



LANDOWNER QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENT DONORS

Please complete to assist Alachua Conservation Trust
in tailoring conservation easements
to your land protection and financial goals

Landowner Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

Property Name (if any): _____

Property Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Property County: _____ Property Acreage: _____

Tax Parcel Numbers: _____

Date: _____

A. Your goals as a Landowner (Please check all that apply)

(1) Which values are important to you about your property?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place to live | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass on to children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place to visit | <input type="checkbox"/> Preserve natural landscape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial asset | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preserve historic structures | |

(2) How are you likely to use your property in the next 20 years?

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leave as is | <input type="checkbox"/> Give to children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build a house | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sell | |

(3) Why are you considering a conservation easement?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Desire to keep the land open | <input type="checkbox"/> Desire to protect special land feature or wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax deduction | <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid family conflicts about future uses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estate planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

(4) What actions are consistent with your goals for the property?

- Create opportunities to enhance existing wildlife, scenic and/or agricultural, historic resources as one of the primary uses of the land;
- Create strong conservation restrictions so that the existing wildlife, scenic, historic and/or agricultural resources are maintained and not diminished;
- Protect existing resources but allow room for some development for children and others;
- Create restrictions to generally protect resources and get tax deduction;

(5) Are you uncertain about how you would like to use your property in the future (yes/no)?

(6) Do you contemplate dividing your property? _____

B. Property Description and Conservation Values

(1) What is the acreage of your property? How many legal parcels does it consist of and what is the size of each parcel?

(2) What qualities of the property are you most interested in protecting?

(3) Which special features of the property are important to you to protect?

___ Working farm and family history

___ Topographic or geological features

___ Past and current farming use

___ Other: _____

___ Wildlife observation and resources

(4) Are there any benefits of adjoining lands that are especially important to you? (protected open space, scenic vistas, and special land features?) If any, please describe:

(5) Are there any uses, or plans for, adjacent lands that especially concern you? (i.e. subdivisions, multifamily development, heavy commercial use, fences blocking wildlife, etc.)?

(6) Do you have a current survey plat of the property?

C. Property Ownership and Land Division

(1) Is the property owned jointly with the other family members? Or non-family partners?

(2) How many years have you or your family owned the property?

(3) Has that owner of record changed during that period of time (i.e. from a couple to an individual, partnership or trust?)

(4) Do you contemplate changing ownership on the future? If yes, why and in what way?

(5) Is your property currently divided? (Multiple lots, subdivision, etc?) If so, please briefly describe.

(6) Do you own timber rights? _____

(7) Do you own mineral rights? _____

(8) Is your property encumbered with any of the following?

_____ Covenants	_____ Utility easements
_____ Deed restrictions	_____ Easements, other
_____ Mortgage	_____ Other: _____
_____ Road rights of way	

(9) Is the property you are interested in protecting part of a larger adjacent property holding?

Description:

(10) Do you own land elsewhere in this county? In the region?

D. Current and Future Use of the Property

(1) Do you now, or plan in the future to, use your property for any of the following?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale irrigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial or industrial use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock boarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Home occupancy business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Long term leasing |

(2) Do you now or plan in the future to use your land in any of the following ways?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland enhancement, ponds | <input type="checkbox"/> Watercourse changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishery or wildlife enhancement | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree or brush clearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Topographic grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining or graveling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road building | <input type="checkbox"/> Tilling for cultivation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail building |

(3) Do you now, or plan in the future, to use your property for any of the following recreational activities?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

E. Buildings

(1) Briefly list the number and appropriate size of existing buildings:

Principal residences:

Guest houses:

Non residential buildings – barns, garages, storage sheds, etc.

Other structures (tennis courts, swimming pools, gazebos, barbecue facilities, etc)

Please briefly describe your future building plans, if any:

F. Miscellaneous

(1) Did you find this questionnaire helpful in working through or summarizing your thoughts regarding current and future planning for your property?

(2) Please add any additional comment about your property that you wish to share with us.

**Thank you for your time and interest in completing this questionnaire.

Completed by: _____

Date: _____

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