



Kazi family gifts land to preservation

The Kazi family, majority shareholders of The New Algae Company and Paradise Shrimp Farms, along with many other endeavors, has granted a permanent conservation easement on one of their properties in South Carolina. They sold 504 acres to the Edisto Island Open Land Trust in a “bargain sale,” which means that the most recent appraised value of the property was discounted by over 60%—this huge discount made it possible for the Edisto Land Trust to acquire the property.

This easement, valued in the millions of dollars, will help protect the acreage from future development. Most of the area will remain in its wild state for the benefit of animals, birds, and other indigenous inhabitants. There will also be a national park with limited access, so that the natural beauty of the surroundings may be enjoyed by visitors year-round.

Marian Brailsford, Executive Director of the Edisto Island Open Land Trust, had this to say:

“Paradise Shrimp Farms, Inc., is one of our organization’s most generous and loyal supporters. Over the last six years we have come to regard ‘Paradise’ as a true partner in conservation. This partnership now has preserved one of the most strategic properties on Edisto Island. This 504-acre tract, where the company once had a thriving aqua-culture operation, is now protected by a conservation easement, the terms of which call for the restoration of the land to its natural state and its permanent preservation. Because this tract lies directly across the Intracoastal Waterway from the ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge, it is now an extension of the wildlife habitat that supports a tremendous diversity of plant, mammal, and sea life.

“The Edisto community and everyone who enjoys the natural beauty of Edisto Island wish to express their gratitude to Paradise Shrimp Farms, Inc., for selling the easement (development rights) for far less than its fair market value. The preservation of the Paradise Shrimp Farms’ Edisto property is a historic event for this sea island, and we would like to thank Mr. Robert W. Underwood for believing in our mission to save Edisto Island and for making this conservation dream a reality. He exemplifies what Kazi International stands for—a good community citizen and a company that gives back to enhance the local communities where they do business.”

The Kazi family is honored to help protect our environment by conserving a part of this beautiful landscape, so that many generations to come will be able to enjoy the natural wonders of “South Carolina’s best-kept secret,” Edisto Island.

