



The Stewardship Fund

The San Juan Preservation Trust (“Preservation Trust”) Stewardship Fund helps support the Preservation Trust in carrying out the intentions of the Grantor and Grantee as documented in the conveyance of each conservation transaction. The Preservation Trust annually monitors all of the conservation easements and preserves it stewards. Through the discretion exercised by the Board of Trustees, the Preservation Trust enforces the terms contained in those conveyances.

The Stewardship Fund is set aside to cover legal and other expenses associated with stewarding and enforcing the terms of conservation easements and fee-owned property agreements with donors. The Stewardship Fund enables the Preservation Trust to take the necessary legal actions to uphold the intentions of the donor(s). Management of the Stewardship Fund is at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and may result in the expenditure of more or less than the amount originally contributed by the donor to the Stewardship Fund.

Accredited land trusts throughout the nation request stewardship contributions as part of each land transaction. The Preservation Trust has adopted the policy that each conservation transaction must be supported by a donation to the Stewardship Fund. Different properties and easement terms result in varying levels of cost and liability to the Preservation Trust. Our suggested donation is calculated for each property based upon the terms of the conservation easement or particulars of the fee-owned property sufficient to yield an annual rate of return to cover the costs of stewarding the property into perpetuity.

Once the details of an acquisition are determined, the Preservation Trust will provide the Grantor with an estimate of stewardship costs.

We hope that each donor will appreciate this critical aspect of the business of voluntary, private land conservation.

We welcome questions and comments about this policy. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Stewardship contributions are tax-deductible donations.