

PECONIC LAND TRUST



INFORMATION SHEET FOR DONORS TO THE PECONIC LAND TRUST Some factors to be considered with respect to your donation.

PLEDGES: When the Peconic Land Trust is raising funds toward the purchase of land or development rights, we will frequently ask people to make pledges in advance of an acquisition. Pledges provide us with an indication of donor interest and our capacity to reach a fund raising goal. Ultimately, we will rely upon many pledges, including yours, to complete a transaction. Once the Trust reaches its goal in pledges, the Trust will notify you by mail or email and ask for the payment of your pledge within 10 business days. Upon the Trust's receipt of your pledge payment, we will deposit the funds, but withhold issuing an acknowledgment of the donation until the transaction is completed unless directed otherwise by you. This enables the Trust to return your funds if the transaction is not completed for any reason. Once an acknowledgment is issued, it is not possible to return a donation.

GIFTS MADE BY CHECK: Donors often make their gifts by check. We encourage donors to provide explicit instructions with respect to the use of their donations especially in the event that a purchase is not completed. Sometimes donors wish to have the donation returned while others are content to have it used for some other conservation purpose at the discretion of the Trust. It is for this reason that the Trust will not issue an acknowledgment of the donation until the transaction is completed unless you direct us otherwise in writing. As noted above, once an acknowledgment is issued, it is not possible to return a donation.

GIFTS OF STOCK: In those instances where securities are transferred to the Trust, they will be sold as soon as practicable upon arrival in our account. In those cases, the transfer is final. We do not wish to hold securities as we would funds because of the possible market fluctuation. Your contribution will be determined based upon the mean value of the securities on the day they arrive in our account.

FOUNDATIONS: Donations from private foundations, where a disqualified person receives an indirect benefit by way of enhanced property value, may give rise to penalties. We suggest that you consult with appropriate counsel as to any possible enhancement effect to property of any disqualified person(s). Foundations are also restricted from funding personal pledges made by persons associated with the foundation. If a pledge is going to be fulfilled by a foundation, then the pledge should be made by the foundation.

ENHANCEMENT: The Internal Revenue Code requires an acknowledgment for any donation of \$250 or more, and a description of any goods or services provided with respect to the contribution. Based upon the location of your property, it is possible that the successful completion of a Trust acquisition to which you have contributed may have the effect of enhancing the value of your property. If so, that enhancement in value may reduce your charitable contribution. In order to determine whether enhancement to the value of your property has in fact occurred, we suggest that you consult a qualified appraiser. You should consult with a qualified tax attorney or CPA to determine how this may apply to your situation. Rules of attribution apply and provide that enhancement must be taken into account where either the donor or a "related person" receives an economic benefit. A related person is a family member or related entity such as an estate or trust, partnership, or corporation.

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