

CONSERVATION EASEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A conservation easement is a voluntary, legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust or government agency that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values.

The land use restriction often results in tax savings for the landowner.

The Conservation Easement Assistance Program can help landowners with the upfront costs of placing land under conservation easement.

Landowners interested in the possibility of placing their land under a conservation easement should contact a land trust to begin the process. If the land trust agrees, the land trust will apply on behalf of the landowner.

Program funding can cover:

- Attorney's fees
- Land appraisal fees
- Processing and document fees
- Stewardship costs

Funding for half of these costs (maximum \$25,000) will be provided to land trusts working with qualifying landowners in Loudoun County.

Applications are accepted on a rolling annual basis

For program details, visit

loudoun.gov/conservationeasements