Expanding our scope: a larger endangered species restoration project for *Sarracenia oreophila* in Alabama

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In March 2024, a crew of nearly forty volunteer conservation workers will converge in north-eastern Alabama to spend long days cutting and clearing brush, coordinating habitat burns, and taking valuable data to preserve critical sites containing native *Sarracenia oreophila* plants.

The team leadership, centered at the Arboretum at Auburn University, recruits and trains the volunteer project crew. Ultimately, they seek to meet the goals of the federal *Sarracenia oreophila* recovery plan, once thought to be practically unobtainable. But in a rare win for conservation, diligent hard work in habitat restoration has breathed new life into that dream.

These important sites of *Sarracenia oreophila* are maintained and carefully monitored. To be able to do this work on private land, the team has painstakingly gained the trust and confidence of the collected landowners.

The project leaders were surprised that their project had been noticed by the ICPS and have been grateful for our financial support. To adequately address the long list of objectives, the team needs help and time. The ICPS increased its financial support this year to allow this group to better achieve their goals. This restoration work is turning out to be an unequivocal success, but needs continuing work long into the future. Please help us continue our support by donating to the ICPS conservation fund.