

SUMMARY OF LINKED RESOURCES

Resources for Heirs' Property Education

Heirs' Property Resources

<https://srdc.msstate.edu/sites/default/files/2023-06/Detailed%20Resources-2-17-2020.pdf>

Extension, research, and outreach materials with a focus on heirs' property as well as organizations involved in the work.

Farmland Access Legal Toolkit

<https://farmlandaccess.org/heirs-property/>

Produced by the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems at the Vermont Law School, this provides a thorough website covering many aspects of heirs' property.

Heirs Property and the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act: Challenges, Solutions and Historic Reform

<https://www.americanbar.org/products/inv/book/422849297/>

This book addresses many challenges that have plagued disadvantaged families that own heirs' property. The book also discusses a range of solutions to these problems, including legal reform measures, proactive legal planning to avoid heirs' property ownership or to resolve it, and wealth building strategies for heirs' property owners.

Preventing Heirs' Property/Estate Planning

Publications (Various)

<https://www.gaheirsproperty.org/publications>

Various publications produced by Georgia Heirs Property Law Center concerning prevention of heirs' property, owning heirs' property, and facts and myths of heirs' property.

Wills

<https://www.tnstate.edu/extension/documents/Wills.pdf>

One-page fact sheet published by Tennessee State University Extension. Discusses basic elements of wills.

Farm Transfer

<https://farmlandaccess.org/farm-transfer/>

Published by the Center for Agriculture & Food Systems. A farmland access legal toolkit, it discusses heirs' property, wills, and trusts, along with other farm transfer related subjects. Also available in Spanish.

Estate Planning – A Simplified Guide for Oklahoma Farm and Ranch Families

<https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/estate-planning-a-simplified-guide-for-oklahoma-farm-and-ranch-families.html>

Basic fact sheet on estate planning produced by Oklahoma State Extension.

Planning Today for Tomorrow's Farms: A Workbook for Tennessee Farm Families

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/SP822.pdf>

Published by University of Tennessee Extension, the documents covers estate and succession planning extensively (126 pages).

Wills and Life Planning Self-help Tools

<https://louisianalawhelp.org/issues/representing-yourself-audio-guides-forms-more/life-planning-forms-multimedia-presentations>

Links to 12 resources on wills and life planning.

Louisiana Affidavit of Small Succession

<https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/7130/engine>

Produced by probono.net, this site assists in filling out legal documents free of charge.

Where There's a Will, There's a Way

<http://extension.msstate.edu/publications/publications/planning-your-estate-part-2-where-theres-will-theres-way>

Estate Plan Checklist

https://www.investopedia.com/articles/pf/07/estate_plan_checklist.asp

What is Estate Planning? Definition, Meaning, and Key Components

<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/e/estateplanning.asp>

Working with an Attorney

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/SP743-B.pdf>

Retirement and Estate Planning

<https://www.uaex.uada.edu/life-skills-wellness/personal-finance/retirement-and-estate-planning/>

Heirs' Property Resolution

Family Conversations

The Conversation Project

<https://theconversationproject.org/>

Various aids in assisting families in having end-of-life conversations with family members.

Create or Update the Family Tree

Suggestions for Heirs' Property Owners

<https://farmlandaccess.org/suggestions-for-heirs-property-owners/>

Step-by-step guide in planning towards single-entity ownership starting with developing a family tree.

Heirs Determination Worksheets for the State of Georgia

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5994bdde197aea0c96b51664/t/5f2319fd5809270950f72026/1596135934663/Heirs+Determination+Worksheets+fillable+w+Resources.pdf>

Downloadable forms: <https://www.gaheirsproperty.org/preparation>

Worksheet and family tree produced by Georgia Heirs Property Law Center.

Visiting the Attorney

Directory of Legal Sources in Your State

Working List – Legal Services Providers/Heirs' Property

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:2a27c1ce-18c7-463e-8c72-63a4fc49c1c1#pageNum=1>

Document developed by University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Describes known resources of legal aid available by state.

Documents to Bring on First Visit

Working With an Attorney

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/SP743-B.pdf>

Questions to ask and documents to bring to the first meeting with an attorney, University of Tennessee Extension.

State Specific Data on Heirs' Property

<https://farmlandaccess.org/heirs-property/#statefactsheets>

Extension Educator Competencies and Skills

Cultural Competency Skills

Cultural Competence in Health and Human Services

<https://npin.cdc.gov/pages/cultural-competence>

CDC document that discusses cultural and linguistic competence attitudes and policies that come together in a system, agency, or among professionals that enables effective work in cross-cultural situations.

Standards for Cultural Competence in Social Work Practice

https://nlcsw.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/cultural_competency_standards.pdf

Standards and definitions of cultural competence.

Cultural Competence in Financial Counseling and Coaching

<http://www.professionalfincounselingjournal.org/cultural-competence-in-financial-counseling-and-coaching.html>

Article discussing cultural competence in financial counseling and coaching.

America Saves (Website)

<https://americasaves.org/>

A campaign managed by the nonprofit Consumer Federation of America, motivates, encourages, and supports low- to moderate-income households to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth.

Organizations Providing Direct Assistance to Heirs' Property Owners

Black Family Land Trust

<http://www.bflt.org/>

Center for Heirs Property Preservation

<https://www.heirsproperty.org/>

Located in South Carolina

Community Legal Services of mid-Florida

<https://www.clsmf.org/>

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund

<https://www.federation.coop/>

Aids multiple states in the South

Georgia Heirs' Property Law Center

<https://www.gaheirsproperty.org/>

HeirShares:

<http://www.heirshares.com/>

Indian Land Tenure Foundation

<https://iltf.org/>

Land Loss Prevention Project

<https://www.landloss.org/>

Located in North Carolina

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Neighborhood Vacancy Initiative

<https://lsem.org/neighborhood-vacancy-initiative/>

Louisiana Appleseed Center for Law & Justice:

<https://www.louisianaappleseed.org/>

McIntosh SEED

<https://mcintoshseed.org/>

Located in Georgia

Mississippi Center for Justice

<https://mscenterforjustice.org/>

Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Program

<http://www.sflrnetwork.org/>

Includes links to the eight partners working with landowners.

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

<https://www.trls.org/>

Located in Florida

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Keeping it in the Family Program

https://www.uapb.edu/academics/school_of_agriculture_fisheries_and_human_sciences/outreach_and_cooperative_extension/small_farm_program/

Winston County Self Help Cooperative

<https://wchc.com/>

Located in Mississippi

List of Service Providers

USDA Farm Service Agency

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/contact-us>

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

USDA Forest Service (State, Private, and Tribal Forestry)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Southern Regional Extension Forestry

<https://sref.info/resources/state-resources>

Association of Consulting Foresters

<https://www.acf-foresters.org/>

American Forestry Foundation

<https://www.forestfoundation.org/>

<https://www.forestfoundation.org/what-we-do/increase-carbon-storage/family-forest-carbon-program/>

Historically Black Land-Grant Universities

https://cmsi.gse.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/HBLGUs_0.pdf

Forest Landowner Association

<https://forestlandowners.com/who-we-are/>

Land Trust Alliance, National

<https://landtrustalliance.org/land-trusts/gaining-ground>

SE Land Trust Alliance

<https://landtrustalliance.org/resources/connect/field-services/southeast>

National Woodland Owners Association: Attn: Mark Megalos

<https://nationalwoodlands.com/homepage/nwoa-contacts/>

Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Program (SFLR):

<https://sflrnetwork.org/network/>

Federation of Southern Cooperatives

<https://www.federation.coop/land-retention>

Help for Landowners (NC & SC)

<https://www.helpforlandowners.org/>

<https://landtrustalliance.org/resources/learn/explore/heirs-property-toolkit>

Mano-Yola and Latino Farmers

<https://www.mano-y-ola.com/about-us>