

Arbor Day Foundation Can Now Help Farm Owners with Long-Term Preservation of their Productive Farms



“When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.” –ALDO LEOPOLD

Your Land Can Be Your Legacy of Stewardship

Through the years a number of members and friends of the Arbor Day Foundation have asked if we can take care of their farm, ranch, or woodland on a sustaining basis, providing an enduring conservation legacy.

In response, we have developed the national capacity to manage such productive lands that are given to the Foundation as lasting legacies of conservation and abundance.

Caring Deeply for the Land

Caring for the land is part of the Foundation’s heritage. Arbor Day founder J. Sterling Morton served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, fostering the conservation of the nation’s farms, ranches, and woodlands.

“As a person who was raised on a farm that had been in the family for generations, I know how much farm families care about the long-term stewardship of their land,” John Rosenow, Foundation chief executive, said. “Our members and friends can be confident that the Arbor Day Foundation will care for their land as deeply as they do.”

Perhaps you, or someone you know,

is in this situation: You own a farm that is genuinely important to you, that you want cared for using the best conservation practices to keep it beautiful and bountiful for the long term. And you would like the income from the land to help a cause you care about.

Two Kinds of Legacies

Your gift of farm or ranch land to the Arbor Day Foundation can leave a legacy for future generations in two important ways. First, our professional managers will work with a neighboring farmer to rent the land as a productive farm. Your land will continue its heritage of abundance.

Second, the income from renting your farm will provide ongoing support for the Foundation’s environmental-stewardship programs.

You Can Choose Lifetime Income

Providing the gift of your farm or woodland to the Arbor Day Foundation through your will or estate plans is a wonderful option for you. You will know that your bequest will leave a lasting legacy.

Or, you can choose to gift your farm to

the Foundation now and retain a “lifetime estate” so you continue to receive the annual rental income. You may receive significant tax benefits when you make such a gift.

A Conservation Legacy

As we help you leave a legacy of stewardship, you will help the Arbor Day Foundation create models of best conservation practices throughout America, including outstanding demonstrations of the wise use of Conservation Trees.

Whether your farm is the conservation model today that you would wish, or if there are opportunities for enhancement, the Foundation will want to maintain or create a productive showplace of practical conservation, featuring trees whenever appropriate.

To discuss the potential advantages of making a gift of your land to the Arbor Day Foundation—as an immediate gift with potential income and tax advantages, or as a bequest—contact Chloe Sweet, our Gift Planning Coordinator, at 402/473-9612 or csweet@arborday.org.