



Glossary

Support for Places: Environmental Conservation

Accreditation - official organizational accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance.

Baseline Documentation Report - A compilation of information that documents the current condition and conservation values of the property at the time a conservation easement is granted.

Conservation Easement - 100% donated, permanent restriction on the use of property to promote conservation.

Environmental Assessment – report prepared by an environmental consultant to ascertain if there are pollutants on the property that could create environmental damage on the property or to adjacent properties.

Geographic Information System (GIS) – computer system designed for spatial data.

Land Trust Alliance – national umbrella organization for land trusts.

Land Valuation - value of donated land or easement determined by appraisal or assessment by community government.

Legal Defense Fund - funds set aside for potential future legal expenses incurred in defense of an easement.

Match/Leverage - financial value of non-Triangle Community Foundation contributions to project budget, including land or easement value.

Orthophotograph - aerial photograph corrected to scale.

Preservation vs. Conservation

Preservation - leaves land intact with minimal human intervention.

Conservation - protects certain natural attributes of land (e.g. soil, water quality, habitat) while allowing for sustainable human use (e.g. farming, forestry, recreation) where appropriate.

Project Related Staff Expenses - non-overhead staff time expense directly related to the subject project.

Public Benefits - conservation uses of land that provide benefits to the public (e.g. food, clean water, clean air, recreation, etc.).

Standards and Practices - Land Trust Alliance guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust.

Stewardship - specific form of stewardship that applies to the landowner/easement holder's management of the land/easement after it is acquired. These activities include: monitoring, landowner relations, enforcement, landowner notification and approvals and proper management of stewardship funds.

Stewardship Endowment - fund established to support the long-term costs of providing the stewardship services (above) for a conservation easement or ownership of a property.