

# INVEST LOCALLY TO MAKE A LASTING IMPACT



*Land Trust supporters are more than generous with their time and financial support.* Still, many may not realize that there is another way to ensure the Land Trust's long-term viability—through estate planning. Not just a tool of the wealthy, estate planning is an excellent way for anyone to support the Land Trust in a way that is often beyond one's current means.

Estate planning makes sure that as much of your estate as possible goes to your family, your favorite charitable organizations and or other beneficiaries. Estate gifts come in many forms and members Collins and Wendy Hemingway chose to include the Land Trust in their estate plan by establishing a charitable remainder trust with the Oregon Community Foundation. "Establishing the remainder trust was straightforward and helped us with our overall estate planning," Collins said. "We know that the long-term sustainability of a non-profit depends on increasing its endowment over

time. With a remainder trust, we get a regular income stream during our lives and beef up the Land Trust's endowment when we go."

The Hemingways chose to make their gift unrestricted. "If we're going to preserve the precious lands in our region, we need more than the purchase price. We need the people in the field to restore the lands and streams," Collins said. "The Land Trust can use a general gift to meet its operational needs in the future."

Whether large or small, estate gifts are a significant part of the Land Trust's financial future. As with any sizable gift to a charitable organization, it is important that you obtain professional advice. **To learn more or to let the Land Trust know that you have already included us in your estate, please contact: Zak Boone, Associate Director at 541-330-0017.**