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Past, Present, Future

Each moment lived is an opportunity to create a new history. Your unwavering support for land trust work is—in my humble opinion—reason for immense excitement and hope for the future.

Together in the pages ahead, we'll honor the past, celebrate the present, and embrace the future. You'll learn more about a woman named Katrina, some years deceased, whose gentle demeanor masked her tenacity for creating a



community greenspace and linear park we enjoy today. You'll celebrate the Stage family's conservation legacy and land care ethos as Helen bestows honor on the life of her mother Marjory. You'll delight in the heart-centered volunteer work that is helping new community trails and learning spaces take shape on Trish's land near Idler's Rest and Judy's land near the Troy School. You'll see how retirement for Pam and Brian means transforming their hay meadow into a wetland that will replenish streamflow in a climate uncertain future.

I have the incredible honor of being a guest in the homes of so many people I want to learn from. Though ostensibly, I come into your homes to learn more about your vision for land or to talk about how your investment in the land trust mission has far-ranging impacts, I leave having found a measure of solace that heals me from my despair over the state of the world that unravels us at times.

While none of us are immune to the constant barrage of challenges that plague our daily lives, I can sense a reshaping of our future in land conservation kinship. A close relationship with the land, to its plants and animals, to the patterns of the weather and seasons can awaken the senses we are mostly cut off from daily. Together, we connect more people to land and quell our fears of the disastrous effects of climate change by protecting and conserving land today.

As we stand together at the crossroads of the past, present, and future, I invite you to lean into the inspiration that comes from the stories of people who speak for the land and the wildlife. Cherish the role you have in shaping this captivating landscape. Find healing, hope and inspiration in these stories as I do from each of you. Thank you for keeping us true to our values and taking collective action for sustaining our future.

With gratitude,



Forever attached Janice Smith-Hill, Past President

I am so very proud to say that the Palouse Land Trust (PLT) has been an integral part of my non-profit life since the time my husband, Jack Hill, and I embarked on our Idaho adventure leaving California in the rearview mirror. That was 1996.



I grew up with our land trust. Yes, my life has

been totally enriched on a grand scale as I have forged relationships through the years with our PLT family—the dedicated members of the boards of directors and officers, staff, donors and landowners. I have enjoyed the great distinction of serving as a board member, vice president, and most recently president. As I step down as president and into the past presidency, my thoughts are bittersweet.

The following highlights top my list of PLT memorable moments: meeting and working with the Fosbergs, one of our original conservation easement families; assisting the Nature Conservancy with the transfer of ownership of Idler's Rest to us; transition from an all-volunteer organization to one with an executive director and staff; our fall conservation celebrations; the work of our dedicated committees; and, our move to a robust fundraising program. I feel a sense of fulfillment to have been a part of all of this and more.

A hearty thank-you goes out to each of my PLT colleagues and staff members who have worked tirelessly in the name of conservation, continuing to build the organization from the ground up, easement by easement. I send my very best wishes to you as you embark on future projects. To Jocelyn Aycrigg, my dear friend and presidential successor, I say, "You go, girl!"



It still amazes me that 27 years ago the idea of the Palouse Land Trust was formed, and a few devoted members of our community turned it into a reality that has flourished! I became a board member of PLT in 2010 because I wanted to help conserve lands in my community. I learned by the seat of my pants the valuable work



PLT does for landowners in our community. It has been a wonderful experience to not only learn about PLT, but to meet the landowners that cherish their land and want to see it preserved for the future.

I am currently stepping in as President of PLT and I could not be prouder of where PLT stands today. We have the best staff who make PLT shine brightly even through challenges, such as a global pandemic. Our board is diverse, engaged, passionate, and just great fun! I am honored to be succeeding our current PLT President Janice Smith-Hill, who has led us with great passion and attention to detail while never letting pass a chance to insert a pun. She has shown great wisdom in times when we needed a strong leader. She brought PLT through the global pandemic and PLT is in better standing than it has ever been because of her leadership. I only hope I can fill her enormous shoes and keep PLT on the path it has followed over the last 27 years!

In celebration and honor of Janice's tenure and board leadership, **President Jocelyn has generously offered to match each and every dollar received this fall, up to \$1000.**

This is your chance to double your impact on the lands you love across the Palouse and north-central Idaho while celebrating all you've made possible, and all the good that is to come.

A Land Love Story

The Stage family conservation legacy

Papa was all about growing big trees. For Mama, it was all about the critters," recalls Helen Stroebel, daughter of the late Al and Marjory Stage and current Stage conservation easement owner, speaking about her family's forest at the southern edge of Moscow Mountain. "Actually, our family bought this property specifically for *our own* critters (horses) back in the mid-1960s, and all the native wildlife and trees were a bonus!"

The family would spend each and every weekend on the mountain when they first purchased the 81-acres—the parents working, and the kids playing. Marjory and Al converted the wheat fields to hay pastures for the stock, and managed the forest for health and longevity. "And, oh, how they loved to build recreational trails and just be on the land!"

Over the decades, the Stages connected with the Idaho Native Plant Society and experienced an evolution, learning the value of native plants and working to restore native ecosystems and eradicate noxious and invasive weeds. Marjory grew to become a true steward of the land, working with wonderful partners like Trish Heekin at the Latah Soil and Water Conservation District and Jacie

Jensen of Thorn Creek Native Seed Farm. Before long, a restoration plan was created for the pasture and Marjory became

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the chief steward of the land she so dearly loved.

Putting protection in place

As development pressure began to grow in earnest along the treeline of Moscow Mountain, the Stages knew they had to do more than just actively manage their land for productive pastures and forest health. In the early 2000s, they connected with the land trust to ensure that the land they loved so dearly would remain intact, and never face subdivision. This was as much for their love of the land as it was for their love of the community – the Moscow Mountain we know and love today would look very different with dozens of small plots developed where the wheat meets the pines.

The Stage conservation project was completed in

Above: Marjory Stage, weed bucket and hiking poles in hand, walking the garden road through the prairie reconstruction (2014). *Below, left to right:* Marjory testing her archery instruction for a PE teaching career with the Stage brothers (1968); Al Stage next to a particulary nice, big tree (1980s); Checking out an unknown plant in the prairie reconstruction with her botanist friend, Judy Ferguson.







2003, permanently ensuring that creatures great and small would always have a healthy home, working agriculture and sustainable forestry practices could take place, and the land would retain its incredible scenic and open space values for generations to come.

"It was just a few years after the easement was put in place that my parents' health declined and I moved up to Moscow permanently and started learning the stewardship ropes from mom after dad passed. And my, there was a lot to learn. But it has been so wonderful. I've always dreamed of living somewhere where I could walk out the door and go hiking or snowshoeing, and now here I am," muses Helen.

The ending of an era and the turning of a page

When Marjory could no longer care for the land and herself on her own, she was sensitive to the imposition that staying there could cause and didn't push to remain at home. The family came together and decided that staying where she could thrive was indeed what they were going to do, to which Marjory responded, "oh good, that's what I wanted all along!"

Despite her failing health, she was so committed to being on the land she loved dearly, to remaining independent, and to helping steward the land for as long and as best she could. In her later years, she would take her walker out and walk the land, dissatisfied with the view from the deck.



"She would scoot off so quietly and make it so far out into the restoration field we had to find her and rescue her. She just wanted to be out there. She was happy as a clam being out on the mountain. And this summer as her final days were coming to a close, all she wanted was to be home and to look out her window onto her own land. And she was."

Since Marjory's passing in late July, property ownership continues in a family partnership between Helen and her brother Morgan. "You just don't realize the value of the land, of the sense of home and place it created when you're building your career. I sure didn't. Now that I'm retired and here full time, I see it. And we are here to carry on Mama and Papa's legacy and



care for the land to a point where the restoration plantings and wildlife habitat are fully grown and thriving, fire mitigation has taken place, and we're able to welcome university students and faculty to learn on the land and to pass the conservation ethic on to the next generation."

Your continued support of private land conservation makes this type of conservation and community legacy possible. Thank you so much for sharing the vision of the Stages and other future-focused landowners like them. The preservation of our rich history, heritage, and legacy is all possible because of you.

Left: Marjory, quietly scooting off for a walk in the woods; Above: Taking up the mantle from her mother and father, Helen Stroebel now carries the weed bucket to walk the garden road; Below: Marjory (middle, with Greg Unruh and Helen surrounding) making sure the forest replanting project of 2013 hadn't impeded her favorite sledding hill.



Learning LandscapesThe Neuman Conservation Forest

In 2013, landowner Judy LaLonde safeguarded her beloved forestland outside of Troy with Palouse Land Trust. Protecting this tranquil landscape from being converted to low-density lots along Big Meadow Creek was only part of the dream she shared with her late brother, Brad Neuman, who left the property in her care when he passed away in 2008. Together, they envisioned sharing what they held dear by allowing friends, neighbors, and curious children to access the natural setting.

Bringing that vision to reality came into focus starting in 2020. Recruiting our first service member from the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute's Americorps placement program, a shared position in partnership with Idaho Firewise, got things off to a running start. Where passion and purpose were only fanning the

sparks of momentum, the Americorps program was the linchpin to moving plans forward for a community access project at the Neuman Conservation Forest.

The Forest lies just across the road from the Troy School campus. Teachers there have long been using the Neuman Conservation Forest as a learning space. Activities connecting youth to the wonders of nature on this land have ranged from elementary-aged kids growing trout in the classroom for release in Big Meadow Creek all the way to high school students studying forestry practices through FFA. Access was a challenge though, with thick brush and densely wooded areas restricting outdoor learners from being able to traverse the expansive forest.

When teachers from Troy School were asked

Below: Students in the Design-Build Program worked throughout the spring and summer rains, winds, sweltering heats, and equipment woes to construct the beautiful Environmental Learning Pavilion in the Neuman Conservation Forest; Young learners explore the lecture space, which features "breathable" walls, open air, and accessible amenities so *everyone* can participate and learn.









what would allow them to better utilize the land for learning and exploration, a dedicated learning space was at the top of the list. Thanks to some very special partnerships, the dream of an outdoor classroom has been achieved in the Neuman Forest Environmental Learning Pavilion.

Where creativity and conservation combine

of Idaho College of Art and Architecture's premier Design-Build Program have thoughtfully designed and constructed the new outdoor classroom with input from Troy School educators. Design-Build students worked tirelessly to create innovative design features that allow users to be fully immersed in the forest ecosystem while still enjoying a classroom and lab learning space.

Designed with longevity and sustainability in mind, the structure utilizes surplus recycled decking material donated from the WSU Composite Materials & Engineering Center; locally-harvested and milled wood products; an accessible, solar-powered composting restroom facility; and gravity fed plumbing for sinks in the science lab, which require no power or water lines. Owing to forward thinking design, wall sections can be repaired or replaced without impacting the structural integrity, ensuring that the pavilion can be loved and used by generations of students and community members alike.

"I am excited to have access to a fabulous property that offers countless learning opportunities for the students enrolled in the Troy School District. Students have the ability now to continue their learning beyond the walls of the classroom. With the addition of the trail, signage, and outdoor learning pavilion it has created a unique opportunity for students to develop their sense of place and learn about the world around them," shared Troy science teacher, Matt Bruns.

Much more than just a walk in the woods

A t a property like Judy's, learning can happen anywhere, especially along the recently completed one mile loop trail. There are now





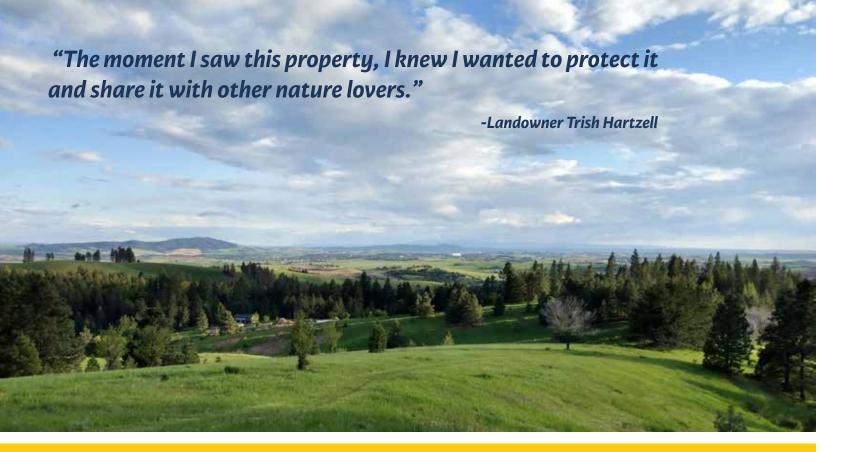
Above: Marcel and WSU-CCE volunteers welcome you to visit and learn along Judy's Trail.

seven interpretive sign panels along Judy's Trail, made possible by our amazing partners at Idaho Firewise. Users can learn about the history of the land, steelhead habitat in Big Meadow Creek, local wildlife and plants, Firewise forest management, and more.

Honoring the area's first inhabitants that remain deeply rooted to their indigenous homelands today, the signs reference Nimiipuu terms for animals and plants, the language of the Nez Perce people. A trailhead kiosk shares about Judy and Brad's legacy and details the trail route and sign locations to orient visitors to the forest.

Alongside PLT's newest team member and former Americorps service member, Marcel Robicheaux, an amazing team of volunteers from the community and the WSU Center for Civic Engagement dug holes, hauled concrete, and put in some serious sweat equity installing the signs this summer.

Thanks to their heavy lift, and to your dedication to connecting the next generation of conservation leaders to the land, trail users of all ages can learn the story of the space, and celebrate the amazing benefits of permanent land conservation today, tomorrow, and forever.



Community trails for you, for everyone, forever

For anyone who holds title to land, the choice to prohibit or grant access is a very personal one. Many conservation landowners in the land trust family elect to allow access for educational or research purposes, while many prefer to limit access altogether, both of which are part of our commitment to upholding the rights of private property owners.

Every so often though, a landowner comes through our door with the express desire to permit others to have managed open access on their land, such as along a trail or in a certain area.

"The moment I saw this property, I knew I wanted to protect it and share it with other nature lovers," says Trish Hartzell. Trish is an extraordinarily generous landowner who set her mind on permanent protection of almost 60-acres of forest and grassland that abuts Idler's Rest Nature Preserve.

The protection of land adjacent to the Preserve is a huge win for connecting habitat corridors for plants, insects and wildlife that call this place home, but it also presents an amazing opportunity for people, too: the creation of Moscow Mountain's first permanently protected public recreational trail.

Trish's trail and conservation easements will increase recreational opportunities around Idler's Rest and Moscow Mountain exponentially. When completed, the new multi-use trail will connect Idler's Rest to the extensive trail system crisscrossing Moscow Mountain. While nearly all of Moscow Mountain's current trails are on private land, this will be the first that's legally protected for the use of the public, forever.

Taking a page from the culture of access in England and Scotland, Trish sees the land as something shared by us all, with boundaries that serve as a description, not a hindrance. "I'm just a steward of this land, not an owner. My goal is to restore it with native species and share it with everyone. I want to be an example to others to do the same!"

Building a forever trail

Since early June, over 180 hours of volunteer labor-of-love have helped hand dig the new

trail. Community members, project partners MAMBA and Palouse Road Runners, local businesses (thank you METER Group and Knit!), and students from UI and WSU have wielded rogue hoes, shovels, and mattocks to build approximately 3,000 feet of trail already! In total, the new trail will stretch about 1.3 miles between the northern boundary of Idler's Rest and Jack's Route atop the mountain, crossing from Trish's land onto land owned by neighbor Jack Carpenter.

With technical support from the dedicated team at MAMBA, the trail is being designed and built with sustainability as a first priority for both hikers and bikers. Land Steward and Community Conservation Coordinator Marcel Robicheaux has taken the lead in ensuring the trail is built with that in mind. "It's a sensitive ecosystem and we are working to find that delicate balance of recreational access and the immense conservation values of the space. We're really lucky to have trail building expertise from everyone at MAMBA so this 'Forever Trail' really does last forever."

Trail building will continue this fall as long as weather and ground conditions permit, with expected completion sometime in mid-2023.

Creating magical spaces, forever

For Trish, "building this trail across my property brings me joy in so many ways. I've met neighbors I didn't know were right around the hill and so many interesting new people. They come here to see wildlife, experience nature, and find peace – all the things I need, too. I love that we are creating magical places, together."

Thanks to your commitment to permanent land conservation, you're enriching our community and providing access to recreational and natural corridors. We can't thank you enough for making it all possible.

From top to bottom: Ed Krumpe, Palouse Road Runners President Bert Baumgaertner, MAMBA President Sandra Townsend, PLT ED Lovina Englund, and landowner Trish Hartzell break ground in early June; Arrowleaf balsamroot blooms along the future trail in May; Tireless volunteers creating the trail in August and September of this year.

Opposite page: Soon, everyone will be able to enjoy this beautiful view of Moscow and beyond from the trail.















Many hands make impactful work

As few as 5 years ago, the dream of developing a volunteer program seemed light years away. Today, thanks to your continued support, you're making it possible for hundreds of volunteers to connect with the lands they love in service to their community.

Bringing Community and Conservation together, Marcel and teams from the WSU Center for Civic Engagement, the University of Idaho, local businesses, and dedicated folks who just want to lend a hand completed dozens of trail and habitat improvement projects.

"It was super fun and I had a great time learning about Palouse Land Trust as well as the natural area we were in. We were able to build around 100 feet of trail at Idler's Rest and I can say that it was super satisfying seeing it all come together. We had great company and Marcel was really nice about telling us what to do and how to do it. I would definitely like to come back and do more work with Palouse Land Trust," shared WSU student volunteer Raquel Sanchez-Perez.

From improving trail conditions to make Idler's Rest more accessible to cleaning up a section of Highway 95 to building Moscow Mountain's first permanently protected trail, community volunteers are making a huge impact across the Palouse landscape. Thank you for all who have served, and if you haven't joined in a work party yet, we'd love to see you soon.

Clockwise from top left: Firewise AmeriCorps Erica J and WSU-CCE Team Lead Isaac N installing educational signage at Judy's Trail; PLT Highway clean up team extraordinairre; WSU-CCE students improving trail surfaces for greater accessibility at Idler's Rest; Landowner Trish Hartzell, MAMBA, Palouse Road Runners, and PLT breaking ground on Moscow Mountain's first permanently protected trail; Volunteers cutting in the new trail; and forest health restoration planting at Idler's Rest.







Rectifying the past, for the future

Brian and Pam Robertson knew that something about their stream wasn't right. When streams in forested headwaters go from functioning as sprawling wetland sponges holding water and then releasing it slowly during the peak of summer heat, to functioning as ditches where water moves quickly downstream during peak runoff, the entire watershed downstream suffers.

The latter is unfortunately the reality on many streams in our local watersheds, including the half-mile section of Little Bear Creek that runs through the Robertson's property. Historic logging and agricultural practices left this section of their creek in a severely degraded, nonfunctional condition, resulting in a 12-foot-deep ditch where there was once a thriving wetland.

Robertson's jokingly refer to this as their "Senior Project." They've spent the last five years of their retirement undertaking a large-scale stream restoration project on their property. The mind-blowing magnitude and innovation of this restoration project impresses even seasoned restoration professionals.

The process utilizes cutting-edge technology such as LiDAR (light detection and ranging equipment) — which helps determine the historic, predisturbance condition of the land — and then aims to get the stream system back to its natural state, known as the Stage 0 process.

Brian and Pam do this, in part, simply because they love their land. They also recognize how important water is to the well-being of people and wildlife alike. Like many areas of the West, family lands like the Robertson's are the cornerstone for providing critical refuge and water to local wildlife.

Many species depend on wet meadows located primarily on private lands. Species like native Steelhead that are barely hanging on, largely due to habitat loss and climate instability, critically depend on cool streams for life.

Private landowners like the Robertsons know that it is ultimately how we care for the lands upon which we all depend that matters most. They are speaking for the land by giving their section of stream a fresh start and nurturing it back to its once functioning glory.

Brian and Pam's commitment to the stewardship of their property has not gone unnoticed either. An abundance of well-deserved attention has come from articles and workshops about their



Thanks to you, landowners like Brian and Pam Robertson can make conservation dreams come true for today and for generations to come.

restoration project and are reaching local and national audiences in outlets such as the USDA's Idaho Informer, the Land Trust Alliance, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), just to name a few.

Their substantial personal investment in this project has also leveraged over \$350,000 in funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Idaho Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Land Trust Alliance's Pacific Northwest Resilient Landscapes Initiative.

Knowing they want to save what remains of the lands and natural world we depend on, the Robertsons have been working with Palouse Land Trust to ensure that their property will be protected forever. "We love this place," says Pam, "the creek and trees are very special. We knew caring for it and bringing it back to life was the right thing to do." Brian adds, "and now we are so pleased it will always be here. Working with all the agencies that helped make this possible was a real pleasure and we thank them all for their help and all they have taught us."

Katrina Berman

Creating the future she wished to see



1 995 didn't just mark the beginning of the land trust. Indeed, the year harkened the first conservation easement in the City of Moscow (and Latah County), and created a remarkable gateway for what is now the recreational backbone of our community. And we owe it all to Katrina Berman.

Katrina and her husband Herb originally moved to Sunswept Hills Farm, off of Styner Avenue, in 1953. The land was completely bare, home to a played-out hay field. With Katrina and Herb's love and care, hundreds of trees were planted over the years, and the soil was nurtured back to health.

"She was always interested in conservation," shares Suvia Judd, a close family friend of Katrina's. "She was an economist, very intellectual, and loved anything that had to do with the outdoors. She always wanted to figure everything out herself, she was such a doer. And she sure did a lot for the City and for our community."

Inspired by the City's Planning and Zoning Commission and Linear Park Task Force in the mid-1990s, Katrina saw the need for green spaces and pathways to connect the community. With help from the land trust, Katrina went to the City with a counter-offer to a proposed development on land adjacent to the farm: she would protect and donate 1.5-acres of her land to the City if they agreed to purchase the neighboring property and use it as a park.

Katrina's vision for an open space filled with native plants and a pollinator garden—"well before pollinators were fashionable," adds Suvia—also included the realization of the Paradise Path. The Path then paved the way for the creation of

the Latah and Chipman Trail systems that are true gems of our region's recreational greenways infrastructure.

Today, because of that wonderful vision, we experience a vibrant park at the south end of Moscow, a sledding hill that provides joy all winter long, and a conservation legacy that connects community. Earlier last year, the Berman family celebrated the creation of the Katrina Berman conservation easement, which now protects an additional 4-acres of open space and working agricultural land alongside the park—linking past, present and future.

"I think Katrina and Herb would be so happy to see the park today, and would be overjoyed with the protection the new easement provides. This could all be houses right now, but instead, we have a beautiful park and working land that holds alpacas and so many native plants. Even 10 years after her passing, Katrina is still 'doing' for the city. And she will for generations to come."

We are honored to have the opportunity to share Katrina's previously unpublished obituary on the land trust website at palouselandtrust.org/berman.

Above: Wild camas (*Camassia quamash*) blooming this spring in the Katrina Berman easement, just next to the park. *Below*: The view overlooking Berman Creekside Park and the Katrina Berman easement from Sunswept Hills Farm, still in active agriculture today.





Owning land and placing it under permanent protection is just one way to create a conservation legacy. Some serve in a leadership role through voluntary board service. Others share traditional skills and knowledge.

"Keeping land connected and protected, seeing it remain in traditional uses like working agriculture or forestry, that's what inspire us," shared Jim and Cindy Fisher. "Have you been to Sun Valley lately? Yikes! It's one of the most beautiful parts of Idaho, but the massive development has really detracted from that.

"It's what could happen here, and we're committed to ensuring we're supporting the land trust today—and even after we're gone. PLT has been included in our will for some time now, and it feels great to be in this community, this family of conservation-minded supporters that share our same dedication."

Including Palouse Land Trust in your will is one of the easiest gifts you can make, and one that will share your passion for the landscape for generations to come. It's an investment in the vision we share for our community and the lands we love. And it's an incredibly powerful gift that not only honors your connection to the land, but is

customizable to your needs and desires, and helps reduce the burden of federal and estate taxes.

Your estate advisor can include simple language in your will that leaves a lasting gift to PLT, or you can start the process on your own with one of the many online will writing platforms (like freewill.com). Your bequest could be a gift of specific assets, a dollar amount, or a percentage of your estate. You can also name the land trust as a beneficiary of your retirement or life insurance policies.

Including the iconic rolling hills, lush forests, and cool, clear waters in your estate plans is another. And it's easier and even more impactful than you might think.

Speak to your estate advisor today, or give us a call or email. We would be honored to share more and help you shape your conservation legacy through the Permanence Circle - contact Lovina to learn more today.



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