



## Planned Giving

Planned gifts are popular because they can make possible a significant charitable contribution, save taxes for your heirs, and help to leave a meaningful legacy. Whether you use cash or other assets, the benefits of a planned gift can make charitable giving attractive to you and the Francetown area we so treasure.

There are many different ways to make a planned gift including-

- **Bequest**

A bequest is a language in your will where you allocate an amount, a percentage, or the remainder of your assets to FLT. Making a bequest can be relatively simple. You may sign a new will or trust, add FLT to your present will, name FLT as a beneficiary of your plans, or amend your present trust. An outright bequest to FLT is fully tax-deductible for estate tax purposes. The most useful bequest for FLT is an unrestricted bequest for the general purposes of FLT, but to ensure that your exact intentions are implemented, estate planning documents should be prepared in consultation with your attorney and, with respect to the provisions for FLT, discussed with one of FLT's Directors.

- **Land or Asset Donation**

The gift of your property is a meaningful way to support FLT. And if the property is your home, you can remain on your property until your death by a special arrangement called a retained life estate. If you are considering a donation of land or other real property, we ask that you connect with us to review the details of your intended plans, in order to align with FLT's gift acceptance policies and conservation goals.

- **Stock Donation**

You may choose to make a donation of appreciated securities (such as publicly traded stocks, bonds and mutual fund shares) to FLT while avoiding capital gains tax. FLT sells the securities and uses the proceeds to fund its conservation work.

- **Retirement Plan Designation**

You may make FLT a beneficiary in your IRA or other retirement plans. Retirement account assets, if left to anyone other than a spouse, may be subject to high taxation. By designating FLT as the recipient of any remaining benefits, you may effectively reduce the taxes on those assets.

- **Life Insurance Policy**

You may designate an amount or percentage of a life insurance policy to accrue to FLT.

- **Charitable Remainder Trust**

You can establish a tax-exempt trust that pays income to your loved ones for a specified period, but when the trust terminates, the remaining assets benefit FLT.

When you make a planned gift to the Francetown Land Trust, you are leaving a legacy of open lands, streams, and trails for future generations. Your estate plan offers you an opportunity to ensure that what you believe in, and worked towards in your lifetime, will be realized after you are gone. No matter your income level, planned giving offers you a way to support what you care about in life. With your legacy gift, you can make an impact on Francetown.

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