



Gifts of Stock or Property, Planned Gifts, and Bequests

Each donor should consider these methods and find the one that best suits your current situation. In many cases you may find there are tax benefits with certain ways of giving. Please discuss these with your financial advisor, and call us if you have specific questions.

■ **Gifts of Stocks, Mutual Funds, or Bonds** are often the most popular way to give, because a gift of appreciated property is tax-deductible at full fair market value at the time of the gift, and no capital gains tax is due. Most donors find this is a way to make a more generous gift than they could have done otherwise. Please ask your broker to contact us at (802) 229-6206 or send the securities with a letter of transmittal to Charles Schwab & Co. (DTC# 0164; Friends of North Branch Nature Center, Inc.; A/C 9812-8800).

■ **Insurance Policies** are welcomed as a contribution to the campaign. We accept paid policies, as well as policies wherein you provide the means for premium payments over the term of the insurance. Please discuss this with us prior to making your arrangements.

■ **You may have property or tangible goods** you would like to donate. In this case it is best to contact us before making the gift to be sure it can be accepted. Please be aware that tax law requires that you obtain an appraisal of any tangible goods valued at \$5000 or more, prior to your donation, and the immediate sale of the gift may affect the limits of its tax-deductibility. In the case of a gift of real estate, you may need to have an environmental appraisal, which would also be at your expense. We are happy to discuss this if you are thinking of such a gift, so please contact our Executive Director, Chip Darmstadt, at 802-229-6206 or Chip@NorthBranch-NatureCenter.org.

■ **Planned Gifts** are an increasingly popular way to make a long-term impact with your contribution. This could include trusts, retirement funds, charitable gift annuities and other estate planning methods. As a tax-exempt organization, we can benefit from a variety of trust arrangements and bequests which carry substantial benefits for the donor. Please contact us to discuss these possibilities.

■ **Bequests** are the ultimate gift. Please let us know if you have made provision for a gift to the North Branch Nature Center in your will, so we can include you in that listing each year.

Please contact Emily Seiffert if you wish to discuss any of these giving options at (802) 229-6206 or at EmilyS@NorthBranchNatureCenter.org.