



GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Adopted September 2013

1. Conservation Northwest solicits and accepts gifts that are consistent with its mission. Donations will generally be accepted from individuals, partnerships, corporations, foundations, government agencies, or other entities.

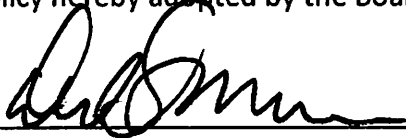
2. In the course of its regular fundraising activities, Conservation Northwest will accept donations of money, real property, personal property, stock or other securities, and in-kind goods and services. Guidelines for handling certain types of gifts include:
 - Securities: gifts of stock or other securities are sold upon receipt.
 - Planned giving: the board will look for guidance from the development director as situations vary. Donors will be encouraged to contact the development director to discuss any proposed planned gift.
 - Real estate: we accept real property if it fits the organization's needs and is aligned with the gift acceptance policy. As a general rule, gifts of property will be sold upon receipt.
 - Restricted gifts: a gift with donor-imposed restrictions will only be accepted with approval of the Executive Director in consultation with the Board.

3. Conservation Northwest will not deviate from organizational values or objectives in order to receive financial support. We reserve the right to reject gifts that are incompatible with our mission or that pose the potential for special liabilities or controversy. In so doing, we consider the following factors:
 - Legality—whether the gift violates any federal, state, or local statute or ordinance.
 - Values—whether the gift compromises any of the core values or unduly influences the strategic priorities and programs of Conservation Northwest.
 - Compatibility—whether there is incompatibility between the intent of the donor and the organization's use of the gift.
 - Public Relationships—whether acceptance of the gift will damage the reputation of Conservation Northwest.
 - Primary Benefit—whether the primary benefit is to Conservation Northwest, or to the donor.
 - Consistency—whether acceptance of the gift is consistent with prior practice.
 - Form of Gift—whether the gift is offered in a form that Conservation Northwest can use without incurring substantial expense or difficulty.
 - Effect on Future Giving—whether the gift will encourage or discourage future gifts.

All decisions to solicit and/or accept potentially controversial gifts will be made by at least one officer of the Board, a member of the Board Finance Committee, and the Executive Director.

4. Conservation Northwest staff is authorized to establish and evolve policy to effectively steward donor relationships in accordance with the Donor Bill of Rights created by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Donor information will be handled with discretion and confidentiality.
5. Conservation Northwest highly values the generosity of its donors and will express timely and proper appreciation; and honors all gifts through effective and efficient conservation work.

Policy hereby adopted by the Board of Directors at its meeting on September 23, 2013.



David Mann, Board Secretary

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Date