“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts” - Rachel Carson

Cumberland Land Trust
1989 Legacy Society

Have you considered including the Land Trust in your Will or Trust for estate planning? If you have or are considering, you can be listed as a 1989 Legacy Member (or listed as Anonymous). Give us a call for more information.

The mission purpose of the Cumberland Land Trust is to preserve the natural resources of Cumberland for present and future generations including streams, ponds, wetlands, open space, working farms, scenic and natural sites, and historically significant properties, as well as indigenous plant and animal life.

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For many people, there comes a time in life when they begin to think about establishing a personal legacy. This self reflection often causes questions to arise.

- How will I be remembered?
- What positive impacts can I set in place for today and for tomorrow?
- What can I leave to future generations that will enhance the greater good?

Making a planned or legacy gift responds in a concrete way to those questions. It benefits you, your family, your heirs, and the charitable organization you want to support. It can also save taxes.

Named to commemorate the year of the founding of the Cumberland Land Trust, the 1989 Legacy Society has been established to recognize those individuals who have fulfilled their charitable intentions by making legacy gifts to the Land Trust.

**WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF A PLANNED OR LEGACY GIFT?**

- You will make a significant impact. Planned giving allows individuals to make much larger gifts than often can be made during lifetime. Many planned gifts do not impact current cash needs of donors.
- You will demonstrate your values. A planned gift communicates to your family, your friends and your community, what is important to you.
- You will make a lasting impression. Your gift will live on exactly as you planned and you will have an impact on the future and continued success of the charitable organization.
- You can honor or memorialize a loved one. Making a gift in the name of another is a lasting remembrance of that person.
- You may save taxes. Depending on the type of planned gift, a charitable deduction may be due your estate. Some planned gifts result in current income tax deductions.

Your planned gift to the Cumberland Land Trust enables us to continue to fulfill our mission to preserve the natural resources of our beautiful community for enjoyment today and for generations to come. We need your personal commitment, we need your help – please join us in this effort!

**WHAT IS A PLANNED OR LEGACY GIFT?**

A planned gift is one that expresses your future intentions to benefit the Cumberland Land Trust. The following are some examples. *The advice of your estate planning attorney and accountant should be sought prior to making any planned gift.*
BEQUEST: A gift made in a Will. This may be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or specific assets such as shares of stock or mutual funds, or of land. A bequest is revocable and may be changed during your lifetime. It may also be made to benefit a specific interest of the donor or to support a specific program of interest.

LIVING TRUST: Also called a revocable trust, because it is revocable during your lifetime. Gifts of specific dollar amounts, specific assets, or a portion of the remainder (a remainder interest) may be made using this type of trust.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST: A split interest trust, which is irrevocable. For a specific term of years or for a lifetime, chosen by the donor, distributions are made to the donor or the donor’s loved ones. At the end of the specified term, the trust terminates and the remainder passes to the charity.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST: Another type of irrevocable split interest trust. This is the opposite of the charitable remainder trust. The current interest benefits the charity and at the end of the specified term, the trust terminates and passes to the donor or the donor’s loved ones.

RETIREFMENT PLANS, PENSIONS, AND IRAS: Name the Cumberland Land Trust as a beneficiary or a partial beneficiary.

LIFE INSURANCE: Purchase a new policy or change the designation on an existing policy to name the Cumberland Land Trust as the beneficiary or a partial beneficiary.

BANK ACCOUNTS OR BROKERAGE ACCOUNTS: Designate that specific accounts or specific marketable securities are to be ‘payable on death’ to the Land Trust.

REAL ESTATE: Gifts of real estate can be held for conservation or used for liquidity to further conservation efforts.

Please consider joining the 1989 Legacy Society. Your decision today will have a lasting impact on tomorrow.

The Cumberland Land Trust planned giving representative is pleased to discuss your giving options. (Some types of assets may not be appropriate for a planned gift)\(^2\). Advice of your estate planning attorney and accountant should be sought prior to making any planned gift. Sample bequest language can be provided to you or to your attorney. Please notify us of your planned gift so that we may recognize you appropriately and as you desire.

\(^2\) Subject Gift Acceptance Policy
A Land Legacy partnership provides a lasting value for the community now and for future generations.

The 1989 Legacy Society will help provide protection for existing holdings as well as a funding source for new acquisitions.

These properties are but a few that your Legacy will protect in perpetuity.