



# Your Lasting Legacy

## **We are all indebted...**

to those who came before us.

We benefit from roadways we did not build, drink unspoiled water protected by past generations, and savor liberties fought for by grandparents or great-grandparents we never met.

Whether visiting or living and working on the North Olympic Peninsula, we revel in unpaved farms, deep quiet forests, wondrous views of the Olympic Mountains and wild rivers that drain to craggy shorelines.

## **And we are the seeds of a legacy**

Great strides have been achieved, but it's up to us to continue efforts to conserve the wild and working lands of the North Olympic Peninsula.

## Three methods

1. **Make a bequest.** A single paragraph added to your will can direct a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate to the Land Trust.
2. **Name a beneficiary to any financial account.** Add the Land Trust as a full or partial beneficiary of your IRA, insurance policy, or bank and brokerage accounts.
3. **Donate real estate.** Leave your home or other property to the Land Trust with the understanding that it will be sold in support of land conservation.



## Four impacts

Planned gifts to North Olympic Land Trust have a permanent impact. When you notify the Land Trust of a planned gift, you choose your lasting impact:

1. **Protect** local wild and working lands (Opportunity Fund).
2. **Steward** locally protected properties (Stewardship Fund).
3. **Build** the endowment invested to generate perpetual income for Land Trust operations (Operating Endowment).
4. Have the Board of Directors decide among the options above, depending on the greatest need at the time.

# John Willits Legacy Circle

Experience the joy of your gift now...

Named for the man who planted thousands of trees across Clallam County and helped lead North Olympic Land Trust for over 20 years, the John Willits Legacy Circle connects you with the impact of your gift and a like-minded community dedicated to the future of this place.

By making a pledge you become a member of this place-defining circle, and will be:

- Honored with a tree added to the John Willits Legacy Grove at the Lyre Conservation Area, and
- Invited to the annual John Willits Legacy Circle celebration.

So simple, yet so powerful, each legacy gift is like the trees John Willits planted, holding soil in place, saving water and sheltering new life.



## Still exploring?

- Visit the Legacy Circle page on our website.
- Speak with any advisors helping you plan your will.
- Contact Land Trust Executive Director Tom Sanford:  
Tom@northolympiclandtrust.org or **(360) 417-1815 ext.6**

## Already planned a gift from your estate?

Please raise your hand and let us know so that we may thank you, and account for your intentions in our strategic planning.

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# Why they plan to give when they're gone:

An open space lover from Sequim:

*"Today, I can't afford to make a gift to match my passion for keeping farmland from disappearing. But when I no longer need my assets, my estate will make the kind of gift I always wished I could make. I love the idea that I'm tithing back to what sustained me here."*

A recent transplant to the Olympic Peninsula:

*"Neither my husband nor I have kids, so we are able to be more flexible when thinking of where our money should go when we die...1/2 will go to the nephews and 1/2 to causes we care about, like land conservation."*

One Land Trust Board member sees her gift this way:

*"Like me, our supporters are predominately retired and no longer have income from employment. So it is prudent for them to wait and make a large donation through their estate."*

Photo courtesy the McCarthy family, owners of the permanently conserved Dungeness Valley Creamery.

