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Joining Congressman Jody Hice, third from left, at the Capitol, from left, are Robert Ramsay (President of the Georgia Conservancy), Christine McCauley (Executive Director of the Madison-Morgan Conservancy), Representative Jody Hice (U.S. Representative of GA's 10th Congressional District), and Alex Robertson (Legal Counsel for the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust) during their recent visit to Washington D.C. for the Land Trust Alliance's Advocacy Days.

The Madison-Morgan Conservancy was recently part of a select team of Georgia conservation leaders advocating for conservation initiatives to Congressman Jody Hice in Washington, D.C.

“It was an honor to meet with the group from the Madison-Morgan Conservancy earlier this month. Through meeting with these important local leaders, I learned how important the tax incentive for land conservation has been and will continue to

be for years to come,” said Hice. “Making this temporary tax incentive permanent is but one reason why I was proud to support the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015. As businesses, non-profits such as the Madison-Morgan Conservancy, and other entities plan for the future, it is critical that they do so with the predictability and confidence that comes with a consistent and fair tax code.”

Madison-Morgan Conservancy executive director Christine McCauley was joined by Robert Ramsay, President of the Georgia Conservancy, and Alex Robertson, legal counsel for the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust, for the Land Trust Alliance’s Advocacy Days.

“What an honor it was to be a part of LTA’s Advocacy Days,” McCauley said. “Not only did we meet with our Congressmen and their staff about conservation issues in Georgia (I even invited all of them to Derby Day), but we learned so much from each other’s organizations. I’m inspired by what I saw and learned and especially thankful to our Representative Jody Hice for his time.”

Over 120 conservation leaders from all fifty states descended on Capitol Hill for three days to thank their congressional leaders for enacting one of the most powerful conservation measures in decades: the permanent enhanced federal tax incentive for conservation easement donations. The permanent conservation easement tax incentive is a powerful tool that helps Americans conserve their land voluntarily.

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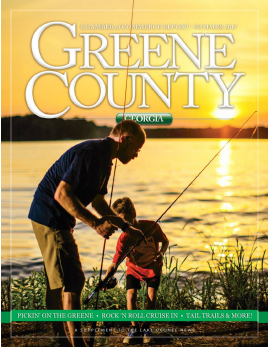
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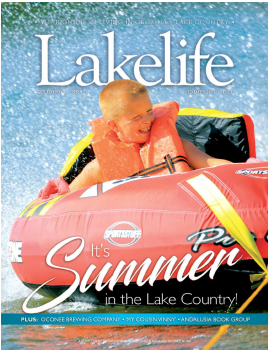
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