



# HABITAT ACQUISITION TRUST

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Conservation Legacies*

## Constitution

1. The name of the society is the HABITAT ACQUISITION TRUST
2. The purposes of the Society are:
  - a. to promote the preservation of the natural environment through
    - i. the conservation of habitats by acquisition, by conservation covenants, or by other legal mechanisms,
    - ii. the promotion of habitat stewardship, education, and research;
  - b. to solicit donations of money, land, interest in land, and improvements thereon, and other property to be used to advance the purposes of the Society;
  - c. to receive bequests, trusts, funds, land, and improvements thereon, and to hold, invest, administer and distribute such funds and property to finance the programs and further the purposes of the Society as presently set out and for such other organizations as are "qualified donees" under the provision of the Income Tax Act and for such other purposes and activities which are authorized for registered charities under the provisions of the Income Tax Act. The directors in their sole and absolute discretion may refuse to accept any bequests, trusts, funds, or property;
  - d. to work with other societies and like bodies having interests in common with this Society, within and beyond the Province of British Columbia; and
  - e. to do all such other things as are incidental, ancillary, or conducive to the attainment of the purposes and the exercise of the powers of the Society.
3. The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried out in the region of Southern Vancouver Island and the southern Gulf Islands.
4. The Society shall have perpetual succession and power to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, bequest, trust agreement, contract or otherwise, real and personal property within and without British Columbia and may hold, sell, dispose of, exchange, mortgage, lease, let, improve and develop any such property, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may acquire in any way or ways real and personal property for the purpose of funding the purposes of the Society and deal with any and all such property as empowered by this Section.
5. The activities of the Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any income, profits, or other accretions to the Society shall be used in promoting the purposes of the Society.
6. Upon winding-up or dissolution of the Society, the assets remaining after the payment of all costs, charges, and expenses properly incurred in the winding-up, including the remuneration of a liquidator, and after payment to employees of the Society of any arrears of salaries, or wages, and after the payment of any debts of the Society, shall be distributed to the Victoria Natural History Society. If that shall not be possible the assets shall be distributed to such charities, registered under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, as shall be designated by the directors. Any of such assets remaining which had originally been provided for specific purposes, shall, wherever possible, be distributed to charities registered under the provisions of the Income Tax Act carrying on work with similar nature to such specific purposes.
7. Paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 are unalterable.