

## ***Your Will*** **Can Help Preserve Delta's Farmland & Wildlife**

Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust is a non-profit charitable society established in Delta, B.C. in 1993. The Trust is committed to promoting, enhancing and retaining the agricultural land and wildlife habitat of the Fraser Delta.

We promote stewardship programs including winter cover cropping and establishing grassland set-asides, grass margins and hedgerows. Cover crops provide benefits for both soil conservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat by providing over winter feed habitat and refuge for many species of migratory waterfowl and raptors. Grassland set-asides, grass margins and hedgerows create habitat for ground nesting birds, songbirds, birds of prey, small mammals and insects. We also support wetland projects such as the establishment, reclamation and/or maintenance of ponds and marshes on farmland.



**A thoughtful way to make a lasting commitment to Delta Farmland & Wildlife Trust is by including a charitable bequest in your will.**

You can help retain the abundant farmland and wildlife in Delta through bequeathing:

- a specific sum of money;
- a piece of property (a house, land, or art work);
- proceeds from a life insurance policy;
- securities; or
- all or part of the residue of your estate.
  - the residue of your estate is the amount remaining after all designated gifts are distributed and taxes and administrative expenses have been paid.

Your meaningful gift will also help reduce the tax owned by your estate. By offsetting the taxes by up to 100% of your net income from the year of death and the preceding year, both your heirs and charity can receive more money. Your gift can also provide a permanent memorial for you or for a person you wish to honour.

We suggest you consult a lawyer about your will and would be pleased to help you or your lawyer with the wording of your bequest to ensure your intentions are met. On the following page are some suggestions.

**Suggested Bequest Clauses:**

1. "I give to Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for purposes determined by its Board of Directors"
2. "I give to Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for purposes of \_\_\_\_\_. Provided however that in the event that circumstances make the specified use of this gift impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Trust then the Board of Directors is authorized to apply this gift to other purposes of the Trust and such purposes are to conform as much as possible to the spirit and intent of this gift."
3. "I give to Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust the \_\_\_\_\_ % (or ¼, ½, etc.) of the residue of my estate for purposes determined by its Board of Directors"
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5. "I give to Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust my property known as \_\_\_\_\_ in the City/Municipality/Corporation of \_\_\_\_\_ for purposes determined by its Board of Directors"

*We thank you for your support of Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust. Please let us know if you have left a planned gift to the Trust so that we can recognize you for your kindness.*

**Please call Christine Schmalz at 604-940-3392 for more information on wills or other planned giving methods like charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, gifts of residual interest with retained life interest, retirement income and insurance policies.**

*The Delta Farmland & Wildlife Trust's mission is to promote the preservation of farmland & associated wildlife habitat in the Fraser delta through sustainable farming and land stewardship.*