



There are iconic landscapes that move us and remind us why nature matters – The Knob is one of those places. Providing a stunning backdrop to the historic town of Mount Jackson, the Knob is the rocky-topped southern end of Short Mountain, home to Peregrine falcons and vital for the town’s water supply. Located in Shenandoah County and adjacent to the George Washington National Forest, this area is a favorite recreation destination for outdoor enthusiasts from near and far and important for the tourism economy. However, it is also for sale and at risk of development.

With your help, The Conservation Fund seeks to purchase and protect 137 acres on The Knob and transfer the land to the U.S. Forest Service for incorporation into the George Washington National Forest. If the property can be purchased, we will permanently protect land critical to the water supply for the Town of Mount Jackson, and we may be able to extend the Massanutten Trail and provide recreational opportunities. Most importantly, we’ll ensure that the iconic backdrop to the Town is preserved for future generations.

This is an all-hands-on-deck save and we expect federal funding to make up the lion’s share of the purchase price, but we need to raise the final \$50,000. Thanks to the Fund’s Revolving Fund and a generous private donor, we already have \$335,000 pledged towards our goal, but we need help now from the community that surrounds The Knob. Please consider a donation to help protect this local gem in a nationally significant landscape.

For more information on how you can help, visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/saveth knob/>

Agency

U.S. Forest Service
George Washington National Forest

Project Cost

Total need = \$385,000

- Already raised = \$335,000
- Funding gap = \$50,000

Status

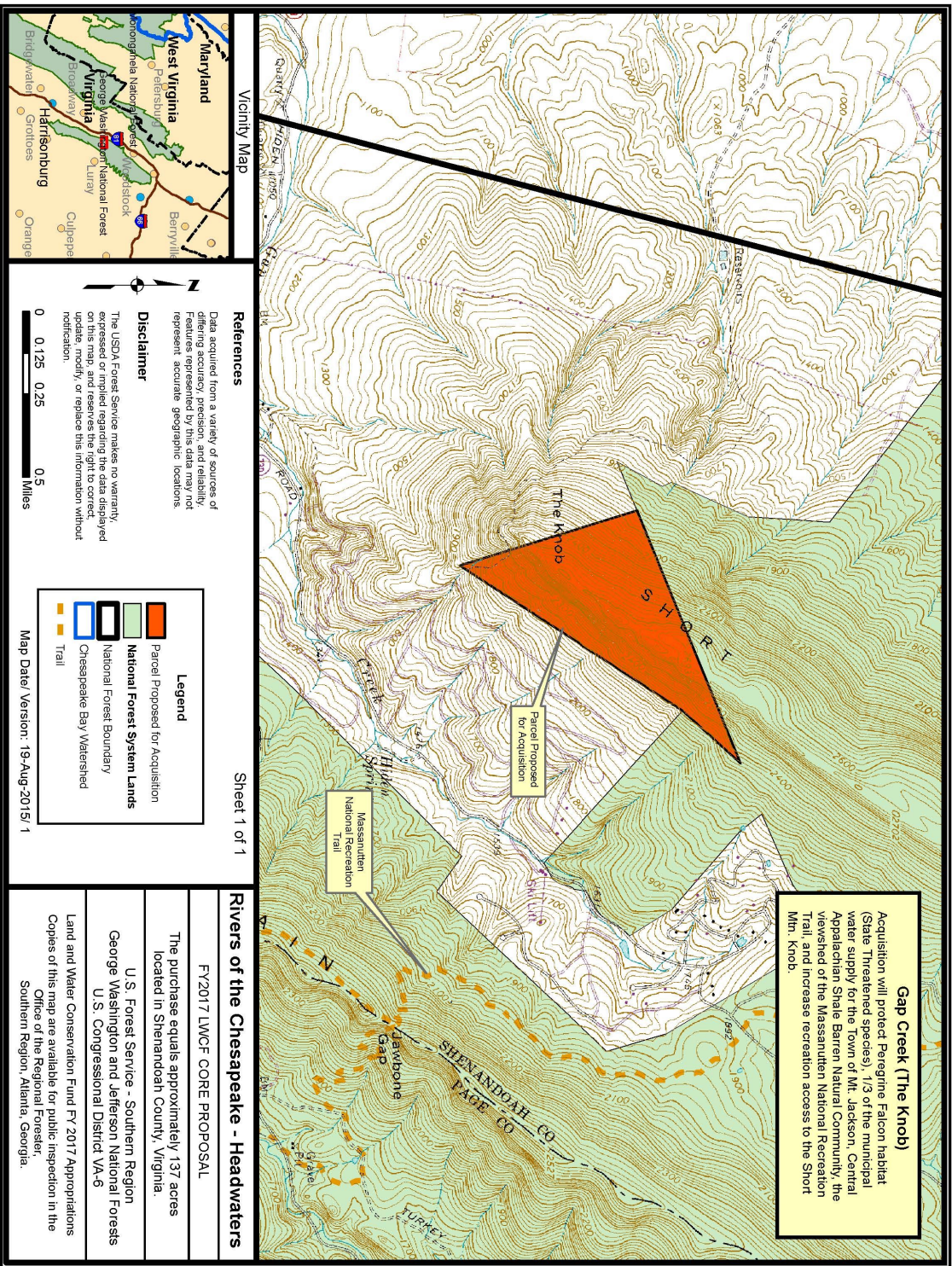
The Conservation Fund has agreed with the landowner on a purchase price. In order to complete the purchase, \$50,000 must be raised to secure all project costs.

Key Features

- 137-acre privately held property
- Within the boundary of the George Washington National Forest.
- Prominent landmark at the south end of Short Mountain
- Situated directly above the water supply for the Town of Mount Jackson
- Home to peregrine falcons and unique plant communities

Partners

U.S. Forest Service, Shenandoah Forum, Shenandoah Valley Network, The Conservation Fund



Gap Creek (The Knob)
 Acquisition will protect Peregrine Falcon habitat (State Threatened species), 1/3 of the municipal water supply for the Town of Mt. Jackson, Central Appalachian State Barren Natural Community, the watershed of the Massanutten National Recreation Trail, and increase recreation access to the Short Mt. Knob.



References
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Legend

- Parcel Proposed for Acquisition
- National Forest System Lands
- Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- Trail

Rivers of the Chesapeake - Headwaters

FY2017 LWCF CORE PROPOSAL
The purchase equals approximately 137 acres located in Shenandoah County, Virginia.
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At The Conservation Fund, we make conservation work for America. By creating solutions that make environmental and economic sense, we are re-defining conservation to demonstrate its essential role in our future prosperity. Top-ranked for efficiency and effectiveness, we have worked in all 50 states since 1985 to protect more than 7.8 million acres of land.

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