



**Working
Lands
Initiative**



The Natural Land Institute Working Lands Initiative protects your donated farmland in perpetuity.

OUR PRINCIPLES

**Sustainable
Land
Stewardship**

**Mutually
Beneficial
Lease
Arrangements**

**Conservation
and
Restoration**

**Market and
Revenue
Economic
Opportunities**



Through the Working Lands Initiative, NLI collaborates with our local farmers to determine the best farm management strategies that include both conservation and economic sustainability.

The Working Lands Initiative funds the management of NLI preserves and contributes to a global goal. Shifting global croplands and pastures to regenerative agriculture would sequester a significant amount of annual CO₂ emissions, pulling carbon from the atmosphere and storing it in the soil.

SchloMar Farm

Land Donation

FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1872

63 ACRES IN OGLE COUNTY, IL

Current Use:

Row Crops
Tree Plantation
Hay Fields



“We see our family farm as part of the broader conservation effort - and so does NLI. We have a lot of memories at the farm, and donating the land to NLI is a way to stay connected to the land and ensure it’s protected for years to come.”

WILLIAM SCHLOBOHM

SchloMar Farm

For four brothers - William, Richard, John and Jim Schlobohm - the golden days of their childhood were spent on their uncle's farm in Ogle County. Their uncle, Charles Edward Marston, moved to the family farm in 1937. From the beginning, Charles was a steward of the land he farmed.



Jeff Colloton (photographed above) and his father Ken have been farming this land for nearly 50 years for the Schlobohm brothers.



Charles was one of the area's first farmers to enroll in the fledgling Soil and Water Conservation District programs and to practice conservation tillage and crop rotation.

The brothers came to the farm for the first time during the summer of 1939 and, over the years, learned the value of stewardship and of honoring the land. Now scattered across the country, the Schlobohm brothers needed to find a way to honor and preserve their family's land and discovered NLI.

The Working Lands Initiative honors the Schlobohm family's values by implementing conservation farming practices and protecting the land's natural habitat.



The Benefits of Donating Working Lands To NLI

- Charitable deduction
- Protect land from development
- Enable land to be farmed by family members without worry
- Protect land from foreclosure or judgment by lender to heirs
- Ensure land is farmed sustainably for future generations
- Provide income to NLI to continue programs to protect natural resources
- Gift/sale to provide an income stream to you and save on income taxes

Donate land to NLI to conserve and protect the soil and water quality, keep it in production, honor family history and steward the land in perpetuity.



How To Donate Working Lands to NLI

- Make a gift in your Will or Trust
- Establish a Charitable Remainder Trust
- Transfer on Death Instrument
- Donate a percentage of a corporation, LLC or LLP, annually
- Gift/sale to provide an income stream
- Donate real estate - retain a life estate
- Donate real estate - retain income for life
- Gift a percentage of a Trust annually
- Gift a parcel of real estate periodically
- Establish a plan to make regular scheduled gifts to maximize charitable tax deduction Gift of an IRA, or dollar amount
- Gift of Appreciated Property

Call (815) 964-6666 to learn more.



For NLI, our farmers are our family.

"The biggest benefit of working with NLI is that the organization's core values in conservation and stewardship of the land align with my own. Together, we continue to work towards making the Foss Farm's soil richer while using less water and nitrogen over time.

And we keep open the lines of communication with one another. Through meetings and roundtable discussions, the staff at NLI and I learn about conservation practices from one another."

JON CLOTHIER, FOSS FARM FARMER



Working Lands Initiative

**We Integrate Conservation
with Agriculture**

A NATURAL LAND INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Founded in 1958, Natural Land Institute is a conservation land trust based in Rockford, Illinois that protects natural land and habitat in perpetuity.

To date, NLI has helped to preserve and restore more than 17,000 acres of natural land and high-quality habitat in Illinois.

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