

WaterCrest -740 Acres
Crest Highway
Thomaston, GA 30286

\$6,585,000
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SUMMARY

Address

Crest Highway

City, State Zip

Thomaston, GA 30286

County

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Type

Hunting Land, Recreational Land, Undeveloped Land, Lakefront, Timberland, Horse Property

Latitude / Longitude

32.910507 / -84.367819

Dwelling Square Feet

8690

Bedrooms / Bathrooms

7 / 7

Acreage

740

Price

\$6,585,000

Property Website

<https://www.landleader.com/property/watercrest-740-acres-upson-georgia/31639>



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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

WaterCrest is one of South-Central Georgia's most iconic properties. From the very instant one pulls up to the gate, it is apparent this is a special place. The founders, Julian T. and Grace Hightower, set out to create something few achieve, a property that assumes its own identity and transcends generations. Located minutes from Thomaston, Georgia, this 740 +/- acre property features the "Hightower House", a landmark home of Georgia built in 1947 by famed architect Philip Shutze and completely modernized in 2015, overlooking a beautiful 68 acre lake.

Everyone who has been its landowner over the last 100 years has done an exceptional job of maintaining and preserving this special place particularly its current steward. Originally founded by Julian T. and Grace Hightower in 1945, little expense and talent was spared creating what was to become one of Georgia's finest examples of Anglo-Palladian country house architecture, garden grounds, and private lake. Today, the entire estate has been meticulously restored, modernized and its 740 acres are one of the finest recreational properties in the South. I don't think anyone who has visited it leaves without feeling its reverence.

A lot of the properties that we represent are compared to owning a State Park, but better capitalized; WaterCrest is no exception. Famed architect Philip Shutze was commissioned to design The Hightower House at WaterCrest. Construction lasted two years and included building models, for example President James Madison's Montpelier and President Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. Famed woodcarver, Herbert J. Millard, embellishments are found throughout the country home. The home is featured on the cover of Landmark Homes of Georgia [1733-1983](#) and is regarded as one of the last great country houses built in America in the classical tradition. It is the last house that famed architect, Philip Shutze, designed in Georgia. The style matches Alexander Hamilton's estates, the Hamilton Grange Mansion.

In 2015, a complete restoration was completed bringing the 8,690 +/- square foot home up to modern day amenities. Flooring made from three-quarter inch thick walnut can be found throughout. The extensive kitchen update features Wolf Stainless appliances, induction stove, Teppanyaki, Walnut and Quartzite counters with galley sink, deadhead cypress beams, pot filler, steam oven, regular oven and butler's Pantry. In 2021, the new owner did further renovations to the house, such as new marble flooring in the foyer, adding a powder bath on main level, adding an elevator, and adding a new large master bathroom. So, the master bedroom now has a new full bathroom and a half bath. In total, the home has four bedrooms, five full baths, and three half baths. The downstairs boasts 12 ft. ceilings, while the upstairs has 10 ft. ceilings. There is a gym, laundry, and bank vault below grade. There is a two-car detached garage with half bath. For someone that appreciates great architecture combined with great land will recognize that this is one of America's most outstanding private estates.

The custom brick gated entrance leads way to a significantly-built road through a beautiful oak and hardwood hammock. This road leads to a circle drive in front of the main house which features immaculate landscaping and views on the grounds. The ground surrounding the main house are nothing short of amazing. The brick garden sits west of the house. While the awe inspiring WaterCrest main house receives national accolades, it's the lake house that has an almost magnetic draw. It would be difficult to envision, much less, create a better structure for families and guests to enjoy the outdoors. From the pin ball machines in the theater room, to the bar overlooking the lake and a swim spa on the dock, there is something for everyone. Covered bays for two boats make it super easy for guests to enjoy the private 68 acre lake. For cooler evenings, there is an outdoor fireplace as well as a lakeside fire pit. A unique feature is the live bait well. The lake's fish population is excellent with the last fish census being conducted in 2016 (it recommended harvesting 1,500 lbs. of bass!)

A quaint manager's house, guest cottage, small barn and garage make up the balance of the improvements. Again, there is little to no observed deferred maintenance here either. This is a rare opportunity to own one of South-Central Georgia's iconic properties. The beautiful rolling topography, great wildlife, 68+/- acre stocked lake, the lake house with game/theater room, swim spa, boat slips and outdoor fireplace, the two cottages, and the amazing restored and modernized landmark home, makes WaterCrest a year round family-use property.

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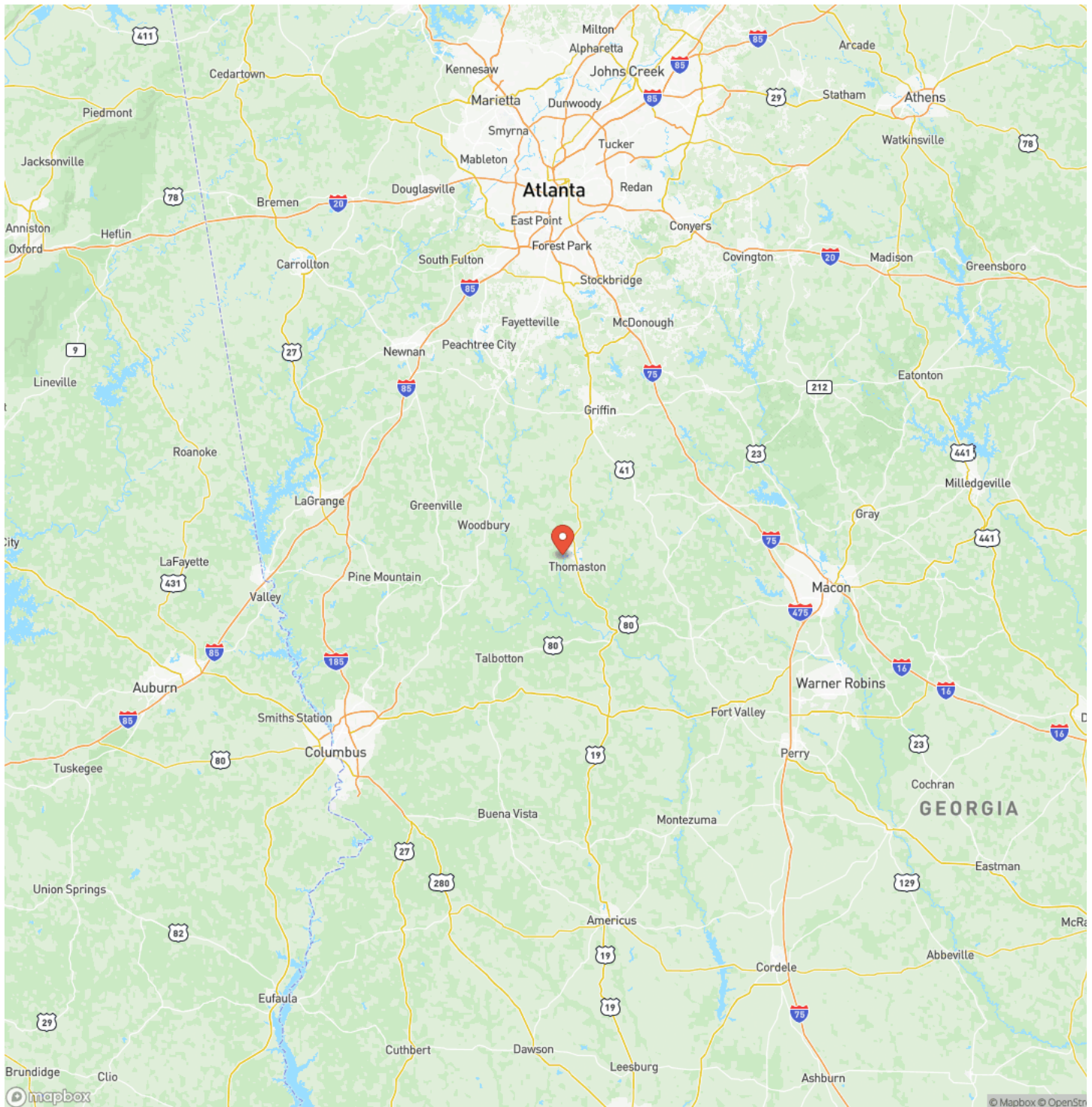
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