



# Land Protection



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Ellie Abbott chose to place her land under protection with Ozaukee Washington Land Trust explaining, "I want people to feel that this is something so special. It's the closest thing to God that I can think of."

*We preserve the water resources,  
natural areas, and working lands  
of Ozaukee and Washington Counties.*

## WITH YOUR SUPPORT

By gifting your land to the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, your family will be protecting the open spaces, rural character, and scenic vistas of our community forever. Your gift will be part of your legacy—and it will mean as much to this generation as those yet to come.

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# Protecting your land.

## PROTECTING YOUR LAND WITH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT

A conservation easement is a voluntary agreement between the landowner (that's you!) and the land trust (that's us!) that constrains allowable uses of the land.



Under a conservation easement, you retain ownership of and title to your land. You may continue to live on it, sell it, or pass it on to your heirs knowing that it will always be protected.



Conservation easements are flexible agreements—negotiated with you—to make sure that your conservation goals are met and that the natural features of your land are protected.



Conservation easements are permanent. They will always stay with the land, no matter how many times it changes ownership.



Our experienced land trust staff and attorneys will work with you and your legal counsel to craft a conservation easement that is thorough and professional.

## PROTECTING YOUR LAND THROUGH DONATION OR SALE

If you are interested in donating your land as a gift to the community or selling it to create a preserve, Ozaukee Washington Land Trust may be able to help. Please contact us to learn more.

## TAX ADVANTAGES OF LAND PROTECTION

There are state and federal income tax incentives specifically associated with donations of land and/or conservation easements. Conservation tax incentives have helped thousands of landowners choose lasting conservation for their land. Please contact us to learn more.

## CONNECT

Our success is only possible with the support of friends, donors, volunteers, and landowners like you. Please join us!



A PERMANENT CONTRIBUTION

## Ellie's Story

When we first met with the now late, Eleanor “Ellie” Abbott to discuss placing an easement on her 27 acres of land along Lake Michigan, she had endless stories to share.

As she recalled climbing the hills and sitting on a favorite perch she called “Inspiration Point” (pictured above), we asked how long she had been connected to the property. She quickly replied “My whole life. In fact, I was conceived here!”

Ellie wanted to make sure that the forested portion of the bluff and the gorges were protected, so she asked Ozaukee Washington Land Trust to help structure a conservation easement that would protect the most sensitive areas of the property.

In doing so, the Abbott family has created a living museum along Lake Michigan that will protect important habitat and serve as a significant migratory stopover for wildlife.

We are eternally grateful to landowners, like Ellie, who are making lasting, permanent contributions to our community by choosing to protect their land through a partnership with Ozaukee Washington Land Trust.



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