Landowner Worksheet

Landowner Name: ___________________ Address: ______________________________

Property Name: ___________________ Address: ______________________________

Property Acreage: __________________

Today’s Date: ______________________

Your Goals as Landowner (check all that apply in each question)

(1) Which values are important to you about your property?
   ______ place to live ______ pass on to children
   ______ place to visit ______ preserve natural landscape and setting
   ______ financial asset ______ other: _____________________

(2) How are you likely to use your property in the next 20 years?
   ______ leave as is ______ give to children
   ______ build house(s) ______ other: _____________________
   ______ sell

(3) Why are you considering a conservation easement?
   ______ desire to keep land open ______ desire to protect special land features or
   ______ tax deduction ______ avoid family conflicts about future uses
   ______ estate planning ______ other (please explain below)

(4) Which actions are consistent with your goals for the property?
   ______ create opportunities to enhance existing wildlife, scenic and/or agricultural
   ______ resources as one of the primary uses of the property;
_____ create strong conservation restrictions so that the existing wildlife, scenic and/or agricultural resources are maintained and not diminished;
_____ protect existing resources but allow room for some development for children or other;
_____ create restrictions to generally protect resources and get tax deduction;

(5) Are you uncertain about how you would like to use your property in the future (yes/no)?

Property Description and Conservation Values

(1) What is the acreage of your property? How many legal parcels does it consist of and what is the size of each parcel?

(2) What qualities of the property are you most interested in protecting?

(3) Which special features of the property are important to you to protect?
    _____ Homesteading and family history    _____ topographical or geological
    _____ wildlife observations and resources  _____ water frontage, ponds, etc.
    _____ forestry or agricultural use
    _____ other: ____________________________________________

(4) Are there any benefits of adjoining lands that are especially important to you (i.e. protected open space, scenic vistas, special land feature, etc.)? If any, please briefly describe.
(5) Are there any uses, or plans for, adjacent lands that especially concern you (i.e. subdivision, condominium development, heavy commercial use, fences blocking wildlife migration, etc.)? If any, please briefly describe.

Property Ownership and Land Division (Mostly yes/no responses)
(1) Is the property owned jointly with other family members _____ or non-family partners _____?

(2) How many years have you or your family owned the property?

(3) Has the owner of record changed during that time period (i.e. from a couple to an individual, partnership or trust)?

(4) Do you contemplate changing ownership in the future? _____ If yes, why and in what way?

(5) Is your property divided (i.e. multiple lots, subdivision, etc.)? _____ If so, please briefly describe.

(6) Do you contemplate dividing your property? _____

(7) Is your property encumbered with any of the following?
   _____ Covenants                       _____ utility easements
   _____ Deed restrictions              _____ easements of sight or record
   _____ Mortgage                       _____ Current Use
   _____ Road easements                  _____ other

(8) Is the property that you are interested in protecting part of a larger adjacent property holding?
Current and Future Use of Property

(1) Do you now, or plan in the future to use your property for any of the following?

_____ agriculture  _____ commercial or industrial use
_____ home-occupancy business  _____ long-term leasing

(2) Do you now, or plan in the future, to manipulate your property in any of the following ways?

_____ wetland enhancement or pond creation  _____ fishery or wildlife habitat enhancement
_____ watercourse channeling  _____ tree or vegetation clearing
_____ grading  _____ mining or graveling
_____ road building  _____ creating landing pad or airstrip
_____ trail building  _____ till for cultivation

(3) Do you now, or plan in the future to use your property for any of the following recreational activities?

_____ walking  _____ horseback riding
_____ skiing  _____ photography
_____ snowmobiling  _____ large group tours
_____ fishing  _____ hunting
_____ commercial recreation  _____ camping

Buildings

(1) Briefly list the number and approximate size of existing building (If these are numerous, NLI staff can determine information through a site visit and aerial photographs.

Principal residences:

Guest houses:

Non-residential buildings (i.e. detached garages and barns):
Ancillary structures (i.e. tennis courts, swimming pools, outdoor gazebos, barbecues facilities, etc.):

(2) Please briefly describe your future building plans, if any:

**Miscellaneous**

(1) Did you find this questionnaire helpful in working through or summarizing your thoughts regarding current and future planning for your property?

(2) Please add any additional comments about your property that you wish to share with us. Thank you for your time and interest in completing this worksheet.