

Under the Conservation Easement Program, the City of Anacortes will place restrictive conservation easements on land within the Community Forest Lands. For every \$1,000 donated, one acre of land is protected from logging, mining, nor can it be used for any other commercial venture. It can never be sold, leased, or transferred out of public ownership.

The program was established in 1998 to help find a way to fund the Anacortes Community Forest Lands in lieu of logging, which was halted here in the late 1980's. Thanks to incredibly generous support since its inception over \$1,537,000 has been raised and 1,450 acres have been protected through conservation easements.

Your contribution goes into the Forest Lands Endowment Fund, which is administered by the City of Anacortes. The principal of the fund is never spent, but the interest generated will be used to help pay for forest management and care.

Two local non-profit organizations partner with the City for the program's continued success. The Skagit Land Trust holds the easements and monitors the protected property annually to ensure that the restrictions of the easements are being followed. The Friends of the ACFL work to promote the easement program through mailings and promotional events.

Donations to the Conservation Easement Program can be made in any amount. All donations are tax-deductible.

A donation of \$5,000 permits the donor to protect a five-acre grove in a location of their choosing, subject to City Council approval. The City also has a "lay-away" plan that allows donors to protect a five-acre grove with donations of \$1,000 per year for five years.

Please make your donation out to "City of Anacortes (CEP)" and send it to:

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