

Appendix 2C

SAMPLE INFORMAL OR HANDSHAKE AGREEMENT

The voluntary stewardship agreement below is based on Figure 12 of the Landowner Contact Training, 1991.

Natural Heritage Stewardship Award Agreement.

As the owner of land in the [name of natural area], I agree:

1. To maintain and protect the natural area to the best of my ability;
2. To notify the [name of land trust] of any planned land use change that might threaten the natural heritage features;
3. To notify the [name of land trust] of any other threats to the area, such as intensive logging or drainage; and
4. To notify the [name of land trust] of any intent to sell or transfer ownership of the property.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 199 __.

Land Owner

[name of land trust]

[or simply shake hands and provide a copy of the terms of the agreement]