

Section 1. Organizational Information

Organization Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Authorized Officer for this Grant

Individual's Email Address

Individual's Title

Individual's Phone Number
843-577-6510

Have the grant funds been fully expended? Yes

If "No," stop here and contact The Joanna Foundation for consultation.

Section 2. Grant

Summary Start Date (date on p.1 - mm/dd/yyyy) Grant Amount

Project Title

Overall Purpose (select one)

- Operating support
- Administrative/technical support
- Seed money/startup funds
- Specific project/program (insert title or one sentence summary below)
- Matching funds
- Capital campaign
- Facilities/equipment

Were major changes made to the project after the grant was received? Yes No Xlf

"Yes," please explain why and summarize the changes as part of your Summary of Impact.

Section 3. Summary of Impact

Separately, using software of your choice, write a concise summary of how the grant helped achieve the objective of the request. For example, you may mention activities to date, progress toward milestones, participation by volunteers, partners or audience members, and/or significant achievements. You may use metrics to show change or anecdotal examples to illustrate impact. You may use

bullets or lists. Describe the difference that The Joanna Foundation grant made to your organization in this time frame. We recommend one page of text or less. You may add items that showcase your work, such as a photo, graphic, chart, media article, testimonial, or link to a short video.

When you are satisfied with your draft, save your Summary of Impact in pdf format, attach any additions, insert your material after this page, and submit the combined file (consisting of this 2-pg form + your materials) as a single pdf file.

Lowcountry Land Trust (LLT) received a \$2,000 grant from the Joanna Foundation in April 2023 to assist with its plans to restore Thornhill Farm in McClellanville to active operations so that it might serve as an ambassador site for agricultural conservation.

When LLT acquired the Thornhill Farm property in 2022, it needed significant repairs. The farm dwelling, auxiliary buildings, and infrastructure were not suitable for restorative agricultural use and production. Our immediate objectives were to make the dwelling at Thornhill habitable for our tenant farmer, to replace the property's perimeter fencing (necessary for animal grazing) and to repair the barn and farm store. We set a goal of completing these improvements by June 2023 to allow for summer grazing and crop propagation as well as the initial opening of the farm store.

Thanks to funds provided by the Joanna Foundation, other private funders and a successful May Giving campaign, LLT has made incredible progress toward all of the above stated objectives.

We have completed the necessary repairs to the farm's primary dwelling, barn, and perimeter fence allowing our tenant farmer, Alex Russell of Chucktown Acres, to live and begin regenerative farming on site at Thornhill. The Farm Store is up and running, open on Fridays and Saturdays, providing visitors with access to high quality grass fed/grass finished beef, forested pork, soy free eggs, and pasture-raised poultry.

In addition to restoring the farm to active operations, LLT also aspired to offer the public new recreational and educational opportunities highlighting the area's abundant local food tradition and the small farmers responsible for its production. Alex and his Chucktown Acres team share this commitment to educating residents and visitors about "where their food comes from, how it is grown, and how it affects everything around us".

True to this commitment, Saturdays are turning into busy days on the farm with Pet the Pigs Saturdays and Feed the Cows Saturdays becoming popular educational and engagement activities. Bandit and Chili, Kune Kune pigs used solely for education and engagement with children and adults alike, are the newest additions to Chucktown Acres. Feed the Cows Saturdays similarly invite school-aged children for a hands-on experience to get out, feed and learn about the cows.

As a testament to this success, Chucktown Acres was recently nominated for Best Local Farm by the Charleston Paper.

Next steps at Thornhill include improving access to the property's lakeshore. LLT's hope is to soon offer children the opportunity to safely fish from the shore with the help of local fishing guide Chris Morrison of Topwater Kayak Charters. We are currently assessing the drainage of the property, addressing 10-15 years of deferred maintenance on its drainage systems. The farm's main culvert is blown out and we are in the process of evaluating our options to clean and repair all the property's drains and culverts.

LLT is proud of the progress it has made at Thornhill and continues to implement strategies to fully realize its potential as a regenerative farm and valued community resource. We are grateful for the support of the Joanna Foundation in helping us accomplish new successes in community-centered conservation.

For additional information and pictures, please follow these links:

<https://www.chucktownacres.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/chucktownacres/>