

Success Story



Nancy Powell placed a covenant on land gifted to her by a dear friend, Ivan.

Ivan's passion to protect and care for the land became her vision for the future.

She is paying it forward for Ivan, for herself, for the wildlife, and for Metchosin:

“ It is so magically beautiful here. There are so many plants and animals. [If not for the covenant] a person could just bring a bulldozer in here and like that it would all be gone. It is spectacular just the way it is. In the spring there are Satin Flowers, Fawn Lilies, Death Camas, and more Chocolate Lilies than I've seen anywhere else.”



Talk to us!

Together we can discuss the best options available in reaching your conservation goals and help you create a Conservation Legacy. HAT recommends that all landowners seek independent financial, legal and professional advice regarding any decisions involving land protection and legacy giving.

Useful Resources

Green Legacies Guide

tidescanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Green_Legacies_Guide_2015.pdf

Ecological Gifts program

www.ec.gc.ca/pde-egp/

Greening your Title: A guide to best practices for Conservation Covenants

ltabc.ca/images/WCEL_GYT_DEC_2014.pdf

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Habitat Acquisition Trust

Protecting Nature



Creating a Conservation Legacy

Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) is a registered charity and regional land trust that conserves nature on south Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. HAT works with community partners, landowners and local government to help protect, restore and enhance important habitat in our region.





Options for protecting nature

There are many different ways you can make an important contribution to nature. This guide provides a brief summary of the most effective land protection options for landowners.

1. Become a Habitat Steward

Care for wildlife and habitat on your land through HAT's voluntary stewardship programs. (*Good Neighbours, Species of Concern and Green Spots*)

2. Place a Conservation Covenant on your Land

Permanently and legally protect special natural areas on your property while retaining ownership of your land.

3. Gift your Land to Nature

Donate ecologically valuable land to a conservation organization like HAT to forever protect special natural areas.

More about Covenants

A covenant is an excellent tool to help you meet your financial and lifestyle needs while still protecting nature. Covenants are voluntary, legal agreements between the landowner and the covenant holder that can conserve all, or a portion, of a property.

The landowner retains ownership of their property but agrees to protect or manage the land in a way that respects and protects the ecological integrity of the land. A covenant can be tailored to address the particular ecological features or amenities of the property and the specific conservation objectives of the landowner and covenant holder.

Our Land Protection Program

HAT has protected over 1600 hectares of ecologically important land on public and private properties with conservation covenants.

Through annual monitoring, HAT ensures that the ecological values of the property are being protected and the terms of the covenant are not broken.

A Covenant is Forever

Conservation covenants protect land indefinitely. Covenants are registered on the title of the land under section 219 of the Land Title Act and are binding on the present and all future owners of the land.

Benefits to the landowner

By placing a conservation covenant on your land you are making a lasting gift to nature, giving you the peace of mind that the land you love will forever be protected. You may also enjoy significant tax benefits for you and your estate by granting conservation covenants of ecologically significant land through the **Ecological Gifts Program**.

To learn more about the benefits of Land Protection through covenants, stewardship or legacy giving, contact HAT today.

Why protect nature?

South Vancouver Island is home to some of the rarest and most beautiful ecosystems in Canada. Landowners can play a critical role in the conservation of these special places through land protection and stewardship. Protecting private lands is increasingly important because some of the most endangered and rare plant communities and wildlife are found on private lands where threats to habitat are the greatest.

