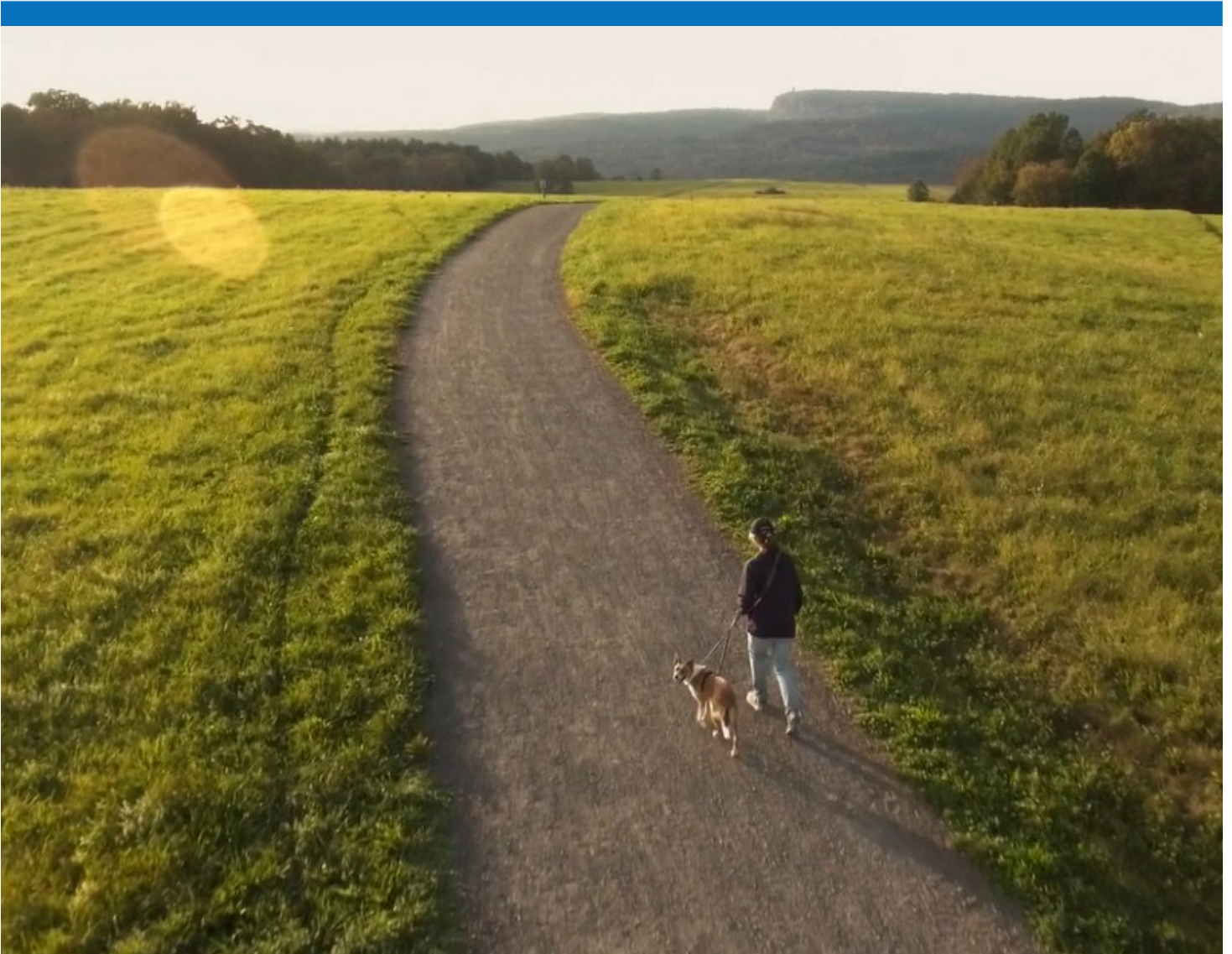




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VIDEO: PROTECTING LAND FOR PEOPLE, FOR WILDLIFE, FOREVER

For nearly half a century OSI has been protecting the land that matters most – land that supports the things we can't live without — like clean water, climate protection, and healthy communities — and safeguarding the places that make life worth living, like parks for recreation and plant and animal habitat. As the summer comes to a close, check out this inspiring OSI video that showcases decades of meaningful land conservation – all made possible through the support of friends and supporters who value land and the many ways it sustains our life and happiness.

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A CLIMATE GAME-CHANGER

The conservation community cheered earlier this month as President Joseph Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. The act positions the U.S. as a worldwide climate leader, represents the single largest climate investment in history, and dovetails with OSI's mission to address climate change through natural, land-based solutions.

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SAVING A THREATENED COAST

Fulfilling a top conservation priority in the South Carolina low country, OSI has spearheaded the protection of 12,000 acres in one of the fastest growing regions in the Southeast. As part of a larger, multi-phased initiative, OSI partnered with The Nature Conservancy this summer to secure the 7,300-acre Buckfield property.

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WELCOMING NEW OSI FELLOWS

OSI welcomes Anne Lee and Aisha Rodriguez, two new fellows participating in its Conservation Diversity Fellowship program. Now in its sixth year, this initiative seeks to expand the pipeline of environmental leaders by providing recent graduates opportunities to gain experience and successfully launch their careers in conservation and related fields.

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SOARING ABOVE RIVER-TO-RIDGE

The River-to-Ridge Trail demonstrates how protected land supports both human and wildlife activity. The trail, which welcomes more than 200,000 visitors each year, also serves as a launch site for rehabilitated peregrine falcons to re-enter the wild. Since 2020, more than 20 falcons have been released along the trail as they journey to the nearby cliffs of the Shawangunk Ridge.

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A NEW PRESERVE FOR CHARLESTON

In the face of quick-sprouting subdivisions, strip malls, and industrial development, OSI and partners have announced the creation of a 600-acre nature sanctuary at the northern edge of the Charleston metropolitan area. OSI and its partners are developing a public access plan for the property that will include outdoor recreation, nature study, and historic preservation.

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BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

In many areas, the impacts of climate change fall heavily on under-resourced communities: urban heat islands, flooding, and hurricanes. Now, a pilot program launched by OSI and the Thrive Regional Partnership is helping residents of communities in Tennessee and Georgia plan for and adapt to the challenges presented by climate change.

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