



Conserving local lands

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Farmland Preservation
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What are land trusts?


Land trusts are private **community-based** nonprofit organizations.

Land trusts uphold **conservation purposes** on lands they own and protect.



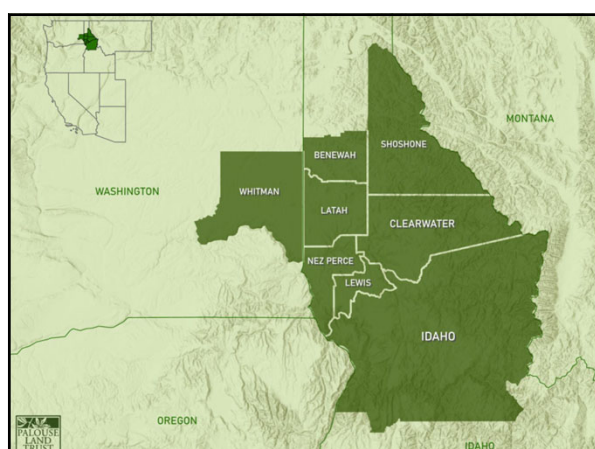

About us:

- Founded in 1995
- Non-profit organization
- Locally led
- Small professional staff
- Nationally accredited

Our Mission

The Palouse Land Trust works with landowners and communities to conserve the lands we love, now and forever, and to enrich connections to the natural world.




What do land trusts do?

Land trusts **protect private land**. Land trusts own, managed as **preserves** or through conservation projects with private landowners to achieve **conservation purposes**.





Protecting Rare Ecosystems: Palouse Prairie



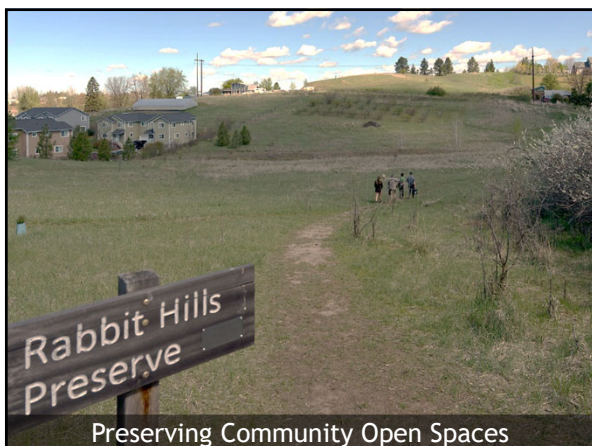
Farmland Protection



Keeping Family Forests Intact



Protecting Key Corridors for Wildlife



Preserving Community Open Spaces




Surface Water and Fish Habitat Protection

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What are Conservation Easements?

Legal agreements on **private land** that establishes the landowner's commitment to **limit development** of their land to **conserve the property's natural values**.

It all begins with a landowner's vision...



- Voluntary
- Non-regulatory
- Property right restrictions
- Withstands Succession
- Tax Benefits

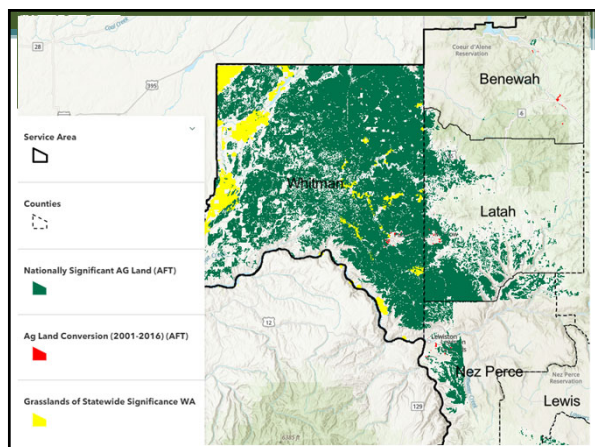
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Project Prioritization

Local farms recirculate wealth in local communities, driving up the quality of life for residents. Unfortunately, land closest to these markets is often valued for development, putting it out of reach for our next generation of farmers.

We have an opportunity to prepare for the next challenge now. America is in the middle of an historic transfer of land ownership.

GOAL: Safeguard our most productive and at-risk farms.



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Small-acreage farm example



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Land Trust Alliance

Together, conserving the places you love



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— ASSOCIATION OF —
LAND TRUSTS

23 member land trusts



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COALITION OF
LAND TRUSTS

19 member land trusts

**HEART OF THE
ROCKIES
INITIATIVE**

26 member land trusts

