

Why Make a Gift from Your Estate to the Finger Lakes Land Trust?

- ☞ You will leave a legacy that enhances the quality of life in our region, protects its distinctive beauty and conserves its natural resources.
- ☞ You'll help provide the funds needed to steward our conserved lands for future generations.
- ☞ You will stay in control of your planning.



Ways of Giving

Bequests

A bequest is the most common way to benefit family, friends and charities like the Land Trust.

Making a bequest has no out-of-pocket cost, and the value of the bequest to the Land Trust can reduce your taxable estate.

You can leave a specific sum or you can leave a percentage of your estate, which creates a bequest in proportion to the value of your estate.

Sample Bequest Language:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Finger Lakes Land Trust, Inc., a non-profit corporation in New York State, for its general purposes ___ dollars or a ___ percentage of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate."

Will or Revocable Living Trust

Like a Will, a Living Trust is created with your legal counsel. Unlike a Will, the Living Trust is not probated; this protects the privacy of your last wishes.

Receive Income for Your Lifetime

By making an irrevocable gift to a Charitable Remainder Trust, you can receive income for your lifetime. The remainder reverts to the Land Trust after your lifetime or after a fixed period of time.

Life Insurance *

Naming the Land Trust as beneficiary of an existing or a new policy makes a generous bequest at minimal cost. When you also name the Land Trust as the owner of the policy, you receive an immediate charitable deduction, and premium payments are also deductible.

Retirement Plans *

You can name the Land Trust as a beneficiary of your IRA through a cash bequest or through a testamentary charitable remainder trust.

* To make a gift through a life insurance policy or a retirement plan, you MUST complete a Beneficiary Form provided by the administrator or insurance carrier.

- It is my intention to amend my Will to name the Finger Lakes Land Trust as a beneficiary.
- I would like more information about how to make a bequest to the Land Trust.
- I would like to talk with Jan Hesbon, Director of Development, about the best ways to include the Land Trust in my estate planning.
- I have already named the Land Trust as a beneficiary of my estate plan.
- I would like to learn more about gifts that can provide me with an income for my lifetime.

Name(s)

Address

City, State

Zip

Telephone

Best time to call

Information provided in this brochure is not intended to take the place of counsel from your legal and financial advisors.

"John and I chose to raise our three children in a small village near Ithaca because we really enjoy this community and its natural resources. Before John passed away, we named the Land Trust as one of the beneficiaries of our estate. Our gift will help provide permanent protection to the land we love"



--Martha Ferger, Dryden, NY



"I grew up loving escapes to the woods in rocky downstate New York and the pine barrens of south Jersey but have now spent enough decades in upstate New York's hinterlands that, in truth, it's the only place

where I feel at home. So I have named the Land Trust the beneficiary of my property because I want to be sure that the Land Trust has the funds to manage the land it protects."

--Irene Szabo Mt. Morris, NY



"I've been involved in the trails community and with the Land Trust for many years. I hike on trails around Ithaca

nearly every day, but some of my favorite hiking spots are on, or pass through, Finger Lakes Land Trust land. I have named the Land Trust as recipient of my 53-acre property with a cash bequest because I believe the Land Trust is doing a great service in protecting trail corridors and open space land around the region."

--Tom Reimers, Ithaca, NY

"Though my wife and I live 3,000 miles from the shore of any Finger Lake, the spacious rolling hills and sparkling waters of central New York captured my heart many years ago. I made a bequest to the Finger Lakes Land Trust because it has proven so capable of protecting those lands, which I hope will serve to inspire future generations."

--Gerald Morsello, Eugene, OR



"We do not inherit this land from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

Native American proverb



Finger Lakes Land Trust



A gift from your estate helps the Land Trust conserve land for future generations.

The White Pine Society

Named for the tallest tree in the northeastern forest, the White Pine Society recognizes members who confirm a bequest or other gift from their estate to the Finger Lakes Land Trust. Members of the Society represent a select group of individuals who have made a lasting commitment to the conservation of land in the Finger Lakes region. Their legacy will ensure that our most cherished open spaces are protected for future generations.

The Finger Lakes Land Trust is a membership-supported, not-for profit land conservation organization dedicated to protecting those lands that define the character of the Finger Lakes region.

For more information about gift planning, contact Jan Hesbon, Director of Development; janhesbon@fllt.org; (607)275-9487



Protecting the Land You Love since 1989