

When you visualize the landscape that your great-grandchildren will inherit, what do you see? Does your vision include grassy meadows and thick forests criss-crossed by hiking trails? Cool streams and wetlands teeming with wildlife? Our natural lands are vitalelements which enhance our quality of life and form a distinctive part of our heritage. It's natural to want the same things to enrich the lives of our children. Ensuring that future generations enjoy the same natural heritage and healthy watershed takes planning right now. You can provide for this future by planning a legacy gift to the Hamilton Conservation Foundation today.

A legacy gift is a donation made through your estate. Most often, it is a simple bequest in your will. However there are many options available when considering an estate gift. You can designate a particular asset, a specific sum or residual portion of your estate, life insurance proceeds, RRSPs, RRIFs, or gifts of property. Making a gift of land is a way to ensure that the natural features of your property are protected forever. Other giving options include gifts of residual interest, annuities or a charitable remainder trust. A professional advisor can help you determine the best choice for your personal circumstance as each option offers different benefits and tax implications.

No matter which option you choose, legacy gifts allow individuals to make a significant contribution to a sustainable watershed which will be protected forever. For more information please visit our website at [www.YourNatureYourLegacy.ca](http://www.YourNatureYourLegacy.ca) or complete and mail the attached reply form.

Legacy gifts are a family affair. We encourage you to speak with your family and involve them in the decision. After all, they will enjoy the most important benefit of your gift – the natural heritage you envision and provide for their future.

All legacy gifts will be used to conserve our diverse natural lands and rich cultural heritage, today and forever. However, you may choose to direct your gift to support an area of personal interest such as environmental education, trail maintenance, Westfield Heritage Village, capital projects, a specific conservation area or to any of the Foundation's endowment funds. Foundation staff will work with you to ensure that we understand your wishes and fulfill your philanthropic goals.

*"We have donated lands through the Foundation in hopes of ensuring others who come after us will have the same opportunity to use and appreciate our natural environment."*

*~ Bill Kennedy*



Yes, I want to provide a legacy and preserve our natural and cultural heritage for coming generations.

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I am interested in making a planned gift to the Hamilton Conservation Foundation, please contact me.

I have made a bequest to the Hamilton Conservation Foundation in my will.

**Contact us:**

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Legacy donors are very special champions who provide support for the vital work of the Hamilton Conservation Authority. We know that your leadership will inspire others to consider their own legacies. The Hamilton Conservation Foundation will celebrate your commitment and recognize you as a Conservation Champion at our annual donor appreciation event. We also list our Conservation Champions in Vista, the Foundation newsletter and on our website. Of course, should you prefer to remain anonymous, we will respect your wishes.

Founded in 1976, the Hamilton Conservation Foundation supports the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) by raising funds, awareness and resources to help conserve natural lands and their cultural heritage. HCA is a leading, non-profit environmental agency which owns and manages more than 10,000 acres of environmentally significant land, encouraging stewardship, education and recreation. As champions of the watershed, we hope you will join us in our mission to conserve diverse natural lands and preserve our natural and cultural heritage.



# Your Nature... Your Legacy.



**Plan your conservation legacy today.**

