

# ALT Conservation Areas

When was the last time you visited your favorite ALT Property? To date, Allegheny Land Trust has protected 1,500 acres in 21 municipalities. Our conservation areas provide benefits such as stormwater management to reduce flooding and the protection of our region's scenic character and unique plant and animal habitats. But you're also invited to enjoy these lands for hiking, wildlife observation and other similar activities. Take a look at the map and information below for ideas about how you can enjoy an ALT Conservation Area close to your home!

## Audubon and Fern Hollow Greenways

SIZE: 130 ACRES

Nestled in the head waters of Little Sewickley Creek, these two ALT gems are often used by local equestrian clubs for riding. Contiguous to **Sewickley Heights Borough Park**, there is more than 1,000 acres of green space and miles of trails to explore.



## Wingfield Pines

SIZE: 80 ACRES

ALT's Abandoned Mine Drainage Passive Treatment System at Wingfield Pines in **Upper St. Clair** is a great place to do some bird watching—cedar waxwings are abundant! During the warm months Wingfield Pines is a beautiful place to hike and in the winter you can explore the property with snowshoes. If you head out to snowshoe, don't forget your ice skates—the ponds freeze over for a perfect outdoor skating rink.



## Irwin Run Conservation Area

SIZE: 73 ACRES

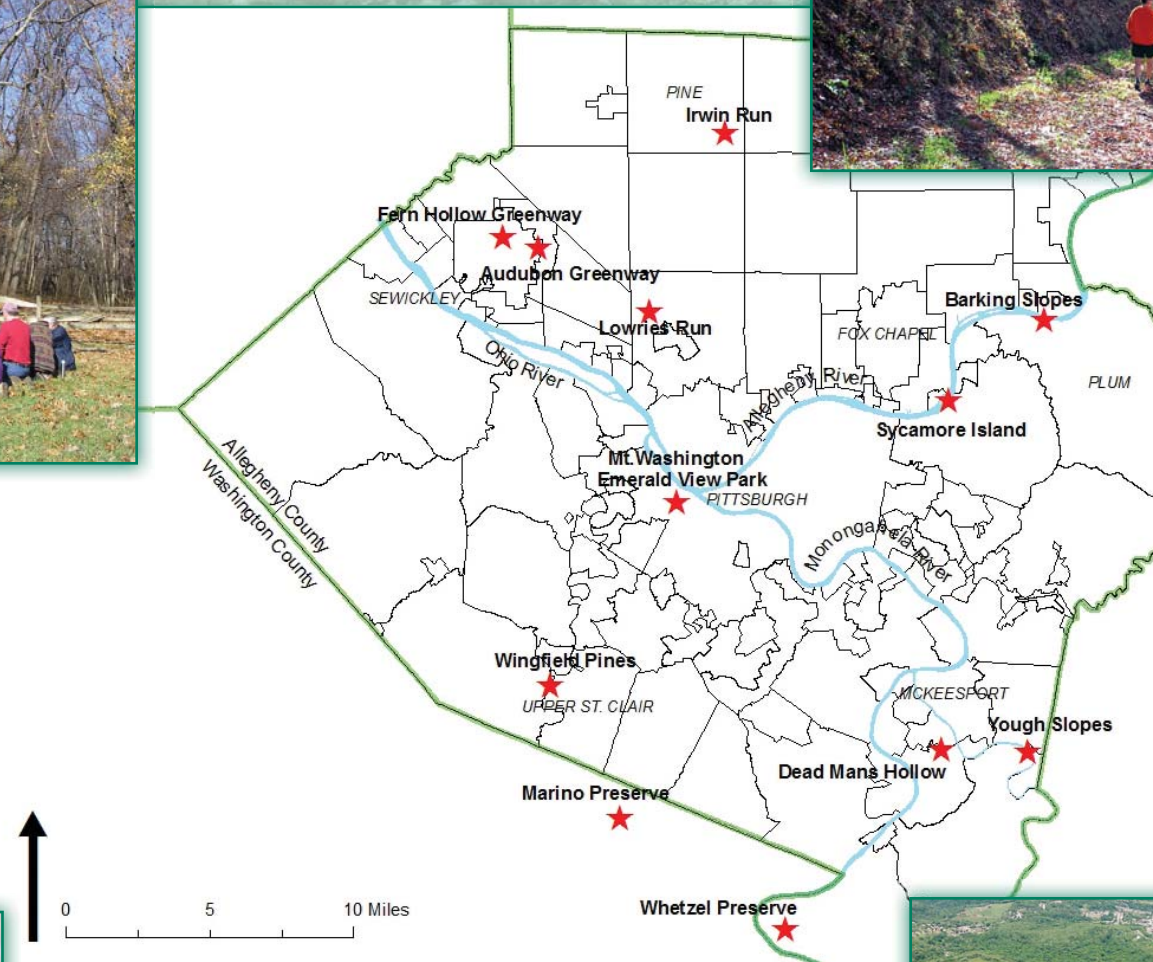
ALT's most recent land acquisition, Irwin Run Conservation Area, is adjacent to North Park in **Pine Township**. It is a wonderful place to hike with the family and in the winter a great place to cross country ski.



## Sycamore Island

SIZE: 14 ACRES

Sycamore Island, located in the Allegheny River near **Blawnox**, is one of the last remaining undeveloped islands in Allegheny County. Boaters around the island are often treated to wildlife sightings including wood ducks, spiny soft shell turtles and buffleheads. See the article on the front page for more information about ALT's future plans for the island.



## Dead Man's Hollow

SIZE: 440 ACRES

The Wildlife Preserve at Dead Man's Hollow in the **Mon Valley** encompasses 440 acres of highly significant wildlife habitat. The Preserve is a wonderful place to hike, has a large fishing pond and is adjacent to the Great Allegheny Passage, the bike trail linking Pittsburgh to Washington, DC.



Aerial photo by Ace Aerial Photography

What is it? from page 1. Indian Pipes or *Monotropa uniflora* are blooming, these found on Lowries Run Slopes. This unique find does not contain any chlorophyll (what gives plants their green color) and is a parasite often found in the dense understorey of PA forests.