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## What is a Land Trust?



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## PLT Guiding Principles

Provide opportunities for landowners and local communities to establish conservation legacies.

Support efforts to preserve the rural heritage of the Palouse region.

Support efforts to maintain the natural and managed landscapes of significant conservation value within the Palouse region.

Respect and value the rights and responsibilities of private landowners.

Promote stewardship of natural resources based on the principles of environmental sustainability, economic viability and social acceptability.

Maintain an effective, non-partisan, volunteer organization that represents the diverse values and perspectives of communities within the Palouse region.



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## What Do Land Trusts Do?

Land trusts are distinguished by their direct involvement in land transactions or manage-

This involvement often takes the form of a donation to the land trust of a conservation easement (a permanent, binding agreement that restricts the use of a parcel of land to protect its natural resources). Land trusts can also purchase or accept donations of land, or manage land owned by others. They also advise landowners on how to preserve their land. Land trusts may focus their efforts in a community, in a region, or on a particular type of resource.

Land Trusts have many advantages as a vehicle for protecting land. Their nonprofit status brings them a variety of **tax benefits**. Donations to land trusts may qualify donors for **income, estate, or gift tax savings**.

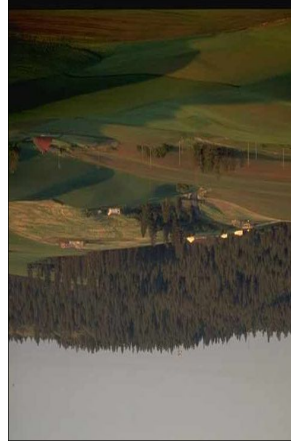
Another advantage of land trusts is that, as private organizations, they can be more flexible and creative and can generally act more quickly than government agencies, since they are not as restrained by politics and procedures. Land trust representatives can negotiate with landowners confidentially, and quickly.

A land trust assumes the responsibility and legal right to enforce an easement.

Conservation easements have become an important mechanism to tailor conservation to the desires of the landowner. Over 4,000 parcels protecting more than 1.6 million acres are established across the U.S. The nation's 1,100 local and regional land trusts hold about one half of this total. The Palouse Land Trust is pleased to be part of this effort.

## The Palouse Land Trust

Our mission is to conserve the open space, wildlife habitat, water quality, and scenery of the Palouse.



Conservation easements enable farmers and other private landowners to protect and conserve open space, wildlife habitat, and favorite views. Conservation easements are legal agreements between a landowner and a land trust that permanently limit uses of land. Because they are very flexible, easements can allow continued agricultural or forest production, or limited development.

A conservation easement permits landowners to:

- \* Protect what is special about their land
- \* Control future development and uses of their land
- \* Pass land from one generation to the next with reduced inheritance taxes
- \* Gain significant income and estate tax advantages