

Land Conservation Resources for Landowners

“Your Land is Your Legacy: A Guide to Planning for the Future of Your Farm”

- This guide emphasizes the role of estate planning in helping farmers keep their land in agriculture, and includes definitions of common terms, case studies, and descriptions of various conservation options.
- By Jeremiah Cosgrove and Julia Freedgood.
- Published by American Farmland Trust, 2002.
- Available at www.farmland.org/resources/publications/default.asp or (800) 370-4879 for \$13.95.

“Conservation Options, A Landowner's Guide: How to Protect Your Land for Future Generations”

- Written with prospective conservation easement donors in mind, this booklet explains the tools and tax benefits of private land conservation.
- Published by Land Trust Alliance, 2003.
- Available at www.lta.org/publications/index.html or (202) 638-4725, non-member price \$8.50.

“Preserving Family Lands: Book I Essential Tax Strategies for the Landowner”

- Easy to read and informative, this guide provides an introduction to conservation easements, the income and estate tax benefits available for donations of conservation easements, gifts by will, appraisal issues, and what a landowner needs to know to get started. Includes helpful landowner case studies to illustrate the tax consequences of different scenarios.
- By Stephen Small, Esq.
- Published by the Landowner Planning Center, updated 1998.
- Available at www.stevesmall.com and (617) 357-4012, x.263 for \$18.00.

“Preserving Family Lands: Book II More Planning Strategies for the Future”

- The second in a series, this book provides landowners with a wide range of tools to help save land and taxes. It covers basic estate and gift taxes, rules on partnerships and trusts, use of charitable remainder trusts, private foundations, and life insurance as land and estate planning tools, and succession planning. Similar to Book I, it includes helpful landowner case studies.
- By Stephen Small, Esq.
- Published by the Landowner Planning Center, 1997.
- Available at www.stevesmall.com and (617) 357-4012, x.263 for \$18.00.

“Preserving Family Lands: Book III New Tax Rules and Strategies and a Checklist”

- The newest book in the series covers basic and advanced conservation easement issues, tax issues and incentives, and the latest planning strategies for landowners. Includes a 7-chapter “conservation easement project checklist” for landowners, their advisors, land trusts, government agencies, and others involved in conservation easement projects.
- By Stephen Small, Esq.
- Published by the Landowner Planning Center, updated 2002.
- Available at www.stevesmall.com and (617) 357-4012, x.263 for \$20.00.

Note: There is no overlap of information among the three “Preserving Family Lands” books.