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FOREVER WILD
Land Trust

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February 1, 2025

Governor Kay Ivey
The Capitol
Montgomery, AL 36130

Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth
The State House
Montgomery, AL 36130

Speaker of the House Nathaniel Ledbetter
The State House
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Re: Forever Wild Land Trust Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2024

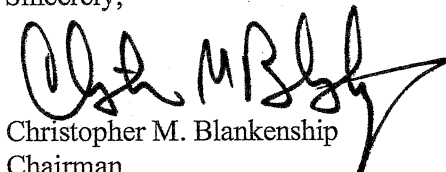
Dear Governor Ivey, Lt. Governor Ainsworth, and Speaker Ledbetter:

Pursuant to the provisions of Amendment 543, *Constitution of Alabama of 1901*, Section 5(d), and on behalf of the Forever Wild Land Trust Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to transmit herewith the annual report of the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust for the fiscal year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024 (FY24).

During FY24, the Forever Wild Land Trust acquired five tracts across five counties resulting in the addition of ~6,381 acres to the program. The acquisitions included the following: Heron Bay Wetlands Addition (~4,666 acres, Mobile County), Lake Guntersville State Park - John Doss Mountain Addition (~60 acres, Marshall County), Lillian Swamp Blackwater Addition (~166 acres, Baldwin County), Oak Mountain State Park - Belcher Phase II Addition (~277 acres, Shelby County), and Sipsey River Swamp - Brownville Addition (~1,212 acres, Tuscaloosa County).

During Fiscal Year 2025, the Board will continue evaluating and considering tracts of land for use as nature preserves, additions to state parks, outdoor recreational areas, and wildlife management areas/special opportunity areas for public hunting. The Board will also continue efforts to increase awareness of public access and recreational opportunities provided by the Forever Wild Land Trust through the website and social media. Furthermore, the Board will continue efforts to maximize the economic impact of the program for the State of Alabama.

Sincerely,



Christopher M. Blankenship
Chairman

ALABAMA FOREVER WILD LAND TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

Amendment 543 to the *Constitution of Alabama of 1901* established the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust and its Board of Trustees. The enabling law further provides that an annual report is to be delivered to the Governor and Legislature on or before February 1st of each year. This report details program activities for the previous fiscal year, covering the period from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024 (FY24).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) serves as ex officio Chairman of the 15-member Board of Trustees (Board) of the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust (Forever Wild). The Board also includes two additional ex officio members, three members appointed by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), and nine members appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House (with these officials each designating three appointments).

The following comprised Board membership during FY24:

Ex Officio Members

CHRISTOPHER M. BLANKENSHIP	Chairman for Board of Trustees. Commissioner Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, 64 North Union Street Montgomery, AL 36130
RICK OATES	State Forester Alabama Forestry Commission 513 Madison Avenue Montgomery, AL 36130
DR. JOHN VALENTINE	Executive Director Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium Post Office Box 369-370 Dauphin Island, AL 36528

Alabama Council on Higher Education Members (ACHE)

DR. HEATHER HOWELL

Research Associate, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Alabama A & M University. Appointed by the ACHE (representing the Northern District). Term expires September 30, 2027.

Center for Forestry & Ecology
P.O. Box 1927
Normal, AL 35762

DR. JAMES B. MCCLINTOCK

Endowed Professor, Department of Biology, University of Alabama at Birmingham. Appointed by the ACHE (representing the Central District). Term expires September 30, 2029.

Department of Biology
Campbell Hall 368
Birmingham, AL 35294

DR. SEAN POWERS

Professor and Chair of Marine Sciences, University of South Alabama. Appointed by the ACHE (representing the Southern District). Term expires September 30, 2025.

Department of Marine Sciences
5871 USA Drive North, LSCB Rm 025
Mobile, AL 36688

Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker Appointed Members

MR. JAMES "MICKEY" CHILDERS

Businessman, Somerville, Alabama. Appointed by Lt. Governor Ainsworth (representing the Northern District). Term expires December 31, 2026.

277 Blue Springs Road
Somerville, AL 35670

JACK DARNALL

Businessman, Birmingham, Alabama. Appointed by Governor Ivey (representing the Central District). Term expired December 31, 2024.

3021 7th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35233

JAKE HARPER

Harper Farms, Appointed by Speaker McCutcheon (representing the Southern District). Term expires December 31, 2028

5860 Highway 10 East
Camden, AL 36726

REGINALD HOLLOWAY

Businessman, Calera, Alabama. Appointed by Speaker McCutcheon (representing the Central District). Term was to expire December 31, 2026. Resigned February 15, 2024.

329 Southern Hills Drive
Calera, AL 35040

DR. BRIAN KEENER

Professor Department of Biological & Environmental Sciences, University of West Alabama. Appointed by Speaker McCutcheon to fill vacancy created by Mr. Holloway's resignation (representing the Central District). Term expires December 31, 2026.

UWA/Station 7
Livingston, AL 35470

RAYMOND B JONES, JR.

Businessman, Huntsville, Alabama. Appointed by Speaker McCutcheon (representing the Northern District). Term expired December 31, 2024.

P.O. Box 2545
Huntsville, AL 35084

DR. JAY NEUMANN

Physician, Point Clear, Alabama. Appointed by Governor Ivey (representing the Southern District). Term expires December 31, 2026.

P.O. Box 1181
Point Clear, AL 36564

JIMMY PARNELL

President, Alabama Farmers Federation, President & CEO Alfa Insurance Companies. Appointed by Lt. Governor Ainsworth (representing the Central District). Term expires December 31, 2028.

P.O. Box 11000
Montgomery, AL 36191

KAREN STANLEY

Stanley Construction Company. Appointed by Governor Ivey (representing the Northern District). Term expires December 31, 2028.

4410-A Evangel Circle
Huntsville, AL 35816

DR. SALEM SALOOM

Businessman, Evergreen, Alabama. Appointed by Lt. Governor Ainsworth (representing the Southern District). Term expired December 31, 2024.

2835 Booker Mill Road
Evergreen, AL 36401-5834

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Board held four meetings during the FY24 fiscal year as follows:

- November 2, 2023, at Auburn University's College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment in Auburn;
- February 1, 2024, at the Alabama Forestry Commission in Montgomery;
- May 2, 2024, at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville; and
- August 1, 2024, at Reid State Technical College in Evergreen.

Each Board meeting was announced in advance through press releases, posting on the DCNR website (www.outdooralabama.com), email to subscribers through DNCR's GovDelivery distribution services, and the Secretary of State's website. Each meeting announcement invited public attendance and encouraged public participation. The proceedings of the meetings were recorded by a court reporter, transcribed, and made available for public review through posting on the Forever Wild website (www.alabamaforeverwild.com).

PARTICIPATION & TRACT NOMINATIONS

The DCNR, State Lands Division began receiving tract nominations for acquisition by Forever Wild with the passage of Amendment 543. The public is encouraged to nominate tracts for consideration by the Board. The only requirement for nominating land is that the nomination be made in writing. Nominations can be submitted online at www.alabamaforeverwild.com. Currently, approximately 30 willing-seller landowner nominations have been approved for evaluation and are in various stages of consideration by the Board. The list of nominations is updated regularly by staff of the State Lands Division. Nominated tracts remain on the list until withdrawal by the landowner, removal due to lack of Board action, Forever Wild's acquisition of the nominated tract, or determination the State will not be able to conclude a negotiated purchase. A listing of currently active tract nominations is attached as Appendix A. While the number of willing seller nominations and tract acquisitions vary each year, historically only approximately 15% of nominated tracts are ultimately purchased by the Board.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Forever Wild Land Trust Fund cash balance as of September 30, 2024, was \$34,329,867.71 with an available capital spending authority of \$32,206,006.37.

The Forever Wild Land Trust Stewardship Fund cash balance as of September 30, 2023, was \$51,089,998.37. (Pursuant to Section 9 of Amendment 543, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is permitted to utilize these funds solely to support the maintenance and management in perpetuity of lands acquired by Forever Wild.)

Summaries of the Forever Wild current fund balances, along with budgets for FY24 and FY25 are included in Appendix B.

TRACT ACQUISITIONS

Amendment 543 requires the Board to obtain at least two appraisals prior to acquiring a nominated tract. In the event the second appraisal presents a valuation differing more than 10% from the first appraisal, a reconciliation appraisal is conducted. An affirmative vote of at least 9 of the 15 Board members is required to authorize acquisition of a tract.

In FY24, the Forever Wild Land Trust acquired five tracts across five counties resulting in the addition of ~6,381 acres to the program and successfully leveraged approximately \$5,138,000 in grant funding. These purchases provided for the expansion of public lands offering habitat management opportunities, nature preservation and recreational activities.

Each FY24 acquisition closed by the Board is listed and briefly described below.

- Heron Bay Wetlands Addition (~4,666 acres, Mobile County) serves as an addition to the Heron Bay Wetlands Nature Preserve and Recreation Area.
- Lake Guntersville State Park - John Doss Mountain Addition (~60 acres, Marshall County) serves as an addition to the Lake Guntersville State Park.
- Lillian Swamp Blackwater Addition (~166 acres, Baldwin County) serves as an addition to the Blackwater Special Opportunity Area.
- Oak Mountain State Park - Belcher Phase II Addition (~277 acres, Shelby County) serves as an addition to the Oak Mountain State Park.
- Sipsey River Swamp - Brownville Addition (~1,212 acres, Tuscaloosa County) serves as an addition to the Sipsey River Nature Preserve and Recreation Area Complex.

A full listing of previously acquired tracts, as well as information regarding tracts acquired following the close of this reporting year, is maintained on the Forever Wild website (www.alabamaforeverwild.com). The website also provides an interactive map for the public's benefit which offers search capability as to various characteristics and recreational offerings of the land tracts.

Approximately 93% of Forever Wild acreage provides public hunting opportunities with 84% of program acreage being managed within DCNR's Wildlife Manage Area (WMA) and Special Opportunity Area (SOA) public hunting programs. Public access continues to be provided across 99% of Forever Wild acreage.

TRACT MANAGEMENT PLANS

Constitutional Amendment 543 requires tract management plans to be developed within 12 months of acquisition. These management plans are prepared by staff from the State Lands Division with assistance and cooperation, as needed, from other DCNR Divisions, university staff members, local governments, non-profit organizations, and citizen groups. The plans are developed, and amended as necessary, to provide for management and maintenance of the property, protection of natural ecosystems, development of outdoor recreational opportunities, and implementation of natural resource education opportunities.

The Board approved seven new or amended tract management plans during this reporting period associated with the following acquisitions:

- Autauga WMA – County Road 112 Addition (Autauga County)
- Autauga WMA – Hart Addition (Autauga County)
- Cahaba River Shelby County Park – Peel Addition (Shelby County)
- Freedom Hills WMA – Boddie Addition (Colbert County)
- Lake Guntersville State Park – John Doss Mountain Addition (Marshall County)
- Oak Mountain State Park – Belcher Phase II Addition (Shelby County)
- Red Hills WMA – Flat Creek Phase V Addition (Monroe County)

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES OCCURRING ON FOREVER WILD TRACTS

While not exhaustive, the listing below provides a sampling of some activities during FY24 related to various Forever Wild land management and administrative activities.

- Attracted more than 3,850 visitors to the M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area (FWFTA) in Hale County through 21 youth hunts, 13 days of physically disabled hunting, and 31 sporting dog field trial/hunt test

event opportunities involving approximately 2,100 sporting dogs. An additional 265 dog training day permits were also issued. The FWTA hosted the Alabama Black Belt Birding Festival and 3 organized Alabama Audubon Society field trips. The FWFTA also served as a site for law enforcement officer training events. These activities at the Field Trial Area brought approximately 4,131 visitors to the tract and surrounding areas.

- The M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area has also been selected as the host site for two upcoming national AKC events. The AKC National Gun Dog Championship and the AKC National Vizsla Gun Dog Championship both will be held across January through March. This will be the first time either event has been held in the State of Alabama.
- Hosted 2,321 visitors at the Wehle Land Conservation Center (WLCC) (Bullock County) facilities for outdoor recreational and educational activities such as 616 visitors during 16 open trail weekends; 139 visitors associated with state and county agency meetings, technical workshops, and organized field trips; and 340 youths and adults for the Annual Bullock County Fishing Derby, co-sponsored by DCNR's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFFD), the Bullock County Sheriff's Department, and Children and Mentors Outdoors (CAMO). Additionally, also in partnership with CAMO, WFFD, and the Bullock County Sheriff's Department, WLCC hosted the first Senior Citizen Fishing Derby with 175 attendees.
- Expanded on existing public access opportunities by offering 36 open woods days at the Forever Wild Land Trust Sipsy River Recreation Area (Tuscaloosa County) and offering 25 open gate days during the hunting season at Old Cahawba Prairie (Dallas County), Splinter Hill Bog (Baldwin County), and Lillian Swamp (Baldwin County) tracts.
- Maintained approximately 392 miles of public recreation trails for activities such as horseback riding, hiking, biking, and canoeing at the Shoal Creek Nature Preserve (Lauderdale County), Walls of Jericho (Jackson County), Wehle Land Conservation Center (Bullock County), Splinter Hill Bog (Baldwin County), Old Cahawba Prairie (Dallas County), Jacinto Port (Mobile County), Coldwater Mountain Complex (Calhoun County), Dothan Park Trails (Houston County), Grand Bay Savanna (Mobile County), Cahaba River Park (Shelby County), Perdido River Complex (Baldwin County), Freedom Hills Complex (Colbert County), Indian Mountain Complex (Cherokee County), Mobile Tensaw Delta WMA (Mobile/Baldwin County), Gothard-AWF Yates Lake WMA (Tallapoosa County), Turkey Creek Nature Preserve (Jefferson County), Coosa WMA (Coosa County), Tannehill Complex (Bibb County), Blakeley Addition (Baldwin County), and Coon Creek (Elmore County) Forever Wild tracts.
- Hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Big Canoe Creek Tract located in St. Clair County, celebrating the successful partnership among Forever Wild, the City of Springville, St. Clair County, private businesses, and the Big Canoe Creek Preserve Partners non-profit all of whom worked together to foster development of a quality trail system, tract amenity enhancements, and public access improvements on that Forever Wild tract.
- Received 197 reservations for shelters and camping platforms associated with the Bartram and Perdido River Canoe Trails (Baldwin and Mobile Counties).
- Furthered ADCNR's education efforts, including its Campus Conservation program, by providing areas for field-based learning opportunities associated with habitat benefits and land management, including prescribed fire, that complement biology and wildlife science programs and allow students to experience various hunting and fishing recreational activities. Some participating institutions during FY24 included Alabama A&M University, Alabama State University, Auburn University, Huntingdon College, Montevallo University, Tuskegee University, and Wallace State Community College-Andalusia.
- Performed annual informational kiosk updates to include maps, guidelines of use and hunting regulations at various Forever Wild tracts statewide.
- Continued a citizen science habitat monitoring project at three locations (Grand Bay Savanna, Wehle Land Conservation Center, Old Cahawba Prairie) which invites visitors to photograph the habitat from a fixed camera bracket and share via social media (<http://alabamaforeverwild.com/project-habitat-watch>). This will create a long-term photo documentation of the landscape and attract additional visitors.
- Maintained and enhanced a natural heritage data bank of biological inventory information containing over 7.7 million records with over 2,500 on-line users.
- Continued to enhance the Alabama Natural Heritage Section Herbarium with a current total of 9,900 specimens, all of which have been digitized, imaged, and databased.

- Continued Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) Banding Station, gopher tortoise population monitoring, Eastern bluebird monitoring, and Northern Bobwhite covey count surveys on the Wehle Forever Wild Tract.
- Monitored and oversaw management actions for Red-cockaded Woodpecker populations on the Forever Wild Coosa WMA.
- Performed biodiversity survey work, conducted habitat assessments, and continued collecting detailed GPS/GIS data of existing Forever Wild tracts to enhance tract management.
- Maintained on-line interactive maps to provide information about public recreation opportunities.
- Determined landowner “willing seller” status, mapped, and evaluated 36 Forever Wild nominations.
- Completed harvest preparation activities for a combined first and second thinning to mitigate Southern Pine Beetle infestation, enhance general wildlife habitat management, and facilitate prescribed fire as a management tool on the Big Swamp Creek Tract in Lowndes County.
- Initiated planning for a clearcut harvest following storm damage at Coosa WMA.
- Contracted for a first thinning of 250 acres of loblolly pine plantation and planned the first thinning of 100 acres of loblolly pine on Freedom Hills WMA.
- Initiated planning efforts for a second thinning of 250 acres loblolly pine plantation at Gothard - Yates Lake WMA.
- Completed harvest of a 375-acre loblolly pine plantation on Little River Canyon WMA in Cherokee County and initiated shortleaf pine reforestation activities.
- Contracted for a second thinning of 350 acres of loblolly pine plantation on Old Cahawba Prairie Tract in Dallas County.
- Neared completion of contract services for the thinning of approximately 481 acres and contracted for an additional 297-acre thinning at Uchee Creek SOA in Russell County.
- Completed harvest of 30 acres of sand pine plantation as part of efforts to restore longleaf pine at Uchee Creek SOA.
- Conducted harvest preparation activities for second thinning of 125 acres and final harvest of 250 acres of loblolly plantation at Portland Landing SOA in Dallas County.
- Implemented chemical and mechanical methods for control of exotic plant species in addition to various trapping techniques for removal of invasive animal species including the removal of approximately 684 feral hogs.
- Performed prescribed fire on almost 17,000 acres as part of maintaining or enhancing the natural plant communities on various tracts. Several fires were coordinated with partners including The Nature Conservancy.
- Continued annual Board-approved payment compensation plan made available to each county with acreage titled to Forever Wild.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

The Forever Wild Land Trust’s Board of Trustees and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will continue efforts to improve the awareness and understanding of the Forever Wild program and the opportunities it provides to Alabama’s citizens through the website and social media. The State Lands Division will continue to maintain the Forever Wild interactive map to assist the public in learning how to access and take advantage of the various tracts and associated activities.

The Board will continue evaluating and considering the acquisition of willing seller tracts nominated by the public that support the purposes of the Forever Wild program. Following tract acquisition, the Board will also initiate tract assessments and continue evaluation and management of all newly acquired tracts. Furthermore, the Board will continue efforts to maximize the economic impact of the program for the State of Alabama.

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APPENDIX A

(Active Tract Nominations)

Forever Wild Land Trust

Active Tract Nominations

(As of January 31, 2025)

Forever Wild Northern District

Cleburne	
Dugdown Corridor - Cleburne County Tract (~1,480 ac.)	7/11/2024
Dugdown Corridor Phase II (~9,888 ac.)	12/2/2024
Dugdown Mountain Corridor (~1,984 ac.)	8/12/2022
Colbert	
Freedom Hills WMA - Heard Addition (~80 ac.)	12/11/2024
Freedom Hills WMA - Sugar Camp Branch Addition (~240 ac.)	5/13/2024
Freedom Hills WMA - Sutton Hill Addition (~17 ac.)	1/19/2023
DeKalb	
DeSoto SP - Oakhill Road NE Addition (~30 ac.)	12/16/2024
Jackson	
Coon Gulf - Craze Bend Addition (~80 ac.)	10/21/2024
Lawrence	
Morgan Hollow (~1060 ac.)	4/11/2024
Limestone	
Beaverdam Swamp - Lowe Addition (~1.6 ac.)	10/21/2024
Morgan	
Jones Creek (~80 ac.)	8/26/2024

Forever Wild Central District

Chambers	
Valley Tract (~20 ac.)	8/29/2024
Coosa	
Davidson Creek Tract (~2,103 ac.)	7/20/2023
Jefferson	
Hales Spring Tract (~18.8 ac.)	3/12/2024
TCNP - Bell Addition (~80 ac.)	11/6/2024
TCNP - Red Hollow Road Addition (~248.42 ac.)	1/8/2025
Pickens	
Dead River Island (~344 ac.)	11/20/2024
Shelby	
Cooper Branch Tract (~898 ac.)	3/4/2024
Dunnivant Valley Oaks (~1633 ac.)	4/2/2024

Forever Wild Southern District

Baldwin

Bon Secour River Wetlands Addition (~81 ac.)	12/21/2020
Graham Bayou Tract (~127 ac.)	8/24/2024
WBR - Holley Addition (~163 ac.)	9/21/2023
WBR - Lipscomb Addition (~2.6 ac.)	1/30/2023
WBR - White Addition (~46 ac.)	10/5/2023

Mobile

Deakle Road Tract (~108 ac.)	12/3/2024
Fillmore Drive Tract (~659 ac.)	12/14/2022
Mount Vernon Tract (~609 ac.)	11/22/2023
West Fowl River Tract (~525 ac.)	1/18/2023

Mobile & Washington

Bennett Creek Tract (~2174 ac.)	3/13/2017
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Monroe

Red Hills-Section 23 Addition (~77 ac.)	4/30/2023
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APPENDIX B

(FY24 & FY25 Financial Information)

FOREVER WILD FINANCIAL INFORMATION OVERVIEW SUMMARY

FUND BALANCES/SPENDING AUTHORITY (As of September 30, 2024)

▪ Actual Forever Wild Land Trust Cash/Investments Balance		\$34,329,867.71
▪ Available Forever Wild Land Trust Capital Spending Authority*		\$32,206,006.37
▪ Actual Forever Wild Land Trust Stewardship Fund Cash/Investments Balance		\$51,089,998.37
○ Cash Balance	\$ 881,748.84	
○ Short Term Investments	\$ 260,268.74	
○ Long Term Investments	\$49,947,980.79	

* Represents Multi-Year Capital Spending Authority from FY23, FY24, FY25.

FOREVER WILD LAND TRUST FUND INFORMATION

FISCAL YEAR 2024* (Revenue/Expenditure Detail on following page)

▪ Beginning Balance (October 1, 2023)	\$ 1,993,950.00
▪ Revenues (Actual)	\$ 16,548,324.72
▪ Non-Capital Expenditures (Actual)	\$ 1,410,458.37
▪ Available Capital Spending Authority (Actual)**	\$ 15,123,390.00
▪ Ending Balance Available for Roll-Over to FY25	\$ 2,008,426.35

FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET INFORMATION

▪ Beginning Balance (October 1, 2024)	\$ 2,008,426.35
▪ Projected Revenues	\$ 16,548,325.00
▪ Projected Non-Capital Expenditures***	\$ 1,615,737.00
▪ Projected Capital Expenditures	\$ 16,409,338.00
▪ Projected Ending Balance Available for Roll-Over	\$ 531,676.35

* Pending completion of the State's ACFR.

** Number represents FY24 Capital Spending Authority (does not include Multi-Year Spending Authority roll-over from FY23)

*** Includes Required 15% Stewardship Transfers for FY23, FY24, FY25 Capital Spending Authority.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 REVENUE/EXPENDITURES DETAIL*

▪ Revenue Sources

○ 0402 Forever Wild Auto Tags	\$ 279,187.76
○ 0464 Fees - Conservation (not otherwise classified)	\$ 12,300.00
○ 0620 Cash Dividends	\$ 1,072,512.90
○ 0667 Transfer from Alabama Trust Fund	\$ 15,000,000.00
○ 0683 Reimbursements (not otherwise classified)	\$ 314.60
○ 0724 Non-Governmental Contributions	\$ 168,108.55
○ 0859 Federal Operating Reimbursement	\$ 15,841.45
○ 1390 Distinctive Vessel Identification Stickers	\$ 59.46
Total Revenues	\$ 16,548,324.72

▪ Expenditures

○ 0300 Travel In-State	\$ 9,242.23
○ 0600 Rentals and Leases	\$ 600.00
○ 0800 Professional Services	\$ 238,650.88
○ 0900 Supplies, Materials, & Operating Services	\$ 15,227.91
○ 1100 Grants and Benefits	\$ 363,188.03
○ Transfers	
▪ 15% Transfers to Stewardship Fund for Land Purchases	\$ 1,618,980.00
▪ Administrative Transfer	\$ 900,000.00
○ Capital Outlay	
▪ FW Heron Bay Wetlands Addition	\$ 8,015.00
▪ FW Lake Guntersville State Park-John Doss Mountain Addition	\$ 179,986.87
▪ FW Lillian Swamp Blackwater Addition	\$ 365,012.15
▪ FW Oak Mountain State Park-Belcher Phase II Addition	\$ 3,319,897.66
▪ FW Sipsey River-Brownville Addition	\$ 1,788,262.16
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,807,062.89

* Pending completion of the State's ACFR.

FOREVER WILD STEWARDSHIP FUND FINALCIAL INFORMATION

BUDGET INFORMATION

FISCAL YEAR 2024

▪ Beginning Balance (October 1, 2023)	\$ 827,881.00
▪ Expenditures*	\$ 2,426,536.10
▪ Budgetary Spending Authority**	\$ 2,500,000.00
▪ Ending Balance Available for Roll-Over	\$ 217,172.00

FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET INFORMATION

▪ Beginning Fund Balance (October 1, 2024)	\$ 217,172.00
▪ Projected Expenditures	\$ 3,000,000.00
▪ Projected Budgetary Spending Authority	\$ 3,000,000.00

* Expenditures for FY24 capped at \$2.5 million in accordance with Board authorization.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 REVENUE/EXPENDITURES DETAIL*

▪ <u>OPERATING REVENUE</u>	
○ 0620 Cash Dividends on Stocks	\$ 105,213.53
○ 0621 Gain on Sale of Investments	\$ 19,807.69
○ 0622 Interest Income	\$ 7,69.01
○ 0825 Interfund Federal Programs	\$ 16,338.75
○ 0875 Prior Year Adjustment	<u>\$ 13,627.54</u>
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 162,678.52
▪ <u>INVESTMENT/CORPUS REVENUE</u>	
○ 0800 Transfers (15% from Land Trust Account)	<u>\$1,235,505.00</u>
Total Invest/Corpus Revenues	\$1,235,505.00
▪ <u>STEWARDSHIP EXPENDITURES</u>	
○ 0300 Travel, In-State	\$ 113,964.47
○ 0500 Repair and Maintenance	\$ 452,412.07
○ 0800 Services	\$ 361,237.57
○ 0900 Supplies, Materials, and Operating	\$ 216,162.07
○ 1000 Transportation Equipment Operation	\$ 374,999.36
○ 1100 Grants and Benefits	\$ 0.00
○ 1200 Capital Outlay	\$ 247,575.54
○ 1300 Transportation Equipment Purchase	\$ 387,333.89
○ 1400 Other Equipment Purchases	<u>\$ 319,364.69</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,426,536.10

* Pending completion of the State's ACFR.