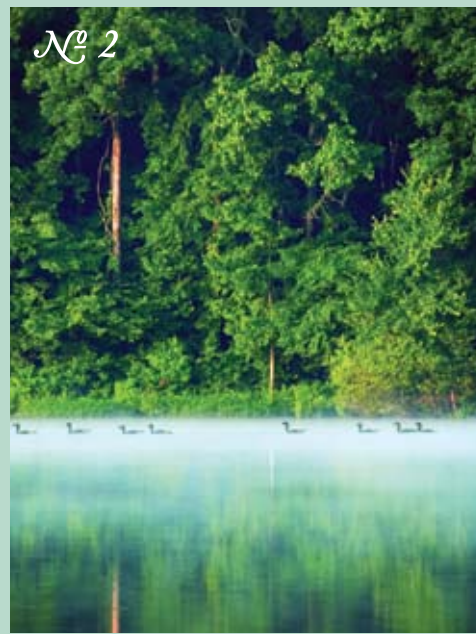
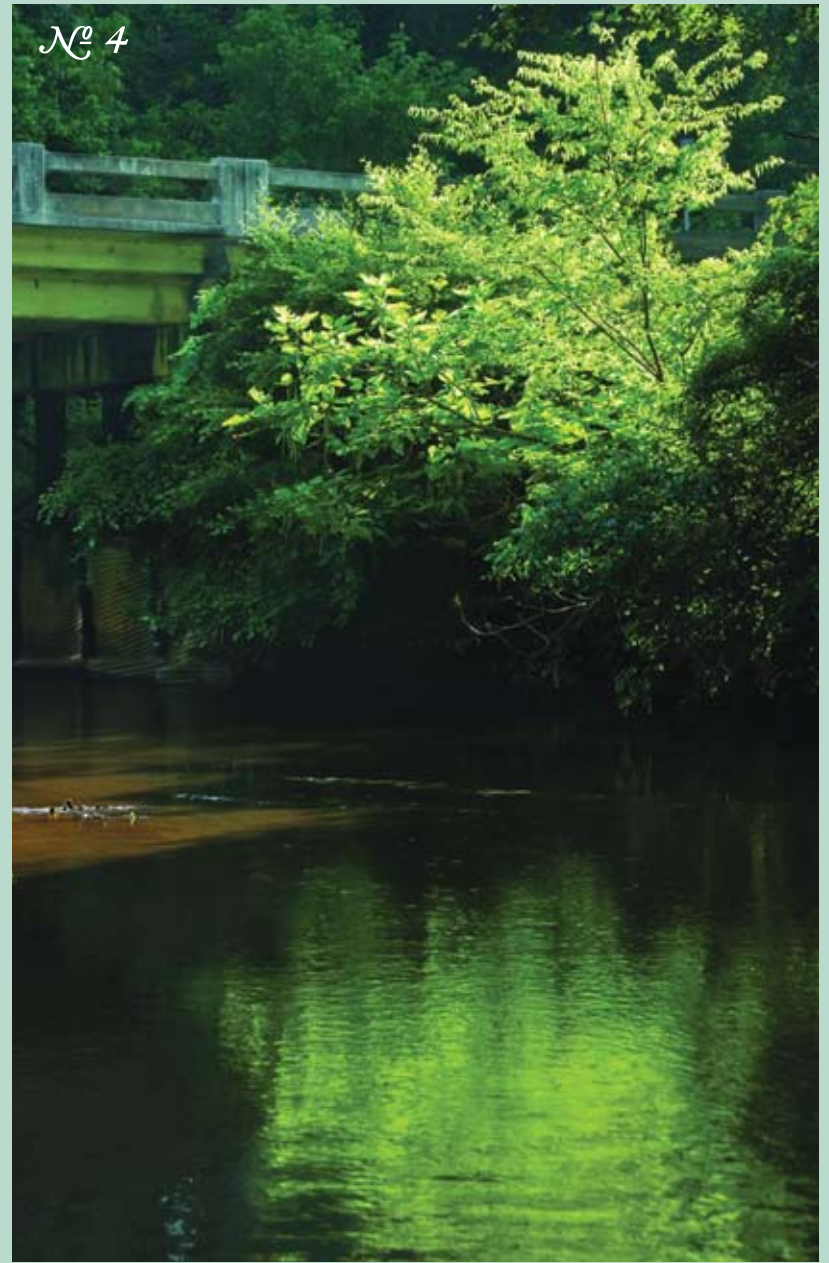


Vason Conservation Easements

We placed conservation easements on our land because of our desire to be good stewards of the land we are fortunate to own. Our conservation values were enhanced by Katie, whose passion for environmental issues, while in high school, was a catalyst for the formation of the Madison-Morgan Conservancy in 2000.



Our first conservation easement, and the first for the Madison-Morgan Conservancy, was placed on the lot (approximately one-half acre) adjacent to the family homeplace on Old Post Road in the Historic District of Madison in 2001 prior to its sale to protect the context of the surrounding historic homes and gardens.

The second conservation easement was in December of 2002 on approximately 101.4 acres adjacent to our farm residence in southern Morgan County near Godfrey. The conservation values included protection of natural habitat of plant and wild life as well as approximately 30 acres of water.

Our third conservation easement was in June of 2005 with the sale of property located on Highway 83 which is a scenic portion of the highway inside the Madison city limits. The easement is on 3.3 acres bordering Highway 83, which serves as a conservation view shed in protecting green space along Highway 83.

In December of 2005, the fourth conservation easement was placed on approximately 152 acres between Little River and Little River Road in southern Morgan County near Godfrey. This easement protects open space for scenic enjoyment from Little River Road as well as woodlands and wildlife habitats along Little River and its tributaries.

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