



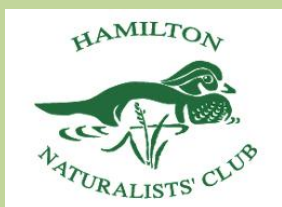
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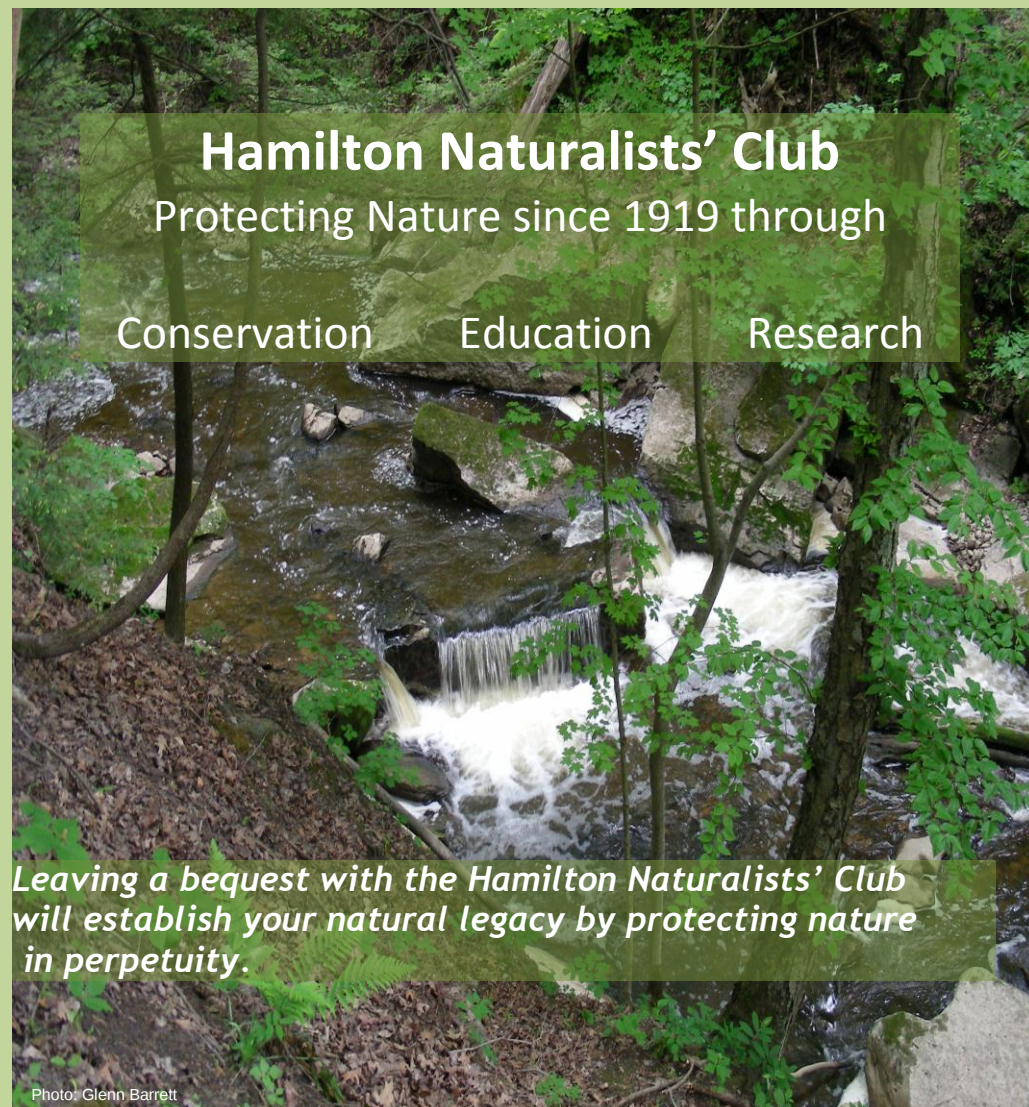


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The **Hamilton Naturalists' Club** is a volunteer-based organization with a 91 year history of promoting habitat protection, stimulating public interest and action in conservation, undertaking research and education regarding natural areas and acquiring and managing nature sanctuaries.



Hamilton Naturalists' Club

Protecting Nature since 1919 through

Conservation Education Research

Leaving a bequest with the Hamilton Naturalists' Club will establish your natural legacy by protecting nature in perpetuity.

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"The HNC has helped me to make a lasting green legacy which will help to protect natural areas far into the future. By leaving my securities to the HNC, the land trust program will have a regular source of income. This way they can continue to protect and steward land over the long-term. I hope everyone thinks about options for their estate and what they want the future to be like for their children and grandchildren." George Amaolo

"I have been a member of HNC for close to 10 years and an admirer of their conservation efforts for many years before that. Their prudence in the management of limited resources combined with many dedicated volunteers working to permanently protect nature, make the club a perfect place to put my donations to work effectively." Bob Crockford

Leave a green legacy

Making a bequest as part of your will is a relatively simple matter. As a form of giving, charitable bequests provide flexibility and can be modified or updated at any time during your lifetime.

Bequests can also be made in memory of loved ones, which provides a meaningful way to create a memorial that lives on in service to others.

Types of bequests

A charitable bequest is simply a distribution of assets from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. To help you with this process, we have provided some suggested language you might use in drafting your will.

Following are some of the more common types of bequests and suggested language to use in a will. In any charitable bequest, be sure to name the recipient accurately.

General Bequests – are legacies left to charitable causes like the HNC that come from the estate, and are made by designating a fixed dollar amount, a particular asset or a fixed percentage of your estate to support the organization.

Please contact Jen Baker at the HNC at 905-524-3339 or land@hamiltonnature.org to discuss the program that best meets your interests.

General Bequest Language:

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Hamilton Naturalists' Club of Hamilton, Ontario, the amount of \$_____ (or description of the specific asset), for the benefit of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club and its general purposes."

Residuary Bequests – are made when you intend to leave the residual portion of your estate after other terms of the will have been satisfied.

Residuary Bequest Language:

"All the rest, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, are to be given to the Hamilton Naturalists' Club of Hamilton, Ontario, for its general purposes."

Specific Bequests - are made when a gift is bequeathed for a designated purpose that supports one of the HNC's programs. This could include acquiring and stewarding land, researching natural areas, protecting endangered species, etc.

Specific Bequest Language:

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Hamilton Naturalists' Club of Hamilton, Ontario, the amount of \$_____ (or description of the specific asset), for the benefit of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club to be used for the following purpose: (state the purpose). If at the time in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club, it is impossible or impractical to carry out exactly the designated purpose, they shall determine an alternative purpose as close to the designated purpose as possible."

We recommend that you carefully review the terms of any legal document with a professional.