

Leave A Lasting Legacy: Planned Gifts and Donations

Are you concerned about protecting the natural beauty and character of our Trinidad coast for present and future generations? Please consider making a charitable gift in your will or living trust to benefit the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust. No matter how large or small, a planned gift (of property, stock or financial assets) will continue your dedication to conservation beyond your lifetime. Planned gifts will help to ensure the protection and stewardship of Land Trust properties, allowing us to respond to protect threatened lands, and to secure and restore public trails and beach access under our care. If you already have a will or living trust, you can easily amend that document to add a beneficiary. Depending on the method and timing of your gift, you may: reduce your income tax, capital gains, and/or estate taxes while retaining control of your assets.

Our land trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization and has a fund with the Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) where individuals can make a donation and or one can create a bequest in a will or trust. For example, when long-time Trinidad resident and land trust founding member Herman Iverson passed away, his family set up a memorial fund with HAF that provides an annual donation to the Land Trust. A fund can also be restricted to specific uses. If you would like to find out more, please contact Ben Morehead at the Land Trust, or Chris Witt at the Humboldt Area Foundation (442-2993), or a financial planner or attorney for more information about how you can create a lasting conservation legacy through a donation or bequest. If you are considering naming the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust in your will, the following language may be helpful:

“I give the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, a 501(c) (3) Nonprofit Corporation, Tax ID# 94-2552913, incorporated in the State of California, and having its principal offices at PO Box 457, Trinidad, CA 95570, the sum of \$_____ (or alternately, _____ percent of the residuary of my estate), for its general purposes to protect and conserve land and water resources for public benefit.”

