

## Leaving a Legacy for Future Generations

At the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, we believe that we are stewards not just of the protected lands and waters that we hold, but of the Upper Delaware River region itself.

**Protecting the Upper Delaware River region can be part of your legacy, and an enduring gift to future generations.**

If this sounds like the kind of legacy you would like to leave, we can discuss (along with your tax and financial advisor) strategies to help you support the Conservancy's land protection mission while also maximizing your tax and financial benefits.



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By supporting the Delaware Highlands Conservancy through a bequest or other legacy gift, you're helping to ensure the working farms and forests, clean waters, wildlife habitat, and special places that inspire you are here for future generations to enjoy.



## Leaving a Legacy

**PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS**

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## Donate Stock or Real Estate

Gifts of stock earn a federal income tax deduction equal to the gift's fair-market value. If the stock has appreciated, the landowner does not have to pay capital gains on the appreciated value.

Likewise, landowners who donate real estate do not have to pay federal taxes on the donated property's appreciated value. After speaking with you, the Conservancy will determine how to maximize the conservation impact of your real estate gift. The Conservancy may:

- Keep the property for use as a nature reserve;
- Protect the property with a conservation easement and sell it to raise funds to support our ongoing conservation efforts; or
- Sell the property without a conservation easement and use the proceeds to support our ongoing conservation efforts.

**"Protection of clean waters and healthy habitat are both very important to me, and the Conservancy does so much towards that protection. This is my way of saying thank you, and knowing that the good work can continue for future generations."**

**– Patricia Diness, Legacy Leader**

## Take Advantage of Planned Giving Strategies

Donate land or other assets to the Delaware Highlands Conservancy in your will. A deduction from the value of one's taxable estate may be allowed for land bequeathed for public purposes.

Other options for planned giving include IRA or life insurance beneficiary designations, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and charitable lead trusts.

More information is available online at [delawarehighlands.org/membership/leaving-a-legacy](https://delawarehighlands.org/membership/leaving-a-legacy).

## Become a Legacy Leader

Our Legacy Leaders have included the Conservancy in their will or estate plans, or have helped a parent, partner, or loved one leave a legacy. We hope you will consider joining them to help ensure that we can carry out our mission into the future.

If you have questions about planned giving options, would like to learn more, or if you have already considered us in your estate plans, please contact us at [info@delawarehighlands.org](mailto:info@delawarehighlands.org) or 570-226-3164 or 845-583-1010. The Conservancy recommends that you consult with your attorney, accountant, and/or financial advisor in evaluating which options might be appropriate for you in implementing a planned gift.

