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Foothills Land Conservancy's
2017 Spring Newsletter & 2016 Annual Report

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A Letter from FLC's Board President

Dear Friends of the Foothills,

Can you believe it? In 2016 the Conservancy celebrated yet another banner year with a record 46 land preservation projects covering 24,800 acres. **2016's record year surpasses all other record years!**

To date, FLC's cumulative land preservation efforts now cover 90,000 acres across 35 Tennessee Counties and the 6 additional states of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. This cumulative number includes conservation easement partnerships, fee simple properties, land conveyance projects, and additional land projects that FLC was involved in since the organization's beginnings in 1985.

Along with this unprecedented growth, the Conservancy is also taking on a new project over at the Harris Farm, an FLC preserved property located in the Blount County community of Rockford, Tennessee. Plans are to move Foothills' office headquarters out to the 300 acre working farm by the end of May 2017. All of us on FLC's Board and the staff are so excited and we can't wait to share updates about this transition with all of you in the coming months.

We are also looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Summer Celebration on Saturday, August 19, 2017. Our event location will once again be the beautiful and scenic RiverView Family Farm. This family owned farm is not only a working farm, producing hay and beef, but is also a designated Tennessee Century Farm.

Please know that our door is always open to our Friends. We welcome your ideas, feedback and resources to help fulfill our mission of promoting, protecting and enhancing the lands of the Southern Appalachian region.

Thank you for being a valued Friend of the Foothills!

Madge Cleveland
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Images from preserved TN properties: *(top) Roane Co. - looking out at Watts Bar Lake; (middle left) Franklin Co. - image of a rare Green Salamander; (middle right) Humphreys Co. & Perry Co. - image of a three-bird orchid; and (bottom) Clay Co. & Overton Co. - a creek flows through the property*

Letter from the Director

Hello Friends,

2016 was FLC's biggest land conservation year to date! Over 24,800 acres spread across 17 Tennessee counties and the 4 additional states of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina have now been permanently protected with a conservation easement agreement.

Last year, FLC completed a record total of 46 land preservation projects:

- **Tennessee** – *29 land preservation projects totaling 21,889 acres in the 17 counties of Benton, Bledsoe, Carter, Cocke, Clay, Overton, Decatur, Fentress, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Humphreys, Loudon, Perry, Roane and Sequatchie*
- **Alabama** – *3 land preservation projects totaling 468 acres in the 2 counties of Cherokee and Dekalb*
- **Georgia** – *8 land preservation projects totaling 1,572 acres in the 6 counties of Carroll, Jefferson, Lumpkin, Madison, Pickens and Stephens*
- **North Carolina** – *5 land preservation projects totaling 612 acres in the 5 counties of Chatham, Clay, Graham, Sampson and Watauga*
- **South Carolina** – *1 land preservation project totaling 308 acres in Williamsburg County*

You can find our 2016 project highlights in this newsletter starting on page 4. There are also additional pictures and descriptions at FLC's website, www.foothillsland.org.

FLC Board and staff are gearing up for our upcoming office move out to the Harris Farm. Back in 2009 Foothills' founding member, Gail Harris, placed a conservation easement with Foothills on approximately 300 acres. Last year Gail decided to give FLC ownership of the farm but will continue to live on the property. This is one of those rare opportunities for a land trust to truly 'come home', to work in a setting that highlights what our mission is all about.

Please give us a call here at Foothills if you have questions about our land conservation programs or would like to request a presentation for your organization or association. Community outreach is an important part of what we do and we are always welcome the opportunity to highlight our land trust's diverse projects and programs.

Lastly, all of us at FLC wanted to take a moment to say thank you to our Friends of the Foothills – your ongoing and generous support assists us with expanding our preservation efforts across the Southern Appalachian region. We look forward to 2017 being another amazing year for land conservation and we look forward to seeing you at this year's Summer Celebration on August 19th!

– Bill Clabough, FLC Executive Director

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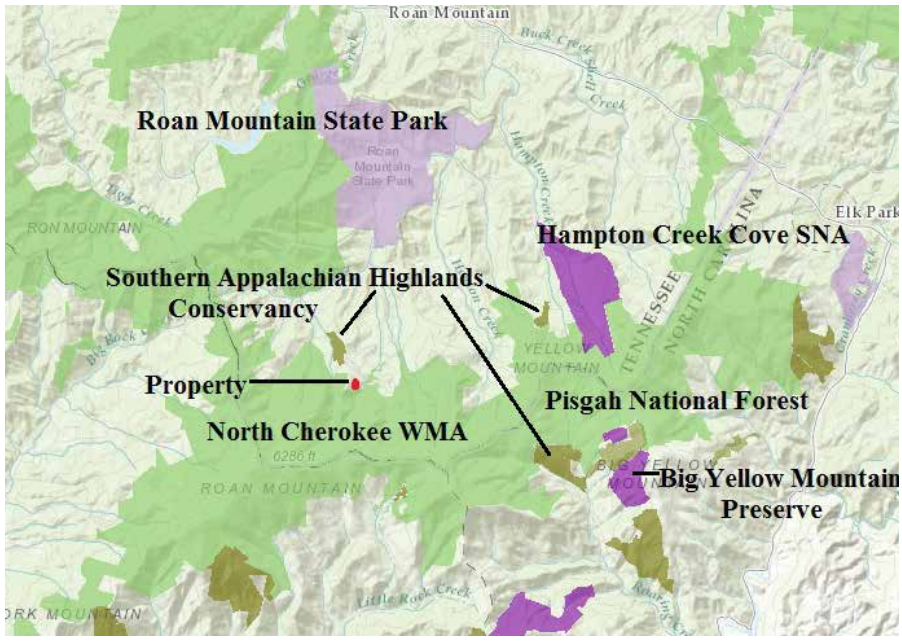
RiverView Family Farm owners join in the fun at FLC's Summer Celebration! (Left to Right) Janice & Lafayette Williams, FLC Exec. Dir., Bill Clabough, and their daughter, Rachel Samulski

HIGHLIGHTS of
FLC 2016 Land Protection Projects

TENNESSEE - Carter County | 12 acres

Located about one mile north of Carvers Gap on Roan Mountain in Carter County, TN, this 12 acre property consists of a young forest on a mountainous slope with the Cherokee National Forest adjacent along the southern border. This land is being preserved as a relatively natural early successional habitat for wildlife, especially as a potential breeding site for the rare Golden-winged Warbler. TDEC lists the status of this species in Tennessee as "deemed in need of management". In partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Working Lands for Wildlife program, the land owner will continue to manage the property's young forest habitat for the Golden-winged Warbler.

A stream, which skirts the southeast corner of the tract, is recognized among Exceptional Tennessee Waters by TDEC for being natural breeding grounds of the southern brook trout and the habitat for the state endangered mountain st. johnswort. The richness and importance of the region's biodiversity is also attested to by the large amount of preserved natural areas within 5 miles of the property. These lands include the North Cherokee Wildlife Management Area, which is adjacent to the tract's southern boundary, as well as Pisgah National Forest, Roan Mountain State Park, and Hampton Creek Cove State Natural Area. The Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy has preserved 77 acres located about one quarter of a mile northwest.



(Above images) - View of Roan Mountain from road entrance of preserved property in Carter County, TN. Location of property shown in proximity to other nearby natural areas.

TENNESSEE – Clay County & Overton County | 1,157 acres

This 1,157 acre property is located in the Tennessee counties of Clay and Overton and is adjacent to the Standing Stone State Park. Mature hardwood forest covers the majority of the property and include a mix of oaks like chinquapin, white, chestnut as well as shagbark hickory, sugar maple, and river birch.

The conservation area contains over 3 miles of streams, which are tributaries to the Cumberland River. Protection of these streams will minimize sedimentation into important downstream waterways and contribute to improved water quality. The property contains at least 166 species of vascular plants, including two state listed rare species: butternut (State Threatened, State Vulnerable—S3) and Schreber's aster (State Special Concern, State Critically Imperiled—S1).

The property lies within the Standing Stone LFB Terrestrial Conservation Site, a significant ecological area prioritized for conservation actions, as identified by The Nature Conservancy.

(Above image) -Image shows limestone cliff and creek. This property contains over 3 miles of streams, which are tributaries to the Cumberland River.

TENNESSEE - Fentress County | 516 acres

A recently preserved property in Fentress County contains 516 acres that lies in the upland forest on the Cumberland Plateau and the Plateau Escarpment. Hurricane Creek forms much of the border on the east side and White Oak Branch on the north.

This land is being preserved for its scenic open space, forest, its views of the Cumberland Escarpment, and the protection of its natural habitat for the wildlife, breeding birds, aquatic invertebrates, and the very rich plant life it supports. It is located within several recognized priority conservation areas including the Tennessee State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP).

This rich property has many preserved federal and state natural areas within 20 miles. These include Big South Fork National River & Recreational Area (91,310 acres), Obed Wild & Scenic River (2,570 acres), Catoosa WMA (7,830 acres), Jackson Swamp WMA (203 acres), Skinner Mountain WMA (4,060 acres), and Pogue Creek SNA (2,583 acres). Many privately owned preserved areas are also established within 20 miles of the tract including five easements that total 1,484 acres. In addition, Foothills Land Conservancy holds 6,226 acres in easements in Fentress and adjacent counties for their farmland, open space, and natural habitat.

Hurricane Creek and Little Hurricane Creek, both located near the property, are designated as Exceptional TN Waters for the presence of the threatened Obey Crayfish.

(Above image) -This recently preserved 516 acre property offers views of the Cumberland Escarpment and is is located within several recognized priority conservation areas.

(Above image) - This photo was taken on the property and has been tentatively identified as the Obey Crayfish by a TWRA biologist.

TENNESSEE - Franklin County | 1,514 acres

This biologically diverse property in Franklin County consists of 1,514 acres and lies within 5 miles of preserved state natural areas including: Bear Hollow Mountain WMA, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Carter State Natural Area, and Franklin State Forest. The property contains habitats which have been deemed high priority habitat in the Southern Cumberland Plateau Ecoregion, including dry oak forest and woodland, seepage forest, depression ponds, and acidic cliffs and talus.

43 woody plant species and 50 herbaceous species were observed during the site visit, along with 32 birds, 1 salamander, 1 frog, 1 snake, several small mammals, and several butterfly and dragonfly species. The rare Green Salamander was observed in the Cumberland Acidic Cliff and Rockhouse habitat, specifically the cliff on the eastern side of the tract. This species is a federal candidate for listing on the Threatened and Endangered Species list. The Tennessee leafcup and purple sedge, both on the TN Department of Natural Heritage List of Rare Species, were observed on the lower slopes of the property below the cliff. Added protections are included in buffers surrounding these habitats.

(Above images left to right) -The rare Tennessee leafcup plant was observed during a site visit.; One of several sag ponds noted on the property.; The rare Green Salamandar was also observed while out in the field.

TENNESSEE - Grundy County | 770 acres

Another newly preserved and beautiful property is located northeast of Palmer in Grundy County, TN. This tract is 770 acres and consists of pastureland, upland forest, and riparian forest. Water for wildlife is abundant. The Collins River and its tributaries drain the majority of the property, and Mill Creek drains a portion of the west side.

A portion of the land had been timbered, at least some parts selectively, perhaps fifty years ago, leaving much of the land in young regenerating deciduous forest with scattered trees approaching perhaps one hundred years old. Roughly 75 acres is in pasture, currently holding about 60 head of cattle. The remainder of the land is oak-hickory woodland, primarily on the ridge or riparian woodlands along Mill Creek and Collins River with its tributaries.

A variety of bird species were heard or seen on the farm including Blue-headed Vireo, Hooded Warbler, and Ovenbird in the woodlands and Wood Duck, Field Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Red-shouldered Hawk in the open areas and bottomlands. The deciduous forests, such as those found on the property, are prime breeding habitat for Neotropical migrants such as the cuckoos, flycatchers, tanagers, and warblers that were observed.

There are several preserved natural areas in close proximity, including the Savage Gulf State Natural Area, which is two miles downstream.

(Images clockwise from top left) - Pasture overlooking the ridgeline.; FLC Exec. Dir., Bill Clabough, during a site visit to the property.; Image of Mill Creek along the west side of the property.; Lush riparian fern beds.

TENNESSEE - Humphreys County & Perry County | 10 projects totaling 10,319 acres

Four contiguous land preservation projects totaling 4,519 acres, located within Humphreys County and/or Perry County areas were placed into conservation easement partnerships with FLC. All four tracts contain high integrity or good quality examples of White Oak-Mixed Oak Dry-Mesic Alkaline Forest and over 100 species of vascular plants such as the southern prairie aster, post oak, and blackjack oak. A site visit at one property yielded a sighting of the rare American ginseng.

All four tracts also have at least 3 miles of intermittent streams, including tributaries. Three tracts have streams draining into the Duck River and three have streams draining into the Buffalo River – both rivers are ranked as a high conservation priority by the Tennessee State Wildlife Action Plan 2015. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the Duck River is one of three hot spots for fish and mussel diversity in the entire world.

Three nearby projects in Humphreys County also lie in close proximity to the Duck River. Three additional land projects in Perry County were placed into an FLC conservation easement last year bringing the total preserved acreage for both counties in 2016 to 10,319 acres.

(Above images left to right) -Beautiful image of a three-bird orchid.; Sweeping view of recently preserved properties within Humphreys County and Perry County, TN.; Photo of Interior Low Plateau Chestnut Oak-Mixed Oak Forest.

TENNESSEE – Roane County | 380 acres

This 380 acre property in Roane County, TN, is located on a prominent peninsula that extends into the southern shoreline of Watts Bar Lake. The tract contains about 1.5 miles of undeveloped, forested lakeshore plus high ridges and hills that rise 300 feet above the lake. The forested shoreline, ridges, and hills on the tract serve the public's enjoyment of the scenic watershed around the lake.

A popular summer camp, Camp John Knox, is located near the property. The camp offers programs for children and youth groups and also operates the River Ridge Environmental Education Program. This is a hands on environmental program for a variety of grade levels. The tract is also in the view-shed of Camp Buck Toms, a Boy Scout camp.

(Above image) View from a recently preserved property in Roane County, TN, looking out at Watts Bar Lake. Property highlights include a wetland, early succesional fields, forested shoreline, high ridges and hills.

The land has a diversity of habitats ranging from mature oak-hickory forests with abundant mast to early successional fields that contain abundant cover and soft mast. Also, the lake and its shoreline provide feeding grounds for many species of shorebirds and wading birds. 47 species of birds were observed during a single-day site visit in October 2016. At least 12 of those species were Neotropical migrants using the property as a stopover during fall migration. Both Bald Eagles and Ospreys were seen flying over the tract at that time. During the site visit, numerous tracks of white-tailed deer were seen, several flocks of wild turkeys were observed, and tracks of other wildlife - cottontail rabbits, gray squirrels, raccoons, and gray fox - were plentiful.

TENNESSEE – Roane County | 1,070 acres

Another preserved property, also in Roane County, TN, includes 1,070 acres of upland forest and riparian forest located on the north side of Interstate 40 with Harriman's city line forming the western boundary. Walden Ridge traverses the entire length of the property, forming steep forested slopes on both sides with uplifted escarpment rock outcrops on the south-facing slope. This ridge actually stretches 74 miles along the eastern edge of the Cumberland Plateau.

The property is being preserved for its scenic open space, forest, escarpment outcrops as well as the protection of the relatively natural habitat corridor for the terrestrial and aquatic wildlife and rich plant life it supports. It is within several recognized priority conservation areas including the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP).

(Above image) Sweeping view from property's overlook with Watts Bar Lake in the distance.

TENNESSEE - Sequatchie County & Van Buren County | 1,088 acres

This 1,088 acre property is situated in northeastern Sequatchie County, with 13.5 acres in adjacent Van Buren County, and is very near to the Bledsoe County line. This undeveloped and open tract, located on the Cumberland Plateau, is mostly covered in ruderal vegetation of early to mid-successional stages and includes saplings, shrubs, grasses, and forbs.

During staff site visits in 2016, the team found three reclaimed stripmines on the property that were supporting 18 pair of Henslow's Sparrow. This species is ranked by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) as S1B, which is defined as "extremely rare and critically imperiled in the state with five or fewer occurrences, or very few remaining individuals". TDEC lists it in only four Tennessee counties Coffee, Lewis, Montgomery, and Stewart. Sequatchie County, in which the bulk of the property lies, is therefore a newly found location for this imperiled species.

(Above image) FLC Biologist, Tom Howe, took this photo of a Henslow's Sparrow during a site visit. Tom heard 18 singing Henslow's sparrow males and had sightings of 10 males and 3 females. This sparrow is listed by the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation as rare and critically imperiled.

NORTH CAROLINA – Watauga County | 47 acres

The property, which is located on the outskirts of Boone, NC, is within the view shed corridor for the National Park Service's Blue Ridge Parkway. The site is a combination of gently rolling open land, ponds, and forest. There are four ponds and a spring in the open area. Within one mile of the property, there are a number of rare species documented. These include the Savannah Sparrow, Bobolink, Cerulean Warbler, Gray Comma, Tonguetied Minnow, and Liverwort.

(Image on right) View of pond at a recently preserved property in Watauga Co., NC., adjacent to the Blueridge Parkway.

NORTH CAROLINA – Clay County | 117 acres

This 117 acre property, located in Clay County, NC, varies from gently rolling topography to several steep slopes and dry rock outcrops. Virtually all of the land is forested and provides contiguous habitat with adjoining US Forest Service Land. The easement is situated high on a prominent mountain and provides a scenic backdrop above Lake Chatuge in an area that has had a population growth rate of over 20% since 2000. Long range views are supported by the easement for an extensive area of at least eight miles away from the tract.

A number of bird species of concern were noted on the property. The Rose-breasted Grosbeak is considered a State Wildlife Action Plan Priority Species. The Eastern Towhee is recognized as an important US – Canada Stewardship Species in the Partners in Flight program. This program was launched in 1990 in response to growing concerns about declines in the populations of many land bird species.

(Above images left to right) -This property contains natural communities such as uncommon Rich Cove Forest types, rock outcrops (pictured) and other habitats.; View of Lake Chatuge from high cliffs on a preserved property in Clay Co., NC.; Vasey's trillium was found in the rich forests of the property. This plant is a Southern Appalachian endemic associated with cove forests other rich forests.

NORTH CAROLINA - Graham County | 73 acres

This beautiful property is located directly across Fontana Lake from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, thus providing scenic views from one of the most visited national parks. The tract adjoins U.S. Forest Service land, the Nantahala National Forest. This type of continuity is an important ecological concept for sustainable habitat for plant and animal populations as well as ecological communities. Within a one mile radius two other natural areas occur: Meetinghouse Mountain Natural Area and Owensby Branch Natural Area. Easement restrictions will protect steep slopes above Fontana Lake, lake frontage, a reach of Tuskeegee Creek, and a small tributary flowing into the lake.

GEORGIA - Lumpkin County | 721 Acres

Situated near the outskirts of the town of Dahlonega in Lumpkin County, Georgia, this newly preserved property will protect approximately 721 acres adjoining the Chestatee River. Natural features include oak-hickory-pine forests, canebrakes, cove hardwood forests, alluvial forests, a river, creeks, springs, small rock outcrops, and small fields. These water features provide a habitat for aquatic organisms, reproductive habitat for terrestrial amphibians, drinking sources for wildlife, and many other benefits. The easement helps to enhance water quality in the watershed downstream.

GEORGIA - Carroll & Haralson Counties | 155 Acres

Once the site of a former golf course, this property is located within the city limits of Bremen, GA, and is composed of mainly open land with narrow bands of golf course fairways, small forested areas, and aquatic habitats. This land adjoins 170 acres already preserved through an FLC conservation easement in 2015. Currently, the city of Breman is considering turning the property into a public recreation park, in which the cartpath could be used for public walking trails.

The property is within the headwaters of Indian Creek, which is part of the 4,680 mile Tallapoosa River Watershed. Conserving this property will help reduce sedimentation to this watershed and also retain permeable surface area for groundwater recharge. This easement will help to retain the natural conditions of water clarity for a portion of small tributaries on the land.

(Above images) - This newly preserved property and former golf course, located in Bremen, GA, is likely to become a public recreation park.

ALABAMA - Cherokee County | 90 Acres

Located near the town of Cedar Bluff, AL, this former plantation is adjacent to Weiss Lake and adjoins a 57 acre FLC conservation easement put in place back in 2015. Weiss Lake is part of the Alabama Scenic River Trail, a National Water Trail, and a National Recreation Trail. The property is biologically diverse with 29 woody plant species and 18 herbaceous species observed during a site visit, along with 12 birds, and several butterfly and dragonfly species. Birds noted during a site visit include wild turkey, northern cardinal, tufted titmouse, American goldfinch, Carolina wren, Carolina chickadee, blue jay, American Crow, eastern towhee, sora, yellow-billed cuckoo, white-eyed vireo, and various woodpeckers.

Getting Back to Our Roots - FLC is Relocating to the Harris Farm!

Foothills Land Conservancy's Board and staff are excited to announce that a new project is underway. FLC is working with the organization's founding member, Gail Harris, to make her Blount County farm our new office headquarters! In 2009, Gail partnered with FLC to place a conservation easement on the 300 acre property. Recently, Gail donated the Rockford farm to FLC to manage and plans are to relocate the organization's base of operations to the homestead. FLC's new office will be called the James C. Harris House, after Gail's late husband, and plans are to make the move in sometime in May of 2017.

For FLC's Executive Director, Bill Clabough, this move is a monumental one for Foothills. *"This is a tremendous gift that Gail has given the conservancy. It's an opportunity for us to have a permanent headquarters, offered to us by the founding member of FLC, and on land that is protected through a conservation easement. I see so many great possibilities for the future of Foothills."*

FLC provided Gail Harris with a new modular home on the property in late 2016 so that she could stay and live on the farm. This relocation included the logistics of water, electrical, and septic hook ups for the modular home. Gail will continue to live on the farm for as long as she wants to. For Gail, it was the right decision at the right time, *"It is my delightful privilege to donate this property while I am still living so that I can enjoy watching its transformation under Foothills' management. As open space and farms dwindle I know that the people of Blount County will be proud that this beautiful farm will be protected and enhanced by Foothills for the benefit of future generations."*

A description about the Harris property, included in the Tennessee Conservationist Magazine's Fall 2010 issue, says it best. "The Harris property, which was purchased by the grandfather of Gail's late husband, Jim Harris, dates back to the late 1800's. The farm includes a spring fed pond, cave, former dairy farm, and an old tobacco barn. Another amazing landmark? 600 million year old rocks dating back to the Cambrian period. Wright State University geology students have visited the site for research in years past. They studied the sedimentary rock outcropping so abundant in the area. Patches of yellow trillium and mayapples take shade under the 100 year old oaks, ash, and beech trees which buffer the Harris homestead. A large variety of animals roam her property, including deer, coyotes, raccoons, foxes, and wild turkeys. Birds frequenting Gail's feeders include bluebirds, warblers, finches, redwing blackbirds, woodpeckers, nuthatches, hummingbirds, and others."

Local company, Hickory Construction, began the remodel of the Farm's homestead, which will provide an office for FLC staff. The Hickory team is bringing the structure up to code with updates to plumbing, electrical, and office lighting. They will also sheet rock, paint, and refinish all of the beautiful and original hard wood floors. A new roof, front steps, and exterior painting of the home is also planned as part of the update.

To learn more about the Harris Farm or for updates on this projects, please visit the link posted on our website and/or sign up to receive our monthly electronic newsletter at www.foothillsland.org.

Above Image) A sweeping view of the Harris Farm's agricultural fields, currently leased for farming, along with the property's former dairy barns and ridgeline along the Chilhowee mountain range.

Above) Gail Harris stands by an FLC conservation easement sign on the farm. Gail partnered with Foothills on an easement back in 2009.

Above Images) The Harris homestead pre-remodel. The Hickory Construction team works to remove a metal carport in the image directly above.

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