



The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) Bequest Information

Bequests and other testamentary gifts by friends have been an important source of financial support for the land trust. The continuation and expansion of this tradition of remembrance will contribute to Ausbon Sargent's ability to conserve land and to fulfill its obligation to steward and protect its land forever.

When you include the ASLPT in your will or estate plan, you will be joining The Acorn Society. To recognize your generosity and to inspire others to make similar gifts, we would like to list your name in our publications. Members who prefer not to be recognized may remain anonymous.

A bequest is a wonderful way to create a lasting legacy and provide a positive impact on the next generations of those we serve. Here is an example of **General Bequest Language**:

"I give the sum of \$_____ or (a specific asset) or (all or ____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate), to be used by the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, a nonprofit organization, with its office at 71 Pleasant Street, in New London, NH for its general purposes."

While **unrestricted gifts are preferred as they allow the land trust to allocate funds to the greatest need**, Ausbon Sargent has also established three quasi-endowment funds to which gifts may be designated. These board designated funds support different aspects of our mission and are as follows:

Stewardship Fund – intended to support the non-legal expenses for stewardship of conserved properties such as staff time, monitor training, maintenance, supplies, record retention, reviewing forest management and agricultural plans, landowner requests, educating new property owners, etc. Such a fund is a requirement of all accredited land trusts.

Enforcement Fund – designated to fund legal enforcement of terms of easements in the event of violations. It is used to underwrite the cost of our defense insurance. Such a fund is a requirement of all accredited land trusts.

General Reserves – this fund makes it possible to finance special opportunities as they arise or to address temporary funding shortfalls.

Additionally, ASLPT's board designated **Land Action Fund** is often funded from bequests. It is invested in cash and cash equivalents. There are times when Ausbon Sargent is faced with a critical need for interim financing to facilitate land conservation transactions and other times there is a shortfall in achieving the fundraising goal. The purpose of the **Land Action Fund** is to provide funding to finance these important land conservation projects.

Gifts with restrictions or endowments are also accepted by the Ausbon Sargent but may be subject to review in order to determine if the gift is in line with our mission.

If you wish to document the intention of your bequest at this time, please complete the form on the back side of this sheet.

For more information on including ASLPT in your estate plan, please contact:
The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust - (Tax ID # 22-2884768)
71 Pleasant Street - PO Box 2040, New London, NH 03257 - Phone: 603-526-6555

Documenting Your Bequest Intention

Thank you for informing us of your intention to include the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) in your estate plan. Welcome to the Acorn Society. The nature and size of your gift will be kept confidential. Please indicate your preference below:

I am willing to be listed as an Acorn Society member.

Please list name(s) as: _____

I prefer to remain anonymous for this gift.

Type of Bequest: Please check all that apply. If you are comfortable in doing so, please estimate the value of your gift in today's dollars. This information is helpful to the ASLPT for planning purposes.

Will: \$ _____ Insurance policy: \$ _____

Retirement plan/IRA: \$ _____

Is this gift contingent on another beneficiary surviving you? Yes No

Charitable remainder trust: \$ _____ Revocable/Irrevocable trust: \$ _____

Real estate: \$ _____ Other asset: \$ _____

Real estate address: _____

Additional Information: _____

Contact information: If your contact information has changed recently, please provide updated contacts:

Phone

Email

Mailing address

ASLPT wishes to assure you that this statement of intention does not constitute a legal obligation and will not be legally binding in any way on you, your heirs, or your estate. The ASLPT understands that your circumstances may change, and your intentions may have to be modified. We appreciate your commitment to our conservation mission.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this completed form to:

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, PO Box 2040, New London, NH 03257

