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

**Why consider an easement?**

- To utilize some of the equity in your farm while continuing to own it
- To conserve land for farming and protect Columbia County’s agricultural heritage
- To help enable the transfer of your farm to the next generation
- To protect your property’s wildlife habitat, healthy forests, and clean drinking water

Get in Touch

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A Columbia Land Conservancy Guide to Purchased Farmland Conservation Easements
The Columbia Land Conservancy works with landowners to conserve the County’s rural character and maintain our agricultural resources.

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

We work with farmers who own farm operations of all kinds. We look forward to talking with you about your goals for your land.

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 purchased conservation easement will likely include several of the basic steps outlined below.