Conservation Easement Process
For Landowners

1. **Introductions**
   1-2 months
   BLC will meet with you to talk about your conservation goals. Then we will visit your land together. BLC may invite more staff and Lands Committee volunteers.

2. **Board Approval**
   1-2 months
   BLC is overseen by a board of directors that evaluate each project and our ability to steward it in perpetuity. They need to approve every CE.

3. **Property Review**
   1-4 months
   (dependent upon landowner)
   In partnership with you we will review property and environmental records for your land. This may include the survey, title investigation, title exemptions, and appraisal.

4. **Conservation Values**
   1-3 months
   Site visit for complete legal baseline documentation of flora, fauna, and site conditions with BLC, landowner, and local experts. BLC writes the report and both BLC and landowner sign the report.

5. **Conservation Easement**
   1-3 months Concurrent with Step 4
   BLC will work with landowner to create a mutually agreeable CE. BLC will provide landowner with a cost description for our stewardship fees. We will help you explore grants to pay these fees.

6. **Record of Transaction**
   1 month
   BLC will file the signed, final CE with the County and request fee payment. If landowner wishes, they may complete IRS Form 8283 for a tax savings. We recommend consulting with your finance or tax advisor for guidance.

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