

**Redwood Coast Land Conservancy  
FACT SHEET 4**

**CONSERVATION EASEMENTS: POLICY ON FUNDING CONSERVATION  
EASEMENT PROJECT COSTS AND STEWARDSHIP**

It is the policy of the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy to take into account all of the costs required to complete and steward each potential Conservation Easement project before the project is approved. This includes costs related to project development (initial project costs, development of the easement, baseline documentation) and those related to long-term management and enforcement (monitoring and ongoing easement management, encouraging voluntary compliance and enforcement).

Redwood Coast Land Conservancy will look to a landowner to contribute funds for the project development costs of easement preparation and baseline documentation. In addition, other project development activity, such as surveys, appraisals, or a landowner's own legal review, shall be the landowner's responsibility.

Redwood Coast Land Conservancy will also routinely request that each landowner support the long-term management and enforcement associated with each easement by making a contribution to our Stewardship and Enforcement Fund. All stewardship contributions will be pooled together to provide general support for the RCLC stewardship program. The long-term goal for the Stewardship and Enforcement Fund is to generate sufficient income from the fund to cover our anticipated annual stewardship needs.

Recognizing that all landowners will not be able to contribute to the fund equally and that projects will vary in complexity, each landowner will be approached on an individualized basis. Project decisions will be made based upon a number of factors such as conservation merit, not exclusively upon the landowner's ability to cover the costs of our work.

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Note: Reference the following LTA Standards and Practices:  
Standard 6G, Funds for Stewardship and Enforcement; and  
Standard 11A, Funding Easement Stewardship.