

I AM INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION

- I have made provisions for Greenbelt in my will or estate plans. Please include me in the membership of the John W. Peirce Bequest Circle.
- I would like Greenbelt to have my bequest language. A copy is enclosed.
- I am just beginning my estate planning, and would like to speak further about my situation, so that I can determine the best charitable outcome.

Greenbelt strongly recommends that you consult your attorney, financial or tax advisor, and/or estate planner when establishing or revising your estate plans.

PLEASE CONTACT ME

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Please return this form in the enclosed envelope and we will be happy to contact you regarding your interests.



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**Conserving local farmland, wildlife habitat,
and scenic landscapes.**



Charitable Bequests

Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Each of us has the opportunity to be a part of our region's land conservation future.

A charitable bequest to Greenbelt makes a lasting difference while preserving current assets throughout your lifetime.

Beth's Personal Inspiration for a Bequest

"We all go about our busy lives and I wonder how many of us stop to think about what will remain when we are gone. What will we leave to future generations? How can we ensure them the opportunity to get acquainted with nature, and bear witness to the beauty and magnificence it offers us? These places of wonder are disappearing at an alarming rate, and without organizations like Greenbelt, it is likely that they will be forever lost.

"For me personally, it was imperative that I play my part. We are all stewards of the land. We must tread lightly upon it. Its preservation is essential for the well being of us all."



"I am so appreciative to Greenbelt for the terrific work they do to ensure these places of beauty remain forever, that our children and their children might know the song of the eastern meadowlark and witness the exquisite splendor of the marsh in autumn."

Beth Cooper
Bequest Intention | 2004



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Eastern Meadowlark photo courtesy of Craig Gibson

A LASTING LEGACY OF CONSERVATION

Greenbelt's work lasts forever and its impact is felt over generations. Your gift of a charitable bequest has a similar effect. Please consider becoming part of a growing community of purposeful donors who choose to create a lasting legacy, providing Greenbelt with the means to realize future land conservation opportunities.

Consider a bequest gift to Greenbelt. It is the simplest way to make a gift of a lifetime.

More than 50 individuals have declared their intentions through bequests and other testamentary gifts to Greenbelt. Their generosity has made many possibilities a reality: land protection projects, capacity-building measures, and the building of an endowment that will sustain our stewardship responsibilities forever.

What is a Charitable Bequest?

A bequest is a gift from your estate, through a will or living trust, funded by almost any asset or resource.



Common Forms of Charitable Bequest

Cash Bequest

Designate a specific dollar amount to Greenbelt.

Residuary Bequest

Direct all or a percentage of your estate to Greenbelt, once all payments of cash bequests and estate related expenses are settled.

Property Bequest

Direct a specific asset, such as real estate, securities, or tangible personal property, like an antique or valuable art object, to Greenbelt.

Contingency Bequest

Provide for Greenbelt as a contingency beneficiary, in the event that a primary beneficiary is no longer living.

Bequest Benefits

- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime for family, retirement and other personal goals.
- You can modify your bequest if your circumstances change, allowing ultimate flexibility.
- A bequest can reduce or eliminate federal and state estate taxes.
- Your bequest can range in size and value and can be funded with almost any asset, such as cash, stocks or mutual funds, IRAs and retirement funds, real estate, and tangible personal property.
- You can support the programs and activities that are most important to you by designating your bequest for general operations, endowment, land protection, or land stewardship.
- You can make your gift unrestricted and allow us to use it for top conservation priorities when received.

"Making a bequest contribution to Greenbelt made sense to us. It allowed us to support an organization we care deeply about, but at a time when we were confident all of our obligations and intentions were resolved."

Tom and Jane Ellsworth
Bequest Intention | 2011



The Ellsworths' Charitable Solution

As long-time supporters of Greenbelt, the Ellsworths wanted to do more to help local land protection efforts. Yet, for the foreseeable future, they are responsible for their family's needs. The solution is a charitable bequest. It fulfills their intention to make a lasting gift to Greenbelt, and allows them to meet current commitments.

Find More Information

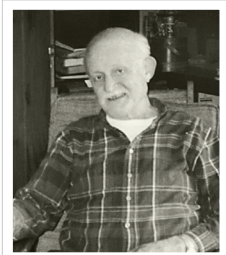
We welcome the opportunity to discuss your bequest intentions at any time. We can assist you with information on bequest options, guidance on or copies of Greenbelt's Gift Acceptance Policy, and examples of commonly used bequest language that can be shared with your legal and financial advisors.

LEARN MORE ONLINE
www.ecga.org/legacy



John W. Peirce A Visionary Founder

Donors who notify Greenbelt of their bequest intentions are recognized through the John W. Peirce Bequest Circle. We celebrate Jack Peirce as one of three visionary conservation leaders who founded Essex County Greenbelt in 1961, and who himself made provisions for Greenbelt through a charitable bequest.



Naming Greenbelt in your will is the easiest way to secure the future of our local landscape.

Sample Language:

I bequeath to Essex County Greenbelt Association, a Massachusetts charitable corporation of Essex, Massachusetts, the sum of \$ _____ (or ____%) of my residuary estate to be used for its general purposes (or a specific designation, reservation or program in keeping with our conservation mission).

Our tax identification 501(c)3 number is: 04-2664297

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