



# Conserve the Special Places You Love with a Gift in Your Will



**Planned giving opportunities protect  
the Upper Saco River Valley — forever**

## Leave a lasting conservation impact on the Upper Saco River Valley

The landscapes of the Upper Saco River Valley—forests, farms, rivers, trails, wildlife, and scenic views—are part of what makes this region feel like home.

Yet these lands depend on the vision, generosity, and compassion of people like you. By including Upper Saco Valley Land Trust in your estate plans, you help ensure these lands are protected for generations to come.

Because of you, children and families will continue to connect with the land, explore nature and enjoy fresh local food. And your gift will ensure that wildlife will always have places to thrive.

Including Upper Saco Valley Land Trust in your will is simple. In addition to the information here, we can provide other ideas for you to discuss with your family and advisor.

### Your legacy gift will help to

- Conserve working farms and forests
- Safeguard water resources and wildlife habitat
- Provide trails and natural places for all to enjoy

We're happy to answer your questions—confidentially and with no obligation. Let's talk about a gift that reflects your values and your love for this land.



## Gifts through your will

### A simple way to make a lasting difference

A gift in your will is one of the easiest and most impactful ways to support Upper Saco Valley Land Trust.

#### You can designate

- A percentage of your estate
- The remainder after other gifts
- A specific dollar amount
- Your gift costs nothing today and may reduce estate taxes.

#### Sample language

*"I give [the remainder/percentage/dollar amount] to Upper Saco Valley Land Trust, a nonprofit organization located in Conway, NH, to support its mission."*

You can also name us as a beneficiary of your retirement assets or life insurance—a tax-efficient and meaningful way to support its conservation and community efforts.

#### Do you already have a will?

You can update it with a simple codicil to include Upper Saco Valley Land Trust to your giving plan.

If you've already included us in your plans, please let us know. We'd love to thank you and share how your legacy will make a difference.



## Support Land Conservation with your DAF

A **Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)** allows you to recommend grants to Upper Saco Valley Land Trust during your lifetime—and name us as a beneficiary of any remaining balance.

### Benefits of a DAF gift

- Make gifts now or in the future
- Potential tax advantages
- Easy to update at any time

Many supporters give through Schwab, Fidelity, Vanguard, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation or another provider. Recommending a grant is simple.

You can direct your giving to a specific focus area such as:

- wildlife habitat
- farmland conservation
- new land acquisitions
- inspiring the next generation
- building and maintaining trails
- or a specific project

Contact your DAF advisor to get started, or reach out to us—we're happy to help you explore how your DAF can support lasting local land conservation.

## Charitable Remainder Trusts

### A gift that pays you income

A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) allows you to support land conservation while receiving income for life. Upper Saco Valley Land Trust partners with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Maine Community Foundation to facilitate these gifts.

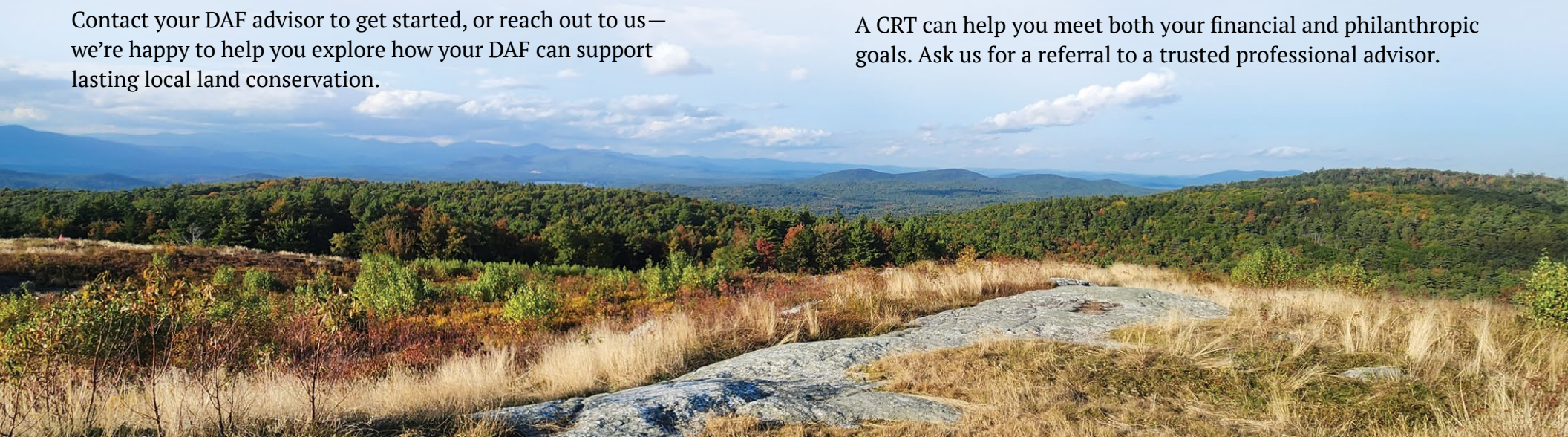
### How it works

- You transfer cash, securities, or real estate into a trust
- The trust pays income to you (or loved one) for life or a fixed term
- When the trust ends, the remaining assets go to support Upper Saco Valley Land Trust

### Benefits

- Lifetime income (fixed or variable)
- Potential income and capital gains tax savings
- Possible reduction in estate taxes

A CRT can help you meet both your financial and philanthropic goals. Ask us for a referral to a trusted professional advisor.



## Land Conservation in Your Will

### Conserve your land after your lifetime

If you own land you care deeply about, please contact us about how you can conserve it—forever—by including it in your will or estate plan.

### Options include

- **Specify you want to donate a conservation easement** through your will. This allows your heirs to retain ownership while limiting development. We can provide you with example language.
- **Donate the land outright**, with or without restrictions. This can be a powerful gift to your local community.
- **Conserve part of your land**, retaining a homestead or family-use area, and donate the remainder for conservation. This approach may help reduce the tax burden for your heirs.

These gifts can provide **meaningful estate tax benefits** and peace of mind.

*It's important to plan ahead and work closely with us to ensure your conservation goals are achievable and clearly stated. We're here to help you explore the possibilities.*



## Additional Giving Opportunities

### Other Ways to protect the lands and waters you love

There are many ways to leave a lasting conservation legacy:

- **Life Insurance:** Name Upper Saco Valley Land Trust as a beneficiary of your policy
- **Retirement Assets IRA or 401(k):** Make tax-wise gifts that may reduce income and estate taxes
- **Real Estate, Gifts of property:** Donate land, homes, or buildings, with or without conservation restrictions
- **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs):** If you're 70½ or older, you can give directly from your IRA—fulfilling your required minimum distribution while reducing your taxable income. If you're 73 or older, QCDs can be a smart way to support conservation while fulfilling IRS requirements.

*We recommend you consult with your financial or legal advisors to determine what works best for your situation. We're happy to help you explore your options and align your giving with your values.*



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# Conserve and Celebrate the Lands and Waters that Make this Place Special

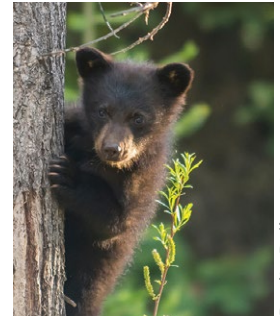
## We'd love to hear your story.

Let's work together to craft a gift that reflects your values and ensures the land you love is protected forever.

## Upper Saco Valley Land Trust

Preserving the ecological systems and cultural values of the Upper Saco River Valley.

Together, we forge lasting partnerships to protect the land for farming, forestry, wildlife, recreation, education, and scenic enjoyment so that people and nature can thrive.



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## Thank You.

Your commitment ensures the lands and waters of this region remain a cherished part of our community for generations to come.



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