



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED?

Have you ever considered creating a significant and enduring celebration of your life by leaving your own natural legacy for future generations?

PERHAPS WE CAN HELP YOU.

At West Creek Conservancy we believe that clean streams and rivers, abundant natural parklands, and beautiful trails are important for healthy, vibrant, and successful lives. Therefore, we are dedicated to our mission of local urban conservation because Greater Cleveland is our home, and we want it to remain a great place to live.

WHY NOT SHARE THIS MISSION WITH US?

Talk with us. We can help you consider a personal legacy – a legacy focused on “Making Nature Your Neighbor” for today ... and for tomorrow.



PLANNING YOUR GIFT

To plan your charitable gift, we recommend you consult your attorney or financial, insurance, or tax advisor. West Creek Conservancy would be pleased to work with you and your advisor to help you make your decision.

All gifts are subject to review and approval by the West Creek Conservancy Board of Directors.



“Few of us can hope to leave a poem or a work of art to posterity; but, working together . . . we can yet save meadows and stream valleys as a green legacy for the centuries.”

- Stewart L. Udall

U.S. Secretary of the Interior



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BE REMEMBERED

Because you care about:

- Clean rivers and streams
- Neighborhood parks & natural areas
- Walking trails for healthier people



A West Creek Conservancy guide for creating your legacy for those whose lives you have made, and will continue to make, happier and healthier – a legacy of “Making Nature Your Neighbor.”

CREATING YOUR NATURAL LEGACY WITH WEST CREEK CONSERVANCY

We can help you create your legacy – a local legacy of walking trails, natural parklands, and clean rivers and streams – a legacy of abundant neighborhood opportunities to disconnect from the hectic demands of our busy lives to reconnect with those calm natural environments where we find peace.

By including West Creek Conservancy in your estate planning you can ensure that you are remembered as someone whose enduring mission was to enrich the lives of future generations by:

- Conserving natural habitat
- Restoring the ecological value and sustainability of urban lands
- Expanding neighborhood opportunities to experience nature



**West Creek Conservancy has protected
nearly 300 parcels and over 1300 acres of
natural lands throughout Greater Cleveland.**

BEQUESTS

Bequests from wills are the most common form of planned giving. You may, for example, specify a dollar amount or a percentage of your estate in your will. You can also name West Creek Conservancy as a beneficiary of a brokerage account or Certificate of Deposit.

LIFE INSURANCE

You can designate West Creek Conservancy as a beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy, or donate an older policy that you no longer need for your family's security. You can also purchase a new life insurance policy and transfer ownership to the Conservancy.

RETIREMENT ASSETS

Qualified retirement plans, such as an IRA, a 401(k), or a 403 (b), can be gifted to West Creek Conservancy. The proceeds of these plans are distributed outside probate and are free from federal estate tax.

REAL ESTATE GIFTS

There are two main types of property gifts. One is the gift of real estate, with or without buildings, given knowing that it can be sold to raise funds to support the work of the Conservancy.

The other type is real estate given with the agreement that it will be protected. By donating it to the Conservancy, you can ensure that the land is protected in perpetuity.

Donation agreements are flexible and can be tailored to suit your interests. Some donors may want to keep a “life interest” so that they have the right to remain on a donated property for the rest of their lives.

**Begin your
legacy today.**

Call 216-749-3720, ext. 12
to learn more.