



Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Legacy Program

Legacy giving offers a powerful opportunity to ensure that what we value most in our lives is supported and protected long beyond our own lifetimes. For many of us in Haliburton, this includes the lands, waterways, flora and fauna of this extraordinary region. The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) Legacy Program offers those who cherish this environment the ability to steward its health and well-being for generations to come.

What We Do

HHLT is committed to protecting and understanding our diverse, complex, and outstandingly beautiful environmental heritage here in the Highlands. We do this by acquiring tracts of land comprised of fragile ecosystems, such as sensitive wetlands, to keep in trust and protect long-term. We research these ecosystems to better understand their features and functions and the impact humans have on them. And we encourage people to foster their connection with nature by inviting them to visit some of the lands we protect, and through our public education programs.

Our Legacy Program

The HHLT legacy program is how we join forces with people who are as passionate about this land as we are, and whose desire to see it protected is as strong. We recognize the personal

relationship that so many of our donors have with this place: many donating families have been living or cottaging in Haliburton for decades – sometimes generations

You Decide

A legacy donation to the HHLT can take a number of forms and support a number of different objectives.



A **bequest of land** may expand the amount of lands and waters in Haliburton County that are protected for generations to come. Your legal

counsel can advise you on which of the following donation mechanisms would be most appropriate for your estate.

Please note, the Land Trust has a prescribed process for determining if the land falls within HHLT guidelines for acquisition, so it is imperative that you begin that conversation with us before or during the preparation of your will.

1. Land donation through Canada's **Ecogifts** program - this land must be ecologically sensitive and will be protected by HHLT in perpetuity. Please visit our Land Donation page for details of the Ecogifts program.
2. A bequest of land in your will – if this land does not fall within HHLT's guidelines for protection, it will be sold and the funds will be used to further

the HHLT's mission to protect the natural heritage in Haliburton County for future generations.

A **financial bequest** enables us to maintain our properties and undertake new research and education. Mechanisms for a financial bequest include:

1. Allocating a specific lump sum cash amount in your estate.
2. Allocating residual cash from your estate.
3. Making HHLT the beneficiary of either a new or existing life insurance policy.
4. Donating publicly traded securities (equities, mutual funds, or ETFs,) or fixed income securities.

5. Making HHLT the beneficiary of your RRIF or RRSP.

There are a variety of estate tax benefits, capital gains exemptions, and possible transaction costs associated with each of these mechanisms that your legal counsel can advise you on before your decision is made.

Please visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca for more information on our work and legacy program, or contact our Office Administrator who will connect you with our Legacy Giving Coordinator at 705-457-3700

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For Generations to Come*

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