

Leave a Lasting Legacy

You can help keep our

Rivers healthy,

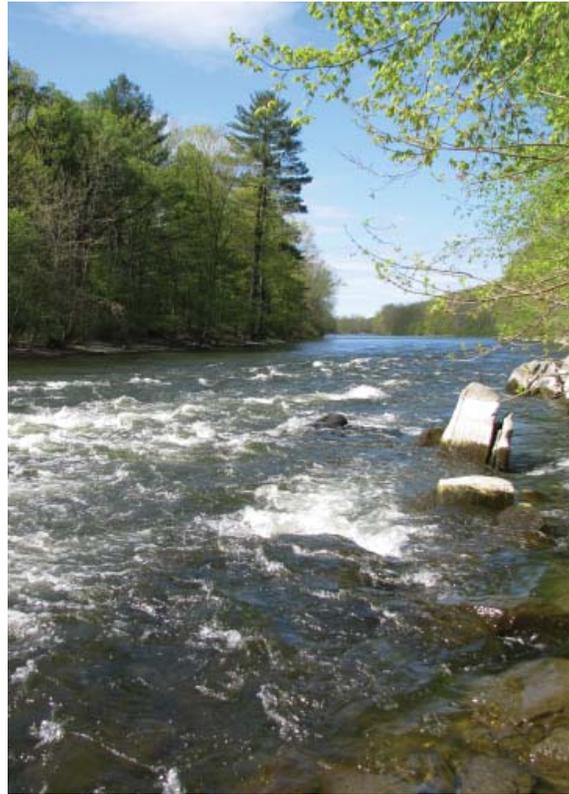
Drinking water pure, and

Natural places protected.



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Your bequest or other planned gift is an investment ... in the next generation.



Founded in 1941, HVA is one of the oldest watershed organizations in the nation.

HVA's mission is to conserve the natural character and environmental health of our communities by protecting and restoring the land and waters of the Housatonic watershed for this and future generations.

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Help save our precious natural areas for future generations.



A Guide to Charitable Bequests

Housatonic Valley Association



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Charitable bequests

Whether your estate plans are complex or you merely want to create a simple legal tool to help your philanthropic goals, a charitable bequest can be a great way to support causes that are important to you.

What is it?

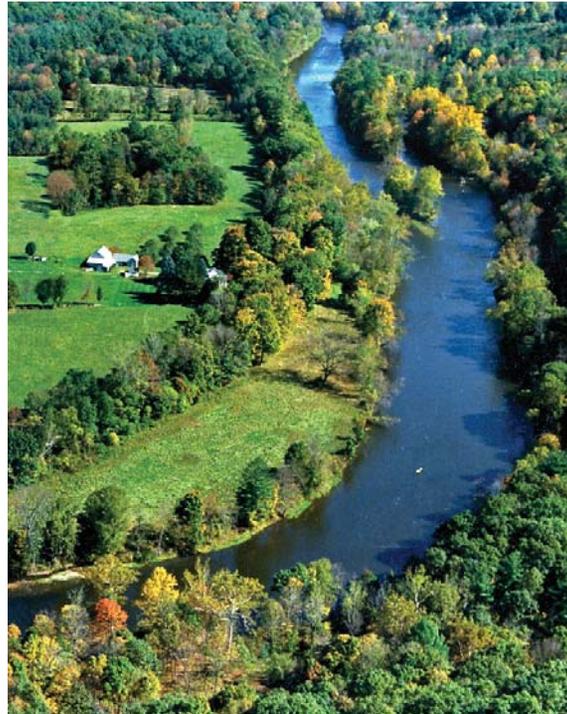
A charitable bequest is a provision in your will designating a charitable beneficiary to receive a gift from your estate—perhaps a set dollar amount or a percentage of your total estate.



Benefits

You can help preserve the health and beauty of the Housatonic River Valley through the simple act of naming the Housatonic Valley Association in your will.

This is an easy way to accomplish a long-range charitable goal. Gifts to HVA will be put to use for the permanent enjoyment of generations to come. Also, since bequests are only distributed after death, it is often possible to make a larger gift than is



feasible on an annual basis. In the past the organization has been enriched by generous donors who structured their wills to include charitable donations.

You can give a variety of assets to a charity through your will including real estate, securities, tangible personal property, and cash. A will may be one legal tool of many used to accomplish your goals and maximize tax savings. Careful planning with your financial advisor can help assure that your intentions are carried out. HVA encourages donors to seek financial and legal advice when considering planned giving options.



Details

The language below can assist your attorney in facilitating a legacy gift to the Housatonic Valley Association, Inc. We are grateful for your faith in our continuing work.

Specific bequest:

"I give to the Housatonic Valley Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation located in Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut, (the sum of \$_____) OR (____% of my estate) to be used for its general charitable purposes."

Residuary bequest:

"I give to the Housatonic Valley Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation located in Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut, the residue of my estate to be used for its general charitable purposes." (OR state gift condition.)



HVA's general policy is to grant the Board of Directors sole discretion in the use of funds from planned gifts. Upon consultation with

HVA, you may wish to designate your planned gift for a specific purpose, fund or program area. Please communicate with us at the time you are drafting your will to make sure your wishes can be carried out.

For more information, or to discuss a possible bequest, please contact Richard Sears, Development Director, at 860-672-6678.

More information about this and other giving options are available at:

www.hvatoday.org