



Conservation Easement: 10 Steps to Completion

The following is a general summary of steps necessary prior to granting a conservation easement to Palouse Land Trust. This is not guaranteed to be a complete list, nor are all of the following necessarily relevant to your particular project. Each project is considered on a case by case basis and is as unique as the land it seeks to protect.

1. Preliminary visit with PLT staff
2. PLT Lands Committee site visit and approval to proceed.
3. Letter of Intent including draft easement terms, anticipated steps, and potential costs.
4. Title review and mortgage subordination **IF** needed.
5. Mineral rights evaluation **IF** mineral rights are not held by landowner.
6. Baseline Report prepared by PLT or outside contractor.
7. Property boundaries identified by survey **IF** necessary.
8. Final easement terms negotiated.
9. Appraisal initiated **IF** applying for federal income tax deduction.
10. Stewardship funding mechanism identified.

*** Close and record easement!

Please contact Palouse Land Trust for additional questions related to the CE process.