



## GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Nathan Deal  
Governor

Kevin Clark  
Executive Director

For Immediate Release  
Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Media Contact: [Shane Hix](#), GEFA  
(404) 584-1043 / (404) 769-6949

### **State Income Tax Form Offers Opportunity to Conserve Georgia's Resources** *Tax Checkoff Donations Used to Support Georgia Land Conservation Program*

ATLANTA – Conservation-minded Georgians wanting to help preserve the state's natural resources have the opportunity to donate to the Georgia Land Conservation Program (GLCP) through their 2010 state income tax forms. The GLCP has used the donated funds since 2005 to permanently protect 31,414 acres of natural, agricultural and historical lands. The GLCP is also part of *Checkoff Georgia*, a marketing and education initiative designed to educate tax filers on how their donations are used. More information can be found at [www.checkoffgeorgia.com](http://www.checkoffgeorgia.com).

"Giving to the GLCP through the state income tax check off is an easy and convenient way for Georgians to contribute to land conservation," said Kevin Clark, executive director of Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), which manages the GLCP.

The GLCP also offers income tax credits to donors of conservation lands and easements who permanently maintain their property in a natural, working or historical condition. The GLCP also provides low-interest loans to cities, counties and conservation organizations from the Georgia Land Conservation Revolving Fund for conservation projects that permanently protect land and water resources.

Individual taxpayers may donate to the GLCP by adding a dollar amount to line 29 on Form 500 (or line 13 on Form 500-EZ), subtracting this amount from the overall refund or adding the amount to the overall payment. Any contributions are deductible in tax year 2011.

For more information on Georgia Land Conservation Income Tax Credits, please contact the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at (770) 761-3043. For more information on the GLCP, please call (404) 584-1101 or visit [www.glcp.ga.gov](http://www.glcp.ga.gov).

- more -

**About the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority – Land Conservation Program**

*The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) provides energy, land and water resources resulting in an improved quality of life for today and future generations. It manages the Georgia Land Conservation Program (GLCP), which works to preserve a statewide network of land and water resources for current and future generations to use and enjoy. The GLCP provides land conservation funding, including competitive grants, low-interest loans and tax incentives, to achieve the permanent conservation of land through the acquisition of conservation easements and fee-title ownership. Since the program's inception in 2005, the GLCP has played a role in 317 land conservation transactions that have permanently protected 212,868 acres. For more information on the GLCP, please visit [www.glcp.ga.gov](http://www.glcp.ga.gov) or [www.gefa.org](http://www.gefa.org).*

**About Checkoff Georgia**

*Checkoff Georgia is a coalition of the charitable funds to which Georgia taxpayers may donate on the state income tax forms. The Georgia General Assembly authorized income tax check-off donations in 1989 and have since added eight funds, including: the Dog and Cat Sterilization Fund, Georgia Cancer Research Fund, Georgia Fund for Children and Elderly, Georgia National Guard Foundation, Georgia Student Finance Authority Fund, Georgia Wildlife Conservation Fund, Save the Cure Fund and Georgia Land Conservation Program. Learn more about Checkoff Georgia at [www.checkoffgeorgia.org](http://www.checkoffgeorgia.org).*

###