

# Wills and Bequests to the Athens Conservancy:

## **Creating Your Legacy**

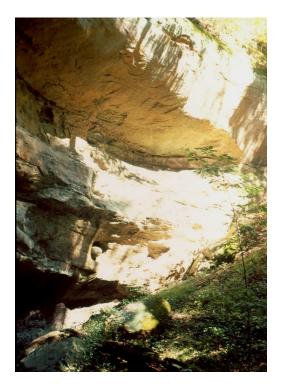
In the future, you will be remembered not only for yourself, but for what you leave behind.

Consider the Athens Conservancy in your will. We welcome bequests, which might be of land or monetary.



### **Bequests of Land**

Do you have land that you love and would like to preserve in a natural state for future generations to enjoy?



If you are considering willing land to the Athens Conservancy, we would love to tour your property to determine its conservation value. If we decide that it would be suitable for a nature preserve, and you wish to continue to protect these features, we will accept it for preservation when your will goes into effect. If you wish, we can name the preserve after you or after a designated other person in perpetuity.



The Athens Conservancy can also accept real property, such as your home or commercial property, from your estate with the intention of selling it to support our mission. In some cases we can place a conservation easement to limit development on it before selling it. Alternatively, you could stipulate that the executor of your estate sell the property, with some or all of the proceeds bequeathed to the Athens Conservancy.

You also have the option of deeding your land to the Athens Conservancy now, while retaining a lifetime tenancy that will expire as described in the deed, which is customized to the situation. In some cases this approach is preferable for estate planning or tax purposes.

Consult your attorney for definitive information on how a bequest will affect other issues in your estate.

#### **Monetary Bequests**

We also welcome bequests of money. It is easy to insert a clause in your will to specify the donation of a specified sum to the Athens Conservancy when your will is probated. We welcome your donation in any amount.

You may also designate your donation for a specified purpose. We ask that you discuss the possible purposes with us before the bequest, to ensure that the specification will align with our programs.



You may donate the money for general land acquisition, towards the purchase of specific land, for trail development and maintenance, for invasives control, for general fund use, or for a variety of other purposes.

#### **Bequests of Stocks and Other Securities**

Stocks and other securities may also be willed to the Conservancy. There are additional options for these instruments. If you wish, they may be transferred directly into our donor-advised fund at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.



Of course, if the securities go into one of our accounts, they are subject to sale at the discretion of the fund manager.

With bonds, you can make the Conservancy the payee at maturity.



#### **Other Bequests**

We are open to other bequests, which could be of property of value designated for our use, or for such things for us to sell (such as an automobile), or for a variety of other things. Please contact us and we can talk!0

