What will your legacy be?

Estate planning with Greenbelt: Thinking ahead for the Willamette Valley

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OUR STORY
Maya Abels and Stewart Holmes

We love and appreciate Greenbelt Land Trust for all it has done and continues to do to make Corvallis a uniquely wonderful place to live.

With joy, we have supported the GLT since it began and it figures prominently in our estate plans. Their proven track record of good management, sound decision-making and their outstanding staff, make it easy to leave a legacy with them.

- Maya Abels and Stewart Holmes

HERITAGE CIRCLE

When you notify us that Greenbelt has been listed in your estate plans, you enter a prestigious leadership group, named our Heritage Circle.

Heritage Circle members are visionary supporters who have stepped forward to commit to stewarding Greenbelt Land Trust forward into the future.

Heritage Circle members enjoy invitations to appreciation and social events, and are recognized (if choose) in GLT materials for their visionary support.

We would like to express our gratitude for naming Greenbelt Land Trust in your estate plans. Please share your decision with us so we can welcome you as a member of the Heritage Circle.

If you have already included GLT in your estate plans, please let us know. We would like to welcome you to the Heritage Circle.

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What is a Planned Gift?

Planned gifts refer to gifts for which you must plan, taking into account financial, family, business, and/or estate considerations along with personal philanthropic goals.

Planned gifts are popular because they can make possible a significant charitable contribution, save taxes for your heirs, and help to leave a meaningful legacy.

Whether you use cash or other assets, the benefits of a planned gift can make charitable giving attractive to you and the Greenbelt Land Trust.
OUR STORY
Al Kitzman and Sue Tangeman

A few years back, Sue and I decided to establish an estate plan. If you have not done one, it’s an interesting exercise. We needed to consider a Power of Attorney, Advance Directives, Executor, plus, what to do with all our stuff.

We naturally thought about family and a share of the assets will go to them. The remainder, we decided to leave to local organizations that we have a strong affinity towards.

When we considered what we value in our lives, access to natural areas, land conservation, trails, diverse ecosystems, endangered species protection, good stewardship practices, the idea of including Greenbelt Land Trust in our estate plans was an easy choice. This financial boost can provide matching funds for grants to purchase property, and grow an endowment fund to pay for critical stewardship work.

Charlie and Elsie Ross’s dream to conserve land and enhance all our lives, has flourished for over 30 years. We feel honored to be able to support that effort for many generations to come.

WAYS TO GIVE

* Bequest
Allocate an amount, percentage, or remainder to GLT in your will.

How to Make a Bequest
Making a bequest to GLT can be simple. You may sign a new will or trust, add GLT to your present will, name GLT as a beneficiary of your plans, or amend your present trust. To ensure that your exact intentions are implemented, estate planning documents should be prepared in consultation with your attorney and, with respect to provisions for Greenbelt, discussed with our Associate Director.

Land or Asset Donation
If you are considering a donation of land or other real property, we ask that you connect with us to review the details of your intended plans, in order to align with Greenbelt’s gift acceptance policies and Conservation Plan.

* Stock Donation
Make a donation of appreciated securities - publicly traded stocks, bonds and mutual fund shares - to GLT while avoiding capital gains tax. GLT sells the securities and uses the proceeds to fund critical conservation work.

* Retirement Plan Designation
Make GLT a beneficiary in your IRA or other retirement plans.

* Life Insurance Policy
Designate an amount or percentage of a life insurance policy.

* Charitable Remainder Trust
Establish a tax-exempt trust that pays income to your loved ones. When the trust terminates, the remaining assets benefit GLT.

GLT’s Federal Tax ID: 94-3113836

Why name Greenbelt in your estate?

When you name Greenbelt Land Trust in your will, you are leaving a legacy of vibrant lands, rivers, and trails for future generations. Your estate plan offers you an opportunity to ensure that what you believe in and worked towards in your lifetime will be realized after you are gone. No matter your income level, planned giving offers you a way to support what you care about in life.

With your legacy gift, you will make an impact on the Willamette Valley - this place we all call home.
LET US HELP YOU
Greenbelt Land Trust's knowledgeable staff is ready to assist you in making the best philanthropic decisions for your financial needs, and connecting you with qualified estate professionals. We enjoy making sure that donors understand their options, and make smart use of their assets for themselves, for Greenbelt, and for our community.

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