

YOU LOVE YOUR LAND

You Can Protect It for Present and Future Generations

What is a Conservation Easement?

Conservation easements help landowners protect their land forever. They are voluntary, legally binding agreements between a landowner and a land trust that permanently protect the important conservation values of a property by limiting future development, subdivision, and other activities and uses harmful to the natural resources.

Every conservation easement is unique and tailored to the landowner's goals and the property's characteristics. The landowner continues to own and manage the land subject to the restrictions in the conservation easement. Our conservation easements do not require public access, and all future landowners are bound by the same restrictions.



"If I had the money, I would preserve every piece of natural land in the world. This is the piece I have, so that's what I'll protect...I have tremendous devotion to what's wild." - Lou Barr



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"On our farm, always there was the idea that this was just too precious a place to allow an unforeseen future. We are just caretakers...we're just here for a very short time." - Anita Orlow



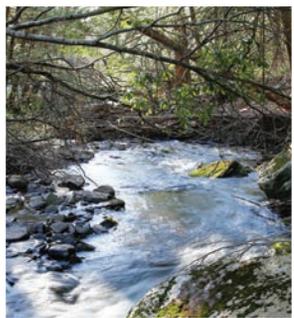
PROTECTING Your Land

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Sustain Our Quality of Life and Clean Drinking Water

Your decision to protect and steward your forest will benefit both wildlife and people. Healthy forests protect and filter the pristine waters of the Upper Delaware River region and provide habitat for a variety of wildlife, including a thriving bald eagle population. They also provide clean drinking water for millions of people. Our region's exceptional natural resources create abundant recreational opportunities that contribute to the local economy and our quality of life.



"We in NYC are completely dependent on water that comes partly from the Upper Delaware region. Water is the source of life and it's because of the Conservancy's protection of land

that our water is so pure. My land is a part of that. We're all connected. And we need that connection to the land because it's also a source of rejuvenation and recreation."

- Helen Beichel

Keep Sustainable Farm and Forest Industries Viable

Forests and farmland are being rapidly developed throughout the United States and our region. Conserving your working farms and forests ensures that these valuable lands are protected—and affordable—for the next generation of landowners and helps support a sustainable local economy.

"When our family started talking about a conservation easement, we had owned our forest for nearly 100 years and in that time, the number of co-owners grew from two to nine. All held varying ideas on what the land meant to them and what should be done with it. Without protecting the land under a conservation easement, its long-term future was at risk. Nothing makes me happier than knowing that our cherished forestland is now protected forever, and that it still serves both as a place for our family to come together, and as a working forestland."

- Leila Pinchot, Pinchot Institute for Conservation



Get Expert Guidance

Contact the Delaware Highlands Conservancy to learn more about conservation easements and other options for protecting and stewarding your land.

"The Delaware Highlands Conservancy helped us preserve our land in exactly the way we wanted to do it, but for other people who don't really know what they want to do, the Conservancy can give them a very nice outline of what the easement can do for them and for their property."

- Star Hesse and Michael Lovelace

