With a gift to BHHT in your will

You can create a legacy in your community

You can protect the land you love forever

You can inspire a new generation

The Steward’s Circle honors those who have created a legacy through Blue Hill Heritage Trust

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A gift in your will, in a trust, or by beneficiary designation will yield large and lasting returns for future generations. It will help ensure long-term stewardship of precious conservation land and your communities.
Creating a Conservation Legacy in your Community

There are moments when you reflect on all you have achieved, on what you hope to accomplish still, and you consider how you will write your story in ways that embody your values and your vision. Perhaps you wish to make a gift to Blue Hill Heritage Trust a part of your legacy, but are concerned about making commitments you might not be able to keep, or using resources you may need yourself in the future.

You may be surprised to learn that:

• Most legacy gifts require no immediate donation, and your gift transfers only after your lifetime.
• You are not locked in to a choice you make today and can always change your mind.
• Your gift is welcome in any amount, so you can make loved ones and BHHT your beneficiaries.

These are some of easiest ways to make a gift to BHHT:

A Gift from Your Will or Trust: A gift from your will or trust is a time-honored way of ensuring that your support of BHHT and the magnificent land you love continues for generations to come.

• To leave the majority of funds to your loved ones, name BHHT to receive a specific amount or percentage.
• To leave BHHT what’s left after loved ones are provided for, use a residuary bequest.

Gifts of Retirement Plan Assets: Many of us are frugal, accumulating savings for a long and comfortable retirement. Those same habits often result in not using all the money we’ve saved. By designating BHHT as beneficiary of your retirement plan you can:

• Leave other, less heavily taxed assets to your family.
• Change your beneficiaries at any time, retaining flexibility.
• Act without legal expense. Simply request a change of beneficiary form from your plan provider.

Gifts of Real Estate: You may wish to gift conservation land to BHHT, but you can also give property to be sold to further BHHT’s mission. A gift of real estate can be made during your lifetime, or through your will. You can even gift property while retaining the right to live on it during your lifetime.

Gifts of Life Insurance: Many have life insurance policies that have long since served their purposes. These can make wonderful gifts to BHHT. Just ask your insurer for the appropriate forms to make BHHT the owner of a paid-up plan, or the beneficiary of your policy.

You may be surprised to learn that:

• We chose BHHT as a beneficiary primarily because of the great work they do for our local community. We admire the way they manage and preserve their lands, protecting property while making it available for public recreational and educational use. They work in a very transparent manner and we recently learned that they voluntarily pay property taxes – yet another way their organization benefits our community.

Your Neighbors in the Steward’s Circle

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