

## Polk Tract Project Summary

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<b>Project Name</b>	Polk Tract
<b>Eligible Greenbelt Recipient</b>	Edisto Island Open Land Trust
<b>Street Address of Property Location</b>	SC Highway 174 Edisto Island
<b>Acquisition Type</b>	Conservation Easement
<b>Total Acreage</b>	74
<b>Total Match</b>	\$1,282,000
<b>Total Greenbelt Funds</b>	\$315,000



### **Project Description**

The Polk Tract is a 74-acre property located on Edisto Island. The property is a working farm with open fields and pastures. It includes three ponds totaling three acres, as well as 1,470 feet of frontage along Milton Creek. The property is a portion of the historic Thomas Bannister Seabrook Plantation and is adjacent to the Gun Bluff Plantation lands.

### **Compliance with Greenbelt Plan**

- Assists in meeting the goals of the Greenbelt Plan's system components in the following manner:
  - 71 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 16,240 acres of rural greenbelt lands.
  - 3 acres toward meeting the goal of protecting 5,610 acres of Lowcountry wetlands.
- Meets the following components of the Greenbelt Plan's definition of greenbelts:
  - Lowcountry natural resources
  - Productive landscapes
  - Scenic corridors
  - Natural infrastructure
- Meets four of the five purposes of the Greenbelt Plan:
  - Preservation of natural resources
  - Preservation of historic and cultural property
  - Protection of scenic landscapes
  - Protection of public health, safety and welfare.
- Addresses wishes of public by:
  - Protecting lowcountry natural resources, which is the second most important type of greenspace identified by citizens.
  - Protecting wildlife habitat, which is the top desired use of greenspace identified by citizens.
- Citizens in the West County area identified conservation/preservation as their highest priority for greenspace.