



A Will for Wildlife



Bequests are the most common way to leave a legacy for nature. We are pleased that you and fellow Canadians are considering pledging a special gift for the future conservation work of Nature Canada. You may wish to specify whether your gift should be available for our immediate use where it is needed most or if you prefer, you may wish your gift be contributed to one of our endowed funds.

Each of our endowed funds are invested and professionally managed to protect and grow the value of your donation. And we pledge to honour the intention of your gift.

We recommend that you discuss your will with your own legal and financial advisors. They can ensure the wording of your will is legally valid in your province and most importantly that it meets your needs.

Here are some sample clauses that you may find helpful when you and your lawyer discuss ways to include Nature Canada in your will. Arranging a bequest can also be as simple as adding one line to an existing will. You may designate Nature Canada to receive:

A sum of money or a particular property such as stocks or bonds:

"I hereby instruct my Trustee to pay out of my Estate to Nature Canada (located at 141 Laurier Ave. W., Suite 1000, Ottawa, ON K1P 5J3), the sum of \$XXXX to be used in such a manner as it deems appropriate." **or** "I hereby instruct my Trustee to transfer to Nature Canada all my shares of ABC Company to be managed by said charity in a manner consistent with the mission and objectives of the said charity."

A percentage of your estate:

"I direct that my Trustee shall pay to Nature Canada (located at 141 Laurier Ave. W., Suite 1000, Ottawa, ON K1P 5J3), X percent (X%) of the value of my Estate, which sum I further direct may be used by Nature Canada in any manner that it deems appropriate."

The residue of your estate (after personal and family commitments are met):

"I hereby instruct my Trustee to give to Nature Canada (located at 141 Laurier Ave. W., Suite 1000, Ottawa, ON K1P 5J3), XX percent (XX%) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, to be used for its general purposes."

A gift only in the event of death of heir(s) named in the will

"If (primary beneficiary) does not survive me or shall die within ninety (90) days from the date of my death, then I instruct my Trustee to pay to Nature Canada (located at 141 Laurier Ave. W., Suite 1000, Ottawa, ON K1P 5J3), XX percent (XX%) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, to be used for its general purposes."

The residue after guaranteeing an income for the life of a loved one

"If after the death of (name of beneficiary) to whom I have guaranteed an income for life as further described in clause (number) of this my will, there remains a residue in the fund established for the purpose of paying the said life income, I hereby instruct that the said residue be paid to Nature Canada (located at 141 Laurier Ave. W., Suite 1000, Ottawa, ON K1P 5J3) to be used for its general purposes."

Donations to Nature Canada have helped us achieve a long list of significant conservation successes and results over the past 85 years. Our conservation achievements are made possible because of the caring spirit and dedication of loyal members like you. **Our thanks to you!**

Thank you again for letting us know that you're considering a bequest in your will for our future work. Your thoughtful gift will help us carry on into the future, protecting the unique beauty and diversity of Canada's nature for years to come.