

We can work together

Membership or Information Request:

The LTABC is a membership based alliance of land trusts, associated organizations and individual professionals.

We provide education, communications and financial services, and research and resources that help protect BC's natural and cultural diversity.

- I would like to become a member, please send me rates and benefits package.
- Please send me more information on conservation covenants.
- Please send me information on how protecting land provides mitigation and adaptation options for climate change.
- Please add my name to the blandtrust listserv (free).
- Please send me a subscription to the Kingfisher magazine.
- I would like to make a charitable donation to help the LTABC provide these services.
- I would like to make a charitable donation toward a current land acquisition project.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Location: _____

Province: _____ Postal: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

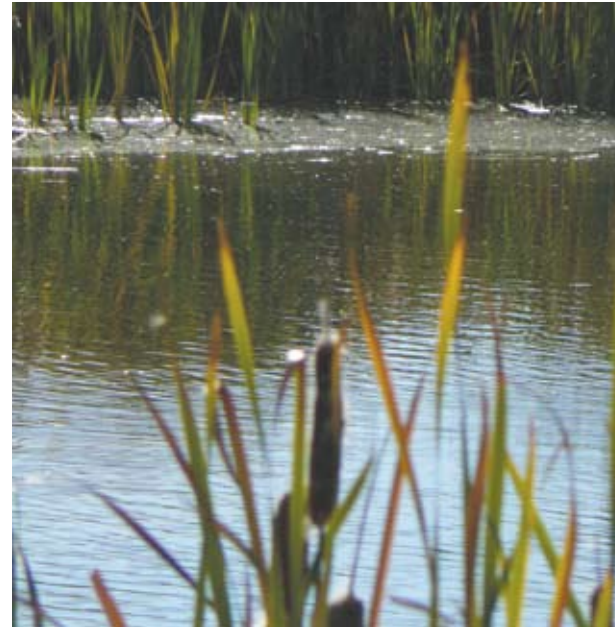
Send to: Land Trust Alliance of BC - Fax: 250-538-0172
204-338 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Is. BC V9K 2V3

What's in this for your charity or business?

- Know that the donor/client has achieved peace of mind about the future of their land.
- Exercise due diligence and avoid public embarrassment if the new owner destroys natural areas valued by the community.
- Learn from land protection experts.
- Receive community recognition for protecting land for wildlife & ecosystem services.
- Help shield for climate change.



Open the toolbox of land protection options and find out how you can work with your local land trust to satisfy your client/donor's dreams for their land and protect land for communities and wildlife in perpetuity.
(A positive climate change action!)



Contact:

The Land Trust Alliance of
British Columbia
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Salt Spring Island, BC V9K 2V3
Tel. 250-538-0112
www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca
links to all member land trusts

Ecological Gifts Program
Environment Canada
Tel. 604-940-4700
www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca/egp-pde/

Green Legacies program:
www.greenlegacies.ca

Gifts and Donations of Land



when your client or donor is considering gifting or selling their land.....

When your donors/clients are concerned about the future of their land...



“ My land has incredible trees. How can I stop the next person from cutting them down?”

“The creek on my land has a salmon run. How can I ensure it will be protected?”

“My land is home to many types of wildlife. What can I do to make sure they can continue to live here?”

“ Could my land have a role in fighting climate change? Do the trees/grasslands/creeks help?”

Land Trusts in British Columbia

Can work with you to explore options that lead to a win/win/win situation for:

- The owner/donor
- The land, wildlife & natural values
- Your charity/business

Here's how...

Explore partnership options with your local land trust through:

Donations of Real Estate

Donations to a land trust of ecologically important land can net significantly increased charitable tax credits for the donor through the Ecological Gifts Program, Environment Canada. (0% capital gains.) Land must be assessed and certified for its environmental values. Land trusts are authorized Ecological Gift recipients and they will monitor and steward the land in perpetuity.

Gifts of land that do not meet Ecological Gift criteria will also be eligible for charitable tax credits, at the standard rates, but subject to capital gains.

Conservation Covenants

Conservation covenants, protecting specific natural areas or binding development rights, are a good way to protect particular attributes of the land prior to sale.

The donor/client places a conservation covenant over certain portions or on specific uses of the land, and future owners must, by law, abide by the restrictions.

Covenants are also eligible for Ecological Gift certification. (0% capital gains) Land trusts can hold the covenant and monitor and enforce them in perpetuity.

Subdivision

In the case of a large property with subdivision rights - with both natural and developed areas, the area with ecological values could be separated and donated to a land trust, and the remainder sold. The charitable tax credits could help the owner cover incurred capital gains.



Sale/donation – Lease Back

In the case of working farms or ranches, owners may wish to sell or donate their property but retain the right to work the land for years to come. The land trust can help work out lease agreements that meet the farmer/rancher's needs, and transfers ownership.

Gifts of Residual Interest (life estate)

Some donors may wish to give their land to a charity but retain the right to use the property for a specified length of time. Sometimes this is until death, or it may be for a specified time limit.

Land Trusts in BC will:

- Provide information about gift options.
- Do ecological assessments.
- Receive gifts of land and provide charitable tax receipts.
- Monitor and steward the land forever.
- Provide recognition to donors and charities.
- Fundraise to meet sale prices in some cases.