

Natural Resources

Promote and protect natural resources and opportunities for recreation through public access and conservation.

A key component of this goal is the desire for community beautification of public and private land through behavior change to reduce littering and through an increased focus on landscaping maintenance of property.

Natural resources contribute significantly to the environmental quality, resilience, character, and quality of life of Lowndes County and its municipalities. Rivers, streams, wetlands, woodlands, parks, and other natural assets provide recreational opportunities, support wildlife habitat, improve water quality, and contribute to community wellbeing. As growth and development continue throughout the county, balancing conservation with development will remain important to preserving these resources for future generations.

In 2024, GeorgiaForward's Young Gamechangers program developed recommendations for Valdosta and Lowndes County related to sustainable parks, trails, green spaces, and environmental connectivity. These recommendations emphasize the importance of interconnected green infrastructure, stewardship of natural resources, equitable access to recreational amenities, and increased connections between residents and the natural environment. Local governments, community organizations, and residents all play an important role in protecting and enhancing natural resources while expanding opportunities for recreation, education, and environmental stewardship.

The policies contained herein reflect best practices for the conservation of natural resources, and continued public access to the natural amenities available in Lowndes County that contribute to the region's identity and quality of life.

