CLC has worked with hundreds of landowners like you to place conservation easements on land.

Why consider an easement?

- To protect your land and its ecological resources for future generations
- To enjoy potential benefits related to income, estate, and capital gains taxes
- To leave a legacy by helping to preserve a part of Columbia County’s scenery, wildlife habitat, farmland, healthy forests, and clean drinking water

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A Columbia Land Conservancy Guide to Donated Conservation Easements
What is a conservation easement?

A voluntary legal agreement that allows landowners to permanently protect the conservation qualities and attributes of their properties without giving up ownership and the associated rights to live on, utilize, farm, and otherwise enjoy the land. Every easement is different. Public access is not required as part of an easement.

Our collaboration with you on a donated conservation easement will likely include several of the basic steps outlined below.

The Columbia Land Conservancy works with landowners to protect the County’s rural character through conservation easements.

If you’re a landowner interested in protecting your family’s property, contact us to find out more about how you can be part of conserving Columbia County’s special places.

We work with families who own farms, forests, and properties of all kinds. We look forward to talking with you about your vision for your land.

- We’ll meet to discuss your goals and walk the property
- CLC staff recommend project to Board of Trustees for approval
- We’ll work with you to address any outstanding title issues
- Property may be professionally surveyed, if necessary
- If approved, CLC staff create a draft easement document
- CLC staff prepare necessary paperwork
- If you’re seeking a deduction, have the property professionally appraised for IRS purposes
- We’ll meet and complete the project!