

PREPARING FOR YOUR ANNUAL VISIT

SKLT visits every property protected with a conservation easement* every year. “Monitoring season” is typically January through April, so you can expect a staff member or a trained stewardship volunteer to contact you in that time.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

Land Trust staff or trained volunteers will walk the property, take photos and notes for our records, and visit with you if you are available. The visit’s focus will be to document any changes since the last monitoring visit. It is also a great time to share any questions or concerns you may have and discuss future plans.



SCHEDULE & AVAILABILITY

We encourage you to be present if possible. We always enjoy visiting with landowners, but we understand if you are not available at the time we are able to visit. We may also conduct additional visits to gather information regarding a reserved-right request or to address a potential issue.



WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A VIOLATION?

Our goal is to stay in close contact with landowners so violations are avoided. In the event an accidental or unintended violation does occur, we are legally obligated to uphold the easement. However, we always aim to maintain a positive, collaborative relationship with landowners to work towards a resolution.



***A Deed for Development Rights (DDR) is another name for CE that is used by certain agencies when purchasing the conservation restrictions.**

Stewardship Ambassador Booklet

This stewardship booklet serves as your go-to guide for all things conservation easements and monitoring visits at SKLT. It introduces our updated stewardship approach, including the new Stewardship Ambassador Program and Conservation Easement Handbook, and explains how staff and trained volunteers conduct monitoring visits, work with landowners, and use clear, plain-language guidance to support communication, understanding, and long-term care of protected lands.

