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission ("GSWCC"), the Georgia Forestry Commission, or successor agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Property contains prime farmland soils and soils of statewide importance, and permanently protecting the Property with this Conservation Easement will therefore provide for the maintenance of prime agricultural land, which is a conservation purpose recognized by the State of Georgia as providing significant public benefit and therefore worthy of permanent protection (See the GCTCP at O.C.G.A. §48-7-29.12 and Ga. R. & Regs. 391-1-6-.03(5)(d); and

WHEREAS, the Property is located in the Broad River Watershed, segments of which have been designated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as high priority watershed due to their importance in protecting or restoring aquatic species diversity, natural flow regimes, and other conservation activities as defined in the Georgia State Wildlife Action Plan ("SWAP"), and contains a pond and borders two tributaries of Millstone Creek for 1,500 feet, and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Easement protects the water quality of these streams, a conservation purpose recognized by the State of Georgia as providing significant public benefit and worthy of permanent protection, by (i) limiting the development on, and disturbances to, the Property; and (ii) requiring a buffer where disturbances to the soil and vegetation are limited, and these restrictions will minimize the runoff of water and sediment and allow natural filtering of any runoff (See the GCTCP at Official Code of Georgia ("O.C.G.A.") §48-7-29.12(a)(2)(A) and Conservation Tax Credit Regulations Chapter 391-1-6-.03(5)(a)); and

WHEREAS, the Property is made up of a number of habitats, including Oak-Hickory-Pine Forest, Mesic Hardwood Forest, Granite Outcrops, and Streams, classified as high priority by the State of Georgia due to their importance in protecting or restoring biodiversity, preserving functional ecosystems, and other conservation efforts as defined in the SWAP, (See the SWAP, final report dated September 2015); and

WHEREAS, this Conservation Easement, by permanently protecting the Property and preventing most disturbances, ensures the protection of these high priority habitats, and therefore provides for the "[p]rotection of wildlife habitat consistent with state wildlife conservation

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policies," a conservation purpose recognized by the State of Georgia as providing significant public benefit and being worthy of protection (See the GCTCP at O.C.G.A. §48-7-29.12 and Ga. R. & Regs. 391-1-6-.03(5)(b), and the SWAP, final report dated September 2015); and

WHEREAS, this Conservation Easement ensures "the preservation of open space (including farmland and forest land) where such preservation is pursuant to a clearly delineated Federal, State, or local governmental conservation policy, and will yield a significant public benefit," within the meaning of §170(h)(4)(A)(iii)(II) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC"), in that the State of Georgia has clearly delineated conservation policy and programs, that recognize the significant public benefit associated with the preservation of open space, as follows:

- a. The State of Georgia, recognizing the public benefit of protecting certain habitats and natural resources, has created the GCTCP in which a state income tax credit is awarded to qualifying conservation easements that further state-designated conservation purposes;
- b. The following conservation purposes, which are recognized by the GCTCP are served by this Conservation Easement: (i) the protection of high priority habitats, including Oak-Hickory-Pine Forest, Mesic Hardwood Forest, Granite Outcrops, and Streams, and the resulting significant public benefit includes the preservation of varied critical Georgia ecosystems that support a diversity of wildlife and provide habitat connectivity; (ii) the protection of water quality through the conservation of streams, wetlands, and buffers to these features, and the resulting significant public benefit is the protection of water quality and quantity necessary to support in-stream species and enhance public drinking water; and (iii) the protection of productive forestry land, and the resulting significant public benefit including wildlife habitat is the creation of natural resource-based economic benefits to the State, including resource-based tourism, hunting, and resource-related employment, and the protection of important soils;

WHEREAS, by ensuring that the varied and critical high quality natural habitats mentioned above, as identified in the Baseline Documentation Report (as defined below), remain undisturbed and intact, will provide for "the protection of a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife, or plants, or similar ecosystem," as set forth in IRC §170(h)(4)(A)(ii); and

WHEREAS, Grantor intends that the multiple conservation purposes protected on the Property will not negatively impact each other and that uses inconsistent with these purposes will not be permitted; and

WHEREAS, the Property, in its protected state, will ensure the preservation of significant conservation values, including the preservation and protection of various significant natural wildlife and plant habitats, hydrologic resources, productive forest resources, and open space values (collectively, "Conservation Values"), and thus is of great importance to the people of Oglethorpe County, the State of Georgia, and the United States, and therefore is worthy of perpetual protection; and

WHEREAS, preventing the development and disturbance of the Property will ensure that the high quality Conservation Values found on the Property will not be disturbed and will continue to benefit the public; and

3 fw RO () WHEREAS, the Conservation Values are more particularly documented in the Conservation Easement Baseline Documentation Report ("Baseline Documentation Report"), dated November 1, 2018, and prepared by Grantee, which consists of reports, maps, photographs, and other documentation regarding the present condition, uses, and Conservation Values of the Property as of the effective date of this Conservation Easement, as required by Treasury Regulation §1.170A-14(g)(5); the Baseline Documentation Report is incorporated herein by this reference, and is intended to serve as an objective, though non-exclusive, basis for monitoring compliance with the terms and conditions of this Conservation Easement; and

WHEREAS, Grantor intends that the Conservation Values of the Property be preserved and maintained by restricting and limiting those certain land uses on the Property set forth in more detail herein, and further, Grantor intends to convey to Grantee the right to preserve and protect the Conservation Values of the Property in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, Grantee is (i) a publicly supported, nonprofit organization, created primarily for the conservation of the environment, and is tax exempt within the meaning of §501(c)(3) and §170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the IRC; (ii) a "qualified organization" within the meaning of §170(h) of the IRC and §1.170A-14(c) of the Treasury Regulations; and (iii) a "holder" within the meaning of O.C.G.A. §44-10-1, et seq., and, as such, is qualified to accept, hold, and administer conservation easements by the laws of the State of Georgia; Grantee's primary purpose is the preservation and protection of land in its scenic, forested, and open space condition in the Broad River Watershed and other watersheds within the State of Georgia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as an absolute charitable gift without payment of monetary consideration by Grantee to Grantor, but only in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions hereinafter set forth, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-10-1, et seq., which expressly authorizes the conveyance herein contained, Grantor hereby unconditionally and irrevocably grants and conveys unto Grantee, forever and in perpetuity, a Conservation Easement of the nature and character and to the extent hereinafter set forth over the Property, including the right to preserve and protect the Conservation Values of the Property. Grantee, by its execution hereof, accepts the foregoing grant of this Conservation Easement, and the recordation of this instrument shall constitute a "recordation of the acceptance" by Grantee within the meaning of O.C.G.A. §44-10-3(b).

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE

It is the exclusive purpose of this Conservation Easement to ensure that the Property will be retained forever in its predominantly relatively natural, forested, open space, and relatively undeveloped condition, and to preserve and protect the Conservation Values of the Property, including the productive forestry resources, the water quality of streams and wetlands, and a variety of significant natural habitats, including granite outcrops (collectively, the "Purpose"). Grantor will limit the use of the Property to activities that are consistent with the Purpose of this

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Conservation Easement and will prevent any use of the Property that will impair or interfere with the Conservation Values of the Property.

ARTICLE 2. DURATION OF EASEMENT

This Conservation Easement shall be perpetual. It is an easement in gross, constitutes a real property interest, runs with the land, and is enforceable by Grantee against Grantor, its successors, assigns, lessees, agents, and licensees.

ARTICLE 3. RIGHTS OF GRANTEE

To accomplish the Purpose, the following rights are conveyed to Grantee by this Conservation Easement:

- A. To preserve and protect the Conservation Values of the Property pursuant to the terms hereof:
- **B.** To enter upon the Property at reasonable times in order to monitor compliance with, and otherwise enforce the terms of this Conservation Easement in accordance with Article 9, except in cases where Grantee determines in its reasonable discretion that immediate entry is required to prevent, terminate, or mitigate an existing or imminent violation of this Conservation Easement which would significantly damage the Conservation Values of the Property;
- **C.** To prevent any activity on, or use of, the Property that is inconsistent with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement and to require the restoration of such areas or features of the Property that may be damaged by any inconsistent activity or use to their condition as of the date of this Conservation Easement; and
- **D.** To post signs and other boundary markers within the Conservation Easement identifying the boundary of lands subject to this Conservation Easement, provided such signs are professionally prepared.

ARTICLE 4. RESERVED RIGHTS OF GRANTOR

Except as limited in this Conservation Easement, Grantor reserves all rights as fee owner of the Property; provided, however, that Grantor shall notify Grantee in writing, as required by Treasury Regulations, §1.170A-14(g)(5)(ii), prior to the exercise of any reserved or permitted right hereunder that may adversely impact the Conservation Values. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights are expressly reserved unto the Grantor, are expressly permitted; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provision of this Conservation Easement, the rights set forth in this Article shall only be exercised to the extent that they do not destroy or impair the Conservation Values and are not inconsistent with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement:

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A. Vegetation Management.

- 1. Except as provided below, Grantor reserves the right to plant non-invasive, native species and remove exotic species, according to a restoration plan that has been approved by Grantee in accordance with the approval procedures in Article 7, in order to (i) enhance vegetated habitat; (ii) protect the water quality of the streams and wetlands; and (iii) increase the Property's plant diversity; and any disturbed area shall be restored and revegetated so as to minimize sediment runoff and erosion;
- 2. The planting of invasive species listed in Category 1, Category 1 Alert, or Category 2 of the "List of Non-Native Invasive Plants in Georgia," published by the Georgia Exotic Pest Council or successor agency, is prohibited.
- 3. Grantor may apply herbicides and pesticides; provided, however, that within 100 feet of a Riparian Buffer, as defined below, Grantee's prior written approval is required for any such application. All herbicides and pesticides application shall be done in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions as well as in accordance with then existing BMPs.
- 4. Grantor reserves the right to remove dead, insect-infested, and diseased trees if said trees pose a threat to human safety or to the health of the stand as a whole. In the event that there is no Forest Management Plan in effect, as defined below, and more than a single tree removal is required, then Grantor shall obtain Grantee's approval of any clearing activity as set forth in Article 7.

B. Special Natural Areas.

- 1. There are Oak-Hickory-Pine Forest, Mesic Hardwood Forest, Granite Outcrops, and Streams on the Property, and these habitats are designated as "Special Natural Areas" ("SNAs"), as shown in <u>Exhibit "B"</u>, and shall be afforded special additional protection because they are examples of significant and fragile natural communities.
- 2. The SNAs shall include one hundred (100) foot buffers around each granite outcrop, as measured from the edge of the exposed rock.
- 3. There shall be no clearing or disturbances in or to the SNAs, including no harvesting or cutting of trees or other vegetation except as provided in this paragraph.
- 4. Grantor reserves the right to restore, and enhance the SNAs subject to a restoration plan that has been approved by Grantee in accordance with the approval procedures in Article 7. The restoration goals of these areas, which shall be set forth in the restoration plan, shall be to (i) maintain and enhance the health, diversity, and quality of the habitats; (ii) prevent erosion; and (iii) protect the Conservation Values in order to support the ecological integrity and diversity of the Property. In addition to setting out these goals, the restoration plan shall set out the methods for achieving these goals. Any restoration action within the SNAs must not adversely impact the buffers, streams, granite outcrops, and wetlands. Grantor may also include management or restoration activities in its Forest Management Plan, as defined below.
- 5. Restoration activities may include without limitation, the removal of (i) exotic or non-native species and plants; (ii) other vegetation specified with Grantee's prior written consent; and (iii) damage caused by storms, insects and other animals, acts of God, disease, fire, unauthorized acts of third-parties, and other causes beyond the reasonable control of Grantor.
- 6. In addition to the activities listed above, restoration activities may include the planting of native, non-invasive species in order to restore natural habitat.

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- 7. Trails are permitted in the SNAs, as provided below, except that trails may not be located in or on the exposed granite outcrops, and trails located in the granite outcrop one hundred (100) foot buffer shall be limited to pedestrian use only. Use of said trails in the SNAs shall not cause or contribute to erosion and sediment runoff and shall minimize impact to the Conservation Values. Trails must avoid impacting rare and endangered plant species.
- 8. New or additional roads are prohibited in the SNAs, except that Grantor may construct unpaved roads as part of an approved restoration plan or Forest Management Plan, as defined below; provided, however, that no roads may be placed in or on the granite outcrops.

C. Riparian Buffer.

Harvesting of timber and other soil and vegetation disturbing activities, including but not limited to, food plots, wildlife openings, and forestry activities, are prohibited in the "Riparian Buffer," which is defined as any portion of the Property that lies within one hundred (100) feet of the bank of any stream or jurisdictional wetland as delineated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1251, ex seq. Except that in order to enhance the health and diversity of the Riparian Buffer, Grantor reserves the right, with Grantee's written approval, to (i) remove diseased trees, invasive exotic species, and other vegetation; and (ii) replant and restore the hardwood forest in a Riparian Buffer using native, non-invasive species; and (iii) thin or remove pine in order to promote the ecological diversity and health of the forest so long as a 75 percent tree canopy evenly distributed after thinning or pine tree removal is maintained.

- **D. Forest Management.** Grantor reserves the right to conduct forest management activities in the areas designated "Forestry Envelope" in <u>Exhibit "B"</u> according to an approved Forest Management Plan ("FMP"), as provided for in Paragraph D(7) of this Article.
 - 1. Grantor may conduct forest management activities that affect the species quantity and quality of the trees in the Forestry Envelope, including herbicide application, site preparation, planting, prescribed burning, thinning and harvesting of trees, and such activities necessary for the sale, trade, or other removal of forest products from the Property.
 - 2. Forest management activities shall meet or exceed then current BMPs, as defined by the GSWCC, the Georgia Forestry Commission, or successor agencies.
 - 3. Grantor may construct firebreaks on the portion of the Property that lies outside of the Riparian Buffers and SNAs and in accordance with the state BMPs in use at the time the firebreaks are constructed. The construction of firebreaks shall not cause or contribute to erosion and sediment runoff.
 - 4. Grantor shall provide Grantee a written notice of harvest at least thirty (30) days prior to commencement of harvesting activities. The notice shall include the location of the harvest, anticipated dates of harvesting, and a summary of the planned activities and disturbances, including construction of any staging areas, skid trails, loading docks, trails, and roads. Timber harvesting shall be supervised by a professional forester registered in the State of Georgia.
 - 5. Any staging areas, skid trails, loading docks, trails, and roads constructed as a necessary component of timber harvesting must be constructed and located so as to prevent erosion

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- and sediment runoff. After a harvest, trails and roads must be seeded with non-invasive vegetation.
- 6. Grantor reserves the right to create and maintain up to five (5) acres of open habitat or food plots for every one hundred (100) acres in the Forestry Envelope for the benefit of wildlife, including birds and to provide a diversity of habitats. These wildlife openings shall be created and maintained according to the approved FMP as set forth below.
- 7. All forest management activities shall be conducted according to a Forest Management Plan ("FMP"), which shall be prepared by a professional forester registered in the State of Georgia or other qualified natural resource specialist as approved by Grantee and the FMP must comply with the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Conservation Easement. The FMP shall describe how forest management activities will be consistent with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement. The FMP must be approved by Grantee in accordance with the provisions of Article 7, except that the initial FMP shall be provided to Grantee for review and written approval sixty (60) days before any forest management activities occur on the Property. The FMP shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - a. A statement of Grantor's forestry management goals, including, but not limited to, (i) maintenance of soil productivity; (ii) protection of the water quality of the streams and wetlands; (iii) protection of the Riparian Buffers, and SNAs; (iv) minimalization of grading and alteration of the Property's topography; (vii) promotion of biologic diversity and maintenance and enhancement of wildlife habitat; and conservation of native plant and animal species.
 - b. Identification of the Riparian Buffers and SNAs as no-disturbance areas;
 - c. Forest stand descriptions, including, but not limited to, species composition, age classes, area;
 - d. Maps showing (i) predominant topographic and hydrographic features; (ii) forest types; (iii) existing roads and the approximate location of future roads such as might be permitted hereunder and anticipated at the time the FMP is written; and (iv) the location of other existing or proposed improvements, including, but not limited to, firebreaks, staging areas, loading docks, scale, and skid roads;
 - e. Identification of erosion control measures; and
 - f. Anticipated date of harvesting and replanting.
- 8. Grantor reserves the right to cease forestry operations at any time and to resume them any time thereafter. In the event of the cessation of forestry, the vegetation shall be managed as set forth in Paragraph A of this Article.

E. Roads.

1. Grantor reserves the right to maintain and repair existing unpaved roads, as shown in Exhibit "B", which are to be used for (i) access to the Property; (ii) vehicular, pedestrian, bike, and equestrian use; and (iii) forest management activities, so long as these uses do not cause or contribute to erosion and sediment runoff; and (iv) which are constructed according to then current BMPs, as defined by the GSWCC, the Georgia Forestry Commission, or successor agencies. The right to maintain includes the right to grade, apply gravel, install drainage culverts, and other improvements intended to minimize sediment and storm water runoff, with Grantee approval, so as to prevent impact to wetlands and other Conservation Values.

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- 2. Grantor reserves the right to construct additional unpaved roads as provided for in an approved FMP. All construction activities must (i) minimize the impact on adjacent vegetation; (ii) minimize sediment and storm water runoff; (iii) minimize the impact on the Conservation Values, streams, and wetlands of the Property; and (iv) comply with any existing BMPs as established by relevant state and federal agencies.
- 3. The width of the area impacted by the clearing and construction of the roads and road improvements, including, but not limited to, the road bed, shoulders, and drainage structures, shall not exceed twenty (20) feet.
- 4. Grantor reserves the right to construct, maintain, repair, remove, or replace a driveway to the approved residence as set forth in Paragraph F of this Article. The location of the driveway must be approved by the Grantee as provided for in Article 7, and the driveway shall not cross streams and wetlands on the Property. The driveway shall be no wider than fifteen (15) feet in total width of cleared area, including shoulder and drainage ditches, and may be paved subject to the Grantee's approval, as provided for in Article 7.
- 3. Prior to the construction of any roads and driveway, Grantor must provide notice to Grantee of the proposed construction as provided in Article 7. All construction activities must minimize (i) the impact on adjacent vegetation; (ii) sediment and storm water runoff; and (iii) the impact on the Conservation Values, streams, and wetlands of the Property. All construction activity will comply with any existing BMPs as established by relevant state and federal agencies.

F. Structures.

- 1. Structures include any building or facility, whether residential, commercial, or recreational, including, but not limited to, any house, garage, barn, shed, outbuilding, tower, and pavilion. Except as specifically permitted in an FMP herein, placement, installation, or construction of any temporary or permanent buildings, structures, facilities, or other improvements on the Property is prohibited.
- 2. Grantor reserves the right to create one (1) Residential Envelope ("RE") no greater than two (2) acres in area as depicted in <a href="Exhibit" B". Grantor reserves the right to construct, maintain, repair, remove, and replace one residential dwelling within the RE. Grantor may also construct, maintain, and repair, remove, and replace support structures associated with residential use within the RE, such as garages, sheds, pools, and gardens, and conduct residential landscaping within the RE.
- 3. Prior to any construction within the RE, Grantor must provide notice to Grantee of the proposed construction as provided in Article 7. Said notice shall include a survey of the RE conducted by a registered surveyor. Prior to construction, the boundaries of the RE shall be marked on the ground.
- 4. All construction activities must minimize (i) impact on adjacent vegetation; (ii) sediment and storm water runoff; and (iii) the impact on the Conservation Values, streams and wetlands of the Property. All construction activity will comply with any then existing BMPs as established by relevant state and federal agencies.
- 5. The total area of all construction of permanent structures of any kind, including forest management structures, shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the Property's acreage. The area of the foundation or base of the building shall constitute the area of the structure for purposes of this paragraph.



6. Grantor reserves the right to construct, place, and maintain temporary structures, such as viewing platforms, open-sided picnic shelters, picnic tables, hunting stands, blinds, and other temporary hunting structures upon the Property, provided that construction of such structures does not cause or contribute to sediment runoff and provided that no temporary structure is located on or within the granite outcrops.

G. Trails.

- 1. Grantor reserves the right to construct and maintain permeable pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle trails on the Property for non-motorized recreational and educational purposes so long as such use does not cause or contribute to erosion and sediment runoff. Trail location shall not exceed five (5) feet. Construction and maintenance of trails shall be done so as to (i) minimize disturbance to surrounding vegetation; and (ii) not cause or contribute to erosion and sediment runoff; and shall take into account the topography of the Property, with no portion of the trail running perpendicular (90 degrees) to the contour.
- 2. At least 30 days prior to any trail construction activity, Grantor shall provide Grantee with written notice of such construction, as provided in Article 7.
- 3. Grantor reserves the right to place picnic tables and benches along trails.
- **H. Fences.** Grantor reserves the right to install, maintain, or replace fences, consistent with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement, that shall not impede the passage of wildlife except that if residential gardens or agricultural uses are permitted in the Conservation Easement, then the fences may inhibit the passage of wildlife.
- **I. Lighting.** Only shielded outdoor lighting that directs the light downwards may be used on the Property.
- J. Utilities. Grantor reserves the right to construct, maintain, and replace utilities, including, power, communication, water, and septic systems, to support approved structures or uses on the Property. Prior to any clearing or construction activity, Grantor shall obtain Grantee's approval of the location of any additional utilities or utility structures, as provided in Article 7, and shall notify Grantee, as provided in Article 7, before actual construction begins. All utility location, construction, and maintenance shall be done so as to minimize the impact on the Conservation Values and Purpose, and shall not impact the Riparian Buffers and SNAs.
- **K.** Education. Grantor reserves the right to use the Property for the scientific and environmental education of the public, provided that the Conservation Values protected by this Conservation Easement are not diminished.
- L. Recreational Uses. Grantor reserves the right to use the Property for recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, bird watching, hunting, fishing, swimming, equestrian use, bicycling, hiking, and the use of off-road and all-terrain vehicles, provided that such uses do not impair the Conservation Values, do not create permanent track, and to not cause or contribute to erosion and sediment runoff.

M. Pond. Grantor reserves the right to maintain and repair the existing "Pond", as shown in Exhibit "B", and associated dam. Permitted maintenance and repair activities include, without limitation, dredging of the pond, reconstruction of the dam and its spillway, tree removal from the top of the dam, and any other activities mandated by applicable regulations. Grantor furthers reserves the right to maintain, repair and replace the existing dock on the Pond, as depicted in Exhibit B. Maintenance, repair, and replacement activity associated with the pond, dam, and dock shall (i) comply with local, state, and federal requirements; (ii) minimize the impact to the Conservation Values; and (iii) be conducted to minimize sediment discharge into the streams. Any disturbed area adjacent to the pond and dam must be restored as part of the maintenance and repair efforts, according to a restoration plan approved by Grantee as set forth in Article 7.

ARTICLE 5. PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES

Except for the rights expressly reserved by Grantor in Article 4, any activity on, or use of, the Property inconsistent with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement, or that would significantly and adversely impair or interfere with the Conservation Values of the Property, is prohibited. Furthermore, the Property shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- **A. Disturbance of Natural Features.** Grantor shall not change, disturb, alter, or impair any of the natural, scenic, and aesthetic features of the Property, except as permitted pursuant to Article 4.
- **B. Motorized Vehicles.** Motorized vehicles on the Property, are prohibited, except as set forth in Article 4.
- C. Industrial, Agricultural, and Forestry Use. Industrial, manufacturing, and agricultural uses, except as provided in Article 4, are prohibited.
- **D.** Commercial Use. Commercial activities are prohibited except as expressly provided herein.
- **E.** Subdivision. Subdivision or partitioning of the Property for any purpose is prohibited.
- **F. Signage.** Display of billboards, advertisements, or signs is prohibited on or over the Property, except that the following are permitted: (i) no trespass signs, no hunting signs, trail signs, educational signs, and signs that identify (a) the lands subject to the Conservation Easement, (b) the Grantor as owner of the Property, and (c) the participation of the landowner in state or county programs, and (ii) as provided in Article 3.
- **G.** Construction. Except as permitted in Article 4, construction and placement of structures, impervious surfaces, or improvements of any kind is prohibited.
- **H. Dumping.** The dumping or disposal of trash, garbage, or hazardous materials on the Property is prohibited, except that biodegradable material generated on the Property may be permitted to remain there. The installation of underground storage tanks is prohibited.

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- I. Mineral Use, Excavation, Dredging. The exploration for, or the extraction of, oil, hydrocarbons, natural gas, minerals, soil, rock aggregate, or other materials located on or below the surface of the Property, or using any exploration or extraction method that disturbs the surface and subsurface of the land, is prohibited. Grantor shall not transfer, lease, or otherwise separate the minerals or mineral rights from the Property. Excavation and land filling are prohibited except as necessary to carry out the provisions of Article 4.
- J. Water Quality and Drainage Patterns. Except as provided for in Article 4, there shall be (i) no pollution, sedimentation, alteration, depletion, or extraction of surface water or natural water courses, subsurface water, or any other water bodies on or within the Property; (ii) no manipulation, diversion, or other alteration of wetlands or streams; and (iii) no activities conducted on the Property that would be detrimental to water quality or that could alter the natural water level or flow in or over the Property.
- **K. Road Construction.** The construction of additional roads within the Property is prohibited, except as set forth in Article 4.
- L. Commercial Recreation. Recreational uses, such as hunting, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, and biking, are permitted so long as (i) these uses do not impair the Conservation Values of the Property and do not cause soil erosion and sediment runoff; and (ii) such uses do not constitute more than "de minimis use for a commercial recreational activity" as that term is defined at IRC §2031(c)(8)(B) and regulations promulgated thereunder.

ARTICLE 6. PUBLIC ACCESS

This Conservation Easement does not create or convey a right of access by the general public to the Property.

ARTICLE 7. NOTICE AND APPROVAL

- A. Notice of Intention to Undertake Certain Permitted Actions. The purpose of requiring Grantor to notify Grantee prior to undertaking certain permitted activities is to afford Grantee a timely opportunity to ensure that the activities in question are designed and carried out in a manner consistent with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement. Therefore, when notice is required, Grantor shall notify Grantee in writing not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date Grantor intends to undertake the activity in question. Said notice shall describe the nature, scope, design, location, and any other material aspect of the proposed activity in sufficient detail to permit Grantee to make an informed judgment as to its consistency with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement.
- B. Grantee's Approval. Where Grantee's approval is required, Grantee shall either deny or grant its approval in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of Grantor's written request. Grantor's written request shall describe the nature, scope, location, and any other material aspect of the proposed activity for which Grantor seeks approval. Grantee's approval may be withheld only upon a reasonable determination by Grantee that the action as proposed would be inconsistent with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement.

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ARTICLE 8. MEDIATION

- A. Mediation. If a dispute arises between the Grantor and Grantee (the "Parties" and each a "Party") concerning the consistency of any proposed use or activity with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement, and Grantor agrees not to proceed with the use or activity pending the resolution of the dispute, either Party may refer the dispute to mediation by written request to the other Party. Within twenty (20) days of the receipt of such a request, the Parties shall select a single trained and impartial mediator. If the Parties are unable to agree on the selection of a single mediator, then the Parties shall, within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the initial request, jointly apply to a proper court for the appointment of a trained and impartial mediator. The venue for the mediation shall be in a location mutually agreed to by the Parties. Mediation shall then proceed in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - 1. Purpose. The purpose of the mediation is to (i) promote discussion between the Parties: (ii) assist the Parties to develop and exchange pertinent information concerning the issues in dispute; and (iii) assist the Parties to develop proposals that will enable them to arrive at a mutually acceptable resolution of the controversy. The mediation is not intended to result in any express or de facto modification or amendment of the terms, conditions, or restrictions of this Conservation Easement.
 - 2. Participation. The mediator may meet with the Parties and their counsel jointly or ex parte. The Parties agree that they will participate in the mediation process in good faith and expeditiously, attending all sessions scheduled by the mediator. Representatives of the Parties with settlement authority will attend mediation sessions as requested by the mediator.
 - 3. Confidentiality. All information presented to the mediator shall be deemed confidential and shall be disclosed by the mediator only with the consent of the Parties or their respective counsel. The mediator shall not be subject to subpoena by any Party. No statements made or documents prepared for mediation sessions shall be disclosed in any subsequent proceeding or construed as an admission of a Party.
 - 4. Time Period. Neither Party shall be obligated to continue the mediation process beyond a period of ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of the initial request or if the mediator concludes that there is no reasonable likelihood that continuing mediation will result in a mutually agreeable resolution of the dispute.
 - 5. Costs. The costs of the mediator shall be borne equally by the Parties, but each Party shall bear its own expenses, including attorneys' fees, individually.

ARTICLE 9. GRANTEE'S REMEDIES

A. Notice of Violation; Corrective Action. If Grantee knows or reasonably believes that a violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement has occurred or is threatened, Grantee shall give written notice to Grantor of such violation and demand corrective action sufficient to cure or abate such violation and, where the violation involves injury to the Property resulting from any use or activity inconsistent with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement, to restore the portion of the Property so injured to its prior condition in accordance with a plan approved by Grantee.

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- B. Remedies. If Grantor fails to cause discontinuance, abatement, or such other corrective action of a violation as may be requested by Grantee within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice thereof from Grantee (or, under circumstances where the corrective action cannot reasonably be completed within such thirty (30) day period, Grantor fails to begin such corrective action within the thirty (30) day period, or Grantor fails to continue diligently to perform such corrective action within the thirty (30) day period, or Grantor fails to continue diligently to perform such corrective action until completion), Grantee, after seven (7) days written notice to Grantor, may bring an action at law or in equity in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Conservation Easement, to enjoin the violation by temporary or permanent injunction, to require the restoration of the Property to substantially the same condition that existed prior to any such violation, and/or to seek the recovery of damages arising from such non-compliance (including, without limitation, damages for the loss of scenic, aesthetic, or environmental values). Without limiting Grantor's liability therefore, Grantee, in its sole discretion, may apply any damages recovered to the cost of undertaking any corrective action on the Property.
- C. Emergency Enforcement. If Grantee, in its reasonably exercised discretion, determines that circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the Conservation Values of the Property, Grantee may pursue its remedies under this Article without prior notice to Grantor and without waiting for the period provided for cure to expire.
- **D.** Scope of Relief. Grantor agrees that Grantee's remedies at law for any violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement may be inadequate and that Grantee shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief described in Paragraph B of this Article, both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such other relief to which Grantee may be entitled, including specific performance of the terms of this Conservation Easement. Grantee's remedies described in this Article shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity.
- E. Costs of Enforcement. If a court determines that any provision of this Conservation Easement has been breached by Grantor, Grantor will reimburse Grantee for any reasonable costs of enforcement, including, without limitation, costs of suit and reasonable attorneys' fees, monitoring fees, and any costs of restoration necessitated by Grantor's violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement. If Grantor prevails in any action to enforce the terms of this Conservation Easement, each Party shall bear its own costs of suit, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees. Grantor shall not be responsible for the costs of a frivolous action, or an action brought in bad faith by the Grantee, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- **F. Forbearance.** Enforcement of the terms of this Conservation Easement shall be at the discretion of Grantee, and any forbearance by Grantee to exercise its rights under this Conservation Easement in the event of any breach of any term of this Conservation Easement by Grantor shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by Grantee of such term, or of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term of this Conservation Easement, or of any of Grantee's rights under this Conservation Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee

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in the exercise of any right or remedy upon any breach by Grantor shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver.

- G. Waiver of Certain Defenses. Grantor hereby waives any defense of laches, estoppel, or prescription.
- H. Acts Beyond Grantor's Control. Nothing contained in this Conservation Easement shall be construed to entitle Grantee to bring any action against Grantor for any injury to or change in the Property resulting from causes beyond Grantor's control, including, without limitation, fire, flood, storm, earth movement, insect infestation, disease, airborne or waterborne pollutants introduced by third parties, or from any prudent action taken by any person under emergency conditions to prevent, abate, or mitigate significant injury to any person or the Property resulting from such causes. In the event the terms of this Conservation Easement are violated by acts of trespassers that Grantor could not reasonably have anticipated or prevented, Grantor agrees at Grantee's option to join in any suit or to assign its right of action to Grantee, for the purposes of pursuing enforcement action against the responsible parties.

ARTICLE 10. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, INDEMNIFICATION

- A. Title. Grantor hereby represents and warrants that Grantor has good and marketable title to the Property in fee simple and has the right to grant and convey this Conservation Easement, that the Property is free and clear of any and all encumbrances, or, if the Property is subject to any mortgage or security deed, such mortgage or security deed has been subordinated to this Conservation Easement, and that Grantee and its successors and assigns shall have the use and enjoyment of all the benefits derived from and arising out of this Conservation Easement. Grantor hereby warrants and shall forever defend title to the Property against the claims of all persons whomsoever.
- **B.** Representations and Warranties. Grantor represents and warrants that, to the best of its knowledge:
 - 1. No substance defined, listed, or otherwise classified pursuant to any federal, state, or local law as hazardous, toxic, polluting, or otherwise contaminating to the air, water, or soil, or in any way harmful or threatening to human health or the environment, exists or has been released, generated, treated, stored, used, disposed of, deposited, abandoned, or transported in, on, from, or across the Property in violation of applicable law;
 - 2. There are no underground storage tanks located on the Property, whether presently in service or closed, abandoned, or decommissioned, and no underground storage tanks have been removed from the Property in a manner not in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws;
 - 3. Grantor and the Property are in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws applicable to the Property and its uses;
 - 4. There is no pending or threatened litigation in any way affecting, involving, or relating to the Property; no civil or criminal proceedings or investigations have been instigated at any time or are now pending; no notices, claims, demands, or orders have been received, arising out of any violation or alleged violation of, or failure to comply with, any federal, state, or local law, regulation, or requirement applicable to the Property or its use; and

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- there are no facts or circumstances that Grantor might reasonably expect to form the basis for any such proceedings, investigations, notices, claims, demands, or orders; and
- 5. No person has retained a qualified mineral interest in the Property of a nature that would disqualify this Conservation Easement for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.170A-14(g)(4).
- C. Remediation. If, at any time, there occurs, or has occurred, a release in, on, or about the Property of any substance now or hereafter defined, listed, or otherwise classified pursuant to any federal, state, or local law as hazardous, toxic, polluting, or otherwise contaminating to the air, water, or soil, or in any way harmful or threatening to human health or to the environment, Grantor agrees to take all steps necessary to assure its containment and remediation, including any cleanup that may be required by applicable law.
- **D.** Control. Nothing in this Conservation Easement shall be construed as giving rise, in the absence of a judicial decree, to any right or ability in Grantee to exercise physical or managerial control over the day-to-day operations of the Property, or any of Grantor's activities on the Property, or otherwise to become an owner or operator with respect to the Property within the meaning of The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), and Georgia's hazardous waste statutes.
- E. Indemnification. Grantor hereby acknowledges that Grantee has no possessory rights in the Property nor any right or responsibility to operate, control, or maintain the Property. Grantor releases and shall hold harmless, indemnify, and defend Grantee and its members, directors, officers, employees, agents, and contractors, and the heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns of each of them (collectively, "Indemnified Parties"), from and against any and all liabilities, penalties, fines, charges, costs, losses, damages, expenses, causes of action, claims, demands, orders, judgments, or administrative actions, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from or in any way connected with: (i) injury to or the death of any person, or physical damage to any property, resulting from any act, omission, condition, or other matter related to or occurring on or about the Property, regardless of cause, unless due solely to the negligent act of any of the Indemnified Parties; (ii) the violation or alleged violation of, or other failure to comply with, any federal, state, or local law, regulation, rule, requirement, or ordinance, including, without limitation, CERCLA and Georgia hazardous waste statutes, by any person other than any of the Indemnified Parties, in any way affecting, involving, or relating to the Property; and (iii) the presence or release in, on, from, or about the Property, at any time, of any substance now or hereafter defined or classified pursuant to any federal, state, or local law, regulation, or requirement as hazardous, toxic, polluting, or otherwise contaminating to the air, water, or soil, or in any way harmful or threatening to human health or the environment, unless caused by any of the Indemnified Parties.

ARTICLE 11. EXTINGUISHMENT, CONDEMNATION, AND PROCEEDS

A. Extinguishment. This Conservation Easement can only be terminated or extinguished in whole or in part by judicial proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction upon a finding

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that a subsequent unexpected change in conditions has made the continued use of the Property for conservation purposes impossible or impractical. Grantee shall be entitled to a share of any proceeds of any subsequent sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion of the Property or any portion thereof, according to Grantee's proportional interest in the Property as determined as of the date of this grant in accordance with Treasury Regulations, §1.170A-14(g)(6)(ii), and as set forth in Paragraph C of this Article.

- **B.** Condemnation. If the Conservation Easement is taken, in whole or in part, by exercise of the power of eminent domain, the amount of the proceeds to which Grantee shall be entitled shall be determined by multiplying the total amount recovered by the ratio set forth in Paragraph C of this Article, unless Georgia law provides that Grantor is entitled to the full proceeds from the condemnation without regard to the terms of this Conservation Easement.
- C. Proceeds. This Conservation Easement constitutes a real property interest immediately vested in Grantee, which for the purposes of this Article, the Parties stipulate to have a fair market value that is at least equal to the proportionate value that this perpetual Conservation Easement, as of the date hereof, bears to the value of the Property as a whole at the time. For the purpose of this paragraph, the proportionate value of the Grantee's property rights shall remain constant.
- **D.** Application of Proceeds. Grantee shall use any proceeds received under the circumstances described in this Article in a manner consistent with the Purpose, which is exemplified by this Conservation Easement.

ARTICLE 12. ASSIGNMENT

This Conservation Easement is transferable with the consent of the Grantor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, but Grantee may assign its rights and obligations under this Conservation Easement only to a qualified organization authorized to acquire and hold conservation easements as provided by Treasury Regulations §1.170A-14(c)(1) and O.C.G.A §44-10-1, et seq. As a condition of such transfer, Grantee shall require that the Conservation Values and Purpose that this Conservation Easement is intended to advance continue to be carried out. Grantee agrees to give written notice to Grantor of an assignment at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of such assignment. The failure of Grantee to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such assignment nor shall it impair the validity of this Conservation Easement or limit its enforceability in any way.

ARTICLE 13. AMENDMENT

If circumstances arise under which an amendment to or modification of this Conservation Easement would be appropriate, Grantor and Grantee may by mutual written agreement jointly amend this Conservation Easement, provided that no amendment shall be made that will adversely affect (i) the qualification for this Conservation Easement as a "qualified conservation contribution" under §170(h) of the IRC and the regulations promulgated thereunder; (ii) cause this Conservation Easement to be contributed to an organization other than a qualified organization with the meaning of §170(h)(3) of the IRC; (iii) affect the status of Grantee as a

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qualified organization within the meaning of §170(h)(3) of the IRC; (iv) cause this Conservation Easement to be contributed other than "exclusively for conservation purposes" within the meaning of §§170(h)(1), (4), and (5) of the IRC; (v) affect the status of this Conservation Easement as a conservation easement within the meaning of O.C.G.A. §44-10-1, et seq.; or (vi) affect the qualification of this Conservation Easement or the status of Grantee under any applicable laws, including but not limited to, O.C.G.A. §44-10-1, et seq., or §170(h) and §501(c)(3) of the IRC. Any such amendment shall be consistent with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement, shall not affect its perpetual duration, shall not result in any diminution of protection of the Conservation Values, and shall result in equal or greater protection of the Conservation Values. Grantee shall have sole discretion as to whether to approve any proposed amendment. If Grantor obtains a Georgia conservation tax credit, then, as required, the proposed amendment must be approved by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Any amendment shall be recorded in the official public records of Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

ARTICLE 14. SUBSEQUENT TRANSFERS

- A. Transfer. Grantor agrees to incorporate the terms of this Conservation Easement by reference in any subsequent deed or other legal instrument by which it transfers any interest in all or a portion of the Property, including, without limitation, a leasehold interest. Grantor further agrees to give written notice to Grantee of the transfer of any interest at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of such transfer, and to provide the name and address of the transferee. The failure of Grantor to perform any act required by this Article shall not impair the validity of this Conservation Easement or limit its enforceability in any way.
- **B.** Merger. Grantor and Grantee agree that should Grantee, or any successor in interest to Grantee, come to own all or a portion of the fee interest in the Property subject to this Conservation Easement, Grantor shall observe and be bound by the obligations and the restrictions imposed upon the Property by this Conservation Easement; this Conservation Easement shall not be extinguished through the doctrine of merger in whole or in part in view of the public interest in its enforcement; and said owner as promptly as possible shall assign the Grantee interest in this Conservation Easement of record to another holder in conformity with the requirements of a qualified organization under §170(h) of the IRC or a federal, state, or local governmental agency or other entity, and in compliance with O.C.G.A. §44-10-2, §44-10-3, and §44-10-4.
- C. Documentation of Present Status. Upon written request by Grantor, Grantee shall have thirty (30) days to execute and deliver to Grantor any document, including an estoppel certificate, which certifies Grantor's compliance with any obligation of Grantor contained in this Conservation Easement. Such documentation shall describe the condition of the Property, as known by Grantee, as of the date of Grantee's most recent inspection. If Grantor requests more current status information, then Grantee shall conduct an inspection and provide said information at Grantor's sole expense within forty-five (45) days following receipt of Grantor's request.

ARTICLE 15. NOTICES

Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, or communication that either Party desires or is required to give to the other shall be in writing and either delivered personally or sent by commercial courier service or first class mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and addressed as follows:

To Grantor: Bobcat LLC

2700 Louisville Road Savannah, GA 31415-1642

To Grantee: Oconee River Land Trust, Inc.

675 Pulaski St., #2300 Athens, Georgia 30601

ARTICLE 16. RECORDATION

Grantee shall record this instrument in timely fashion in the official records of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, and may re-record it at any time as may be required to preserve its rights in this Conservation Easement.

ARTICLE 17. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- **A. Controlling Law.** The interpretation and performance of this Conservation Easement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.
- **B.** Liberal Construction. Notwithstanding any general rule of construction to the contrary, this Conservation Easement shall be liberally construed in order to accomplish the Purpose of this Conservation Easement and the policy and purpose of O.C.G.A. §44-10-1, *et seq.* If any provision in this instrument is found to be ambiguous, then an interpretation consistent with the Purpose of this Conservation Easement that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid.
- **C. Severability.** If any provision of this Conservation Easement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Conservation Easement, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is found to be invalid, as the case may be, shall not be affected thereby.
- **D.** Entire Agreement. This instrument and the documents incorporated herein by reference set forth the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the Conservation Easement and supersede all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Conservation Easement, all of which are merged herein.
- E. No Forfeiture. Nothing contained herein will result in a forfeiture or reversion of Grantor's title in any respect.



- **F.** Joint Obligation. The obligations imposed by this Conservation Easement upon Grantor shall be joint and several.
- **G. Successors.** The covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions of this Conservation Easement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, Grantor and Grantee and shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Property. Except as expressly provided otherwise herein, the terms "Grantor" and "Grantee," wherever used herein, and any pronouns used in place thereof, shall include, respectively, the above-named Grantor and its personal representatives and heirs, and successors, and assigns in interest in the Property after the date hereof, and the above-named Grantee and its personal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns.
- **H. Termination of Rights and Obligations.** A Party's rights and obligations under this Conservation Easement terminate upon transfer of the Party's interest in the Conservation Easement or Property, except that liability for acts or omissions occurring prior to transfer shall survive transfer.
- I. Captions. The captions in this instrument have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and are not a part of this instrument and shall have no effect upon construction or interpretation.
- J. Counterparts. The Parties may execute this instrument in two or more counterparts, that shall be signed by both Parties, and each counterpart shall be deemed an original instrument as against any Party who has signed it. In the event of any disparity between the counterparts produced, the recorded counterpart shall be controlling.

ARTICLE 18. EXHIBITS; DOCUMENTATION

- **A.** Exhibits. Exhibit "A", Legal Description of the Property, is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. Exhibit "B", Conservation Easement Map, is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.
- **B. Baseline Documentation Report.** The Parties acknowledge that the Baseline Documentation Report, dated November 1, 2018, executed by both Grantor and Grantee, and a copy of which is on file at the office of Grantee, accurately and completely describes, to the best of Grantor's and Grantee's knowledge, the uses, structures, Conservation Values, and condition of the Property as of the date hereof.
- **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** this Conservation Easement unto Grantee and its successors and assigns, together with all and singular rights, members, and appurtenances thereof to the same being, belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit, and behoove of Grantee forever.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have set their hands and seals and caused these presents to be executed in their respective names by authority duly given, and their seals affixed, the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of

Name: <u>G. Ida</u> De Mott Unofficial Witness

Name: Susan Wilson

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 13, 2022

[Affix Notary Seal]

SUSAN WILSON
NOTARY PUBLIC
Effingham County
State of Georgia
My Comm. Expires May 13, 2022

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of

Name: Steffney Thompson

Unofficial Witness

Name: Margaret Myszewski

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9/4/22

[Affix Notary Seal]



GRANTOR:

BOBCAT LLC,

a Georgia limited liability company

By: LI Manager, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, its Manager,

> By: Land Investors, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, its Manager

> > By: / Coymond/ Raymond J. DeMott,

Manager

GRANTEE:

By:

Oconee River Land Trust, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation

Name: John S. Willis

Title: Vice Chair

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Name: Reger Nielsen

Title: Secretary

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Exhibit A Legal Description

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 237th District, G. M. of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, containing 88.98 acres, more or less, and more particularly shown and described according to that certain plat of survey for Catawba Newsprint Company - Tract CNC-2492, by James M. Paul, R.L.S., dated August 13, 1980, recorded at Plat Book 9, page 697, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, which said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein for a more complete description of the property herein conveyed.

Exhibit B Conservation Easement Map

