

How can landholders support conservation?

LAND SECUREMENT

The Escarpment Corridor Alliance (ECA) works with landholders across the South Georgian Bay to preserve and connect ecologically sensitive lands and waters through collaborative, long-term conservation action.

Our work is rooted in community participation.

Landholders can help safeguard wildlife habitat, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

1. Land Donation

The property is donated by the landholder for permanent protection by a land trust. Through Canada's Ecological Gifts Program, there are enhanced tax benefits for donations of ecologically sensitive land, including income tax credits can be carried forward for 10 years, and donations are exempt from capital gains tax. Life interest agreements are possible.

2. Partial Donation (a.k.a. split receipt)

Property title is transferred to the land trust for permanent protection, with a portion of the property's fair market value donated and the remaining value purchased by a land trust. Landholders may also be eligible for enhanced tax benefits through Canada's Ecological Gifts Program.

3. Conservation Easement Agreement

Landholder remains on title and enter into an agreement with a land trust that is registered on title. There is an option for an enhanced tax receipt through Canada's Ecological Gift's Program, and an option for a reduction in property taxes with Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. This legal agreement has restrictions on future land use and development on the property.



FAQs

How do I know if my land is ecologically sensitive?

The ECA team uses a specific set of criteria to determine the ecological sensitivity of land, including property size, natural heritage designation, wetland cover, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest, important wildlife areas, the ECA's geospatial analysis across South Georgian Bay, and more. We would be happy to discover more about your property during a site visit.

Am I able to contribute part of my property to conservation?

A severance of your property or a conservation easement agreement that restricts future land use on only a portion of your property may be possible. The ECA is an Approved Conservation Organization within the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP), and creation of a parcel for a new conservation preserve within the NEP is also possible.

How else can I support conservation in South Georgian Bay?

The ECA's Partners in Conservation Program provides support and resources for landholders interested in taking conservation action on their land. We can help identify threats to biodiversity on your property and how to best support long-term land stewardship. By working together with landholders, the ECA aims to strengthen a community of action for our shared landscape and future generations.

Learn more...

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