



# The Stewardship Network

Connect to Conserve

## WAYS TO GIVE

Everyone knows that more can be accomplished if everyone works together and plays to their strengths. So why isn't that the norm as the world faces unprecedented ecological issues? Because collaboration isn't easy. Be it lack of resources, red tape, personal conflict, or the assumption that collaborating requires extra time or work, most people choose to keep their heads down and focus on their small piece of the puzzle. ***At The Stewardship Network, we know that your hard work, vision, and community are bigger than that.***

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# OUR APPROACH

The Stewardship Network's approach builds inclusivity into land stewardship efforts, while increasing visibility and reach of local land-based community organizations. To that end, TSN embraces the unique backbone supporting role collective impact organizations play in eliciting large-scale change through aligned effort.

- **ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP** – The Network stewards natural ecosystems by integrating traditional methods, cutting-edge research, and fieldproven techniques to take action on environmental issues locally, regionally, and around North America.
- **INNOVATIVE APPROACH** – Our innovative collaboration model and network structure combine to form an approach to collaborative conservation designed for the 21st century and beyond.
- **GENEROUS COLLABORATION** – We create opportunities for partners to build trust and collaborate generously, resulting in genuine and lasting connections that realize the collective potential of our shared stewardship work.
- **EMPOWERING LOCAL LEADERSHIP WITH CAPACITY** – Building support, shared resources, and aligned systems to identify problems, develop solutions, and create change within their communities.

## YOUR SUPPORT IS HOW THE STEWARDSHIP NETWORK CREATES MEANINGFUL CHANGE.

For over 15 years, we have been addressing the demand for ecological solutions through collaborative conservation efforts. Every day, the demand for our innovative framework and collaboration support is growing; Your contributions empower communities through connections, tools, and resources that lead towards lasting ecological health.

Learn more about us by visiting [www.stewardshipnetwork.org](http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org).



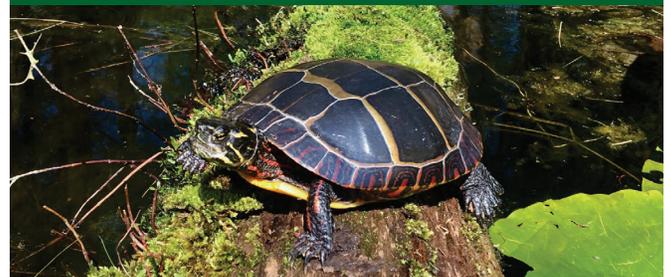
# WHAT WE DO

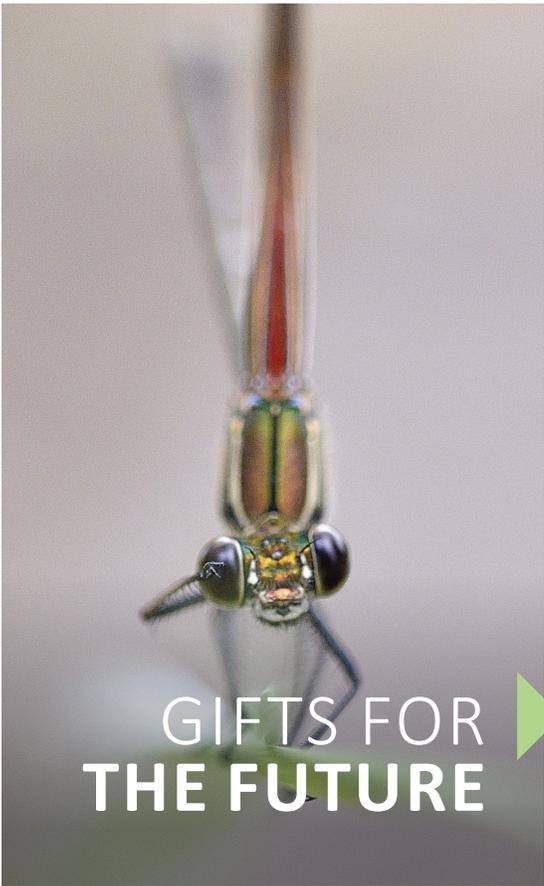
The Stewardship Network provides the structure, support, and tools for individuals and organizations within a community to collaborate on largescale environmental issues.

- ✔ We **TRAIN** local leadership (Community Coordinators and Co-Coordinators) in facilitation and healthy, inclusive collaboration methods for their community
- ✔ We **ASSIST** communities planning, executing, and tracking projects
- ✔ We **HELP** collaboratives secure funding, and in some cases serve as the fiduciary for grants
- ✔ We **UNDERTAKE** logistical and administrative burdens where needed, so that community members and partners can focus on aspects of the larger picture that fully utilizes their skills or passions
- ✔ We **PROVIDE** platforms to showcase projects and initiatives, and connect with other natural area stewards around the world
- ✔ We **MANAGE** and provide the technology for communication and organizing within communities, as well as engaging the wider public in stewardship events and activities
- ✔ We **CONVENE** the entire Stewardship Network for peer to peer learning at our annual conference

By making collaborative conservation accessible to every community, The Stewardship Network empowers stewards from all walks of life and experience levels to collectively care for our environment. Our diverse network of individuals and organizations re-imagine solutions to the pressing ecological issues of our time, including:

- Habitat preservation and management for indigenous flora and fauna
- Climate Change mitigation, resilience, and adaptation
- Maintaining healthy levels of biodiversity  
Invasive species management & early detection and rapid response (EDRR)
- Landscape connectivity
- Water quality and watershed restoration
- Regenerative and local agricultural food ecosystems
- Forest stewardship and carbon sequestration





## GIFTS FOR THE FUTURE

### WILLS OR TRUSTS

Help protect nature for years to come by making a gift to The Stewardship Network in your estate plan. You can designate an amount or percentage of your estate to go to The Stewardship Network by including a bequest provision in your will or revocable trust. You can do this when you create this document or you can amend an existing one. Your distribution is fully deductible for federal estate tax purposes and there is no limit on the deduction your estate can claim. In addition, the gift is usually exempt from state inheritance laws. If you wish to name The Stewardship Network in your estate plan, we should be named as:

*The Stewardship Network, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, with a principal business address of 416 Longshore Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.*

Our tax identification number is 56-2471470.

Date of incorporation: July 21, 2004

### RETIREMENT PLANS

Take care of nature and your heirs by making The Stewardship Network a full or partial beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan. Your estate will receive both an estate and income tax deduction.

### LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

When you name The Stewardship Network as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, you may be able to save on estate taxes. Provide now for a future gift by naming The Stewardship Network as a primary beneficiary or as a contingent beneficiary of a policy insuring your life.

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### APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Donating appreciated stock assets allows you to maximize your impact while saving more on taxes. We make that easy by providing a one step online process to donate stock through our partnership with Overflow. Go to [www.stewardshipnetwork.org/support](http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org/support).

### IRAS

For donors 70 ½ years or older, required minimum distributions may be used to make gifts from an IRA. Up to \$100,000 may be donated each year without incurring an income tax. You direct distributions in the amount of your choosing from your traditional or Roth IRA to The Stewardship Network. This can be a one-time or recurring gift. The distributions go directly to The Stewardship Network and are not subject to federal income tax. Note: That if you are still working and contributing to a retirement account, this gift could impact your taxable income. Please consult with a qualified advisor before making a gift.

You can also consider designating The Stewardship Network as a beneficiary of your retirement plan.

### EVERYDAY GIVING

You can send a check to  
The Stewardship Network  
416 Longshore Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48015  
or make an easy online donation at [www.stewardshipnetwork.org/donate](http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org/donate)



## SUPPORT US TODAY

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