

## Local businessman gives ASU land

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Watauga County businessman Paul Brown has completed a gift begun in 2005 to the Appalachian State University Foundation. The gift of approximately 25 acres of land will establish the Thomas Walsh and Paul Brown Endowment for Sustainable Development at Appalachian State University. The land given is valued at more than 1.3 million dollars. The gift will fund student scholarships, faculty support and outreach programs of Appalachian's Goodnight Family Sustainable Development Program. In its 16<sup>th</sup>

year, the sustainable development program is an academic and outreach program committed to academic interdisciplinary study, environment education and awareness and sustainable community outreach and development.