

American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts Launches Cross-Border Land Conservation Program

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The American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts (AF) is delighted to announce that it is launching a program to protect outstanding conservation lands in Canada, in partnership with Canadian land trusts and other conservation organizations.

Many significant natural areas across the country are owned by US residents, and tax impediments have made it difficult for these landowners to move forward on protecting land with Canadian land trusts.

AF was formed by a collaboration of conservationists on both sides of the border, to support land trusts and US donors in preserving such areas. While AF has had a funding program in place since 2007 (through which US donors can support Canadian land trusts through a grant program), AF has now launched its land protection program.

Through the program, AF will accept donations of Canadian conservation land owned by US residents, enter into conservation agreements (easements/covenants), and protect land using other conservation tools such as bargain sales or life estates. Working through AF, donors are eligible for US income tax deduction for their gift of land or interest in land.

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