

TIMELINE



APPLY

Request a paper application or apply on our website. Expect an immediate confirmation from the online application or a letter within two weeks from a paper application.

WELCOME

You'll receive our comprehensive welcome packet within a month of applying. In it, you'll get drafts of all the documents you'll eventually sign and more information.

You'll also be assigned a conservation easement forester – your go-to for questions, concerns, and the point person for your easement.

FIELD WORK

Our conservation easement foresters will contact you to set up a site visit for an evaluation of your qualifying timber.

It is helpful, though not required, to meet them in person to go over any questions about easement location, property line markings, and any access issues.

TIMBER CRUISE

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will inventory and measure (cruise) the timber in the easement to determine the volume by species. The timber cruiser will contact you to set a time to measure the trees.

VALUATION

Once DNR completes the timber cruise, a determination will be made of the easement value. You will receive a compensation notice packet that provides you a value for your easement.

You can accept, reject, or dispute the value. You will be able to review all the evidence we used to determine the value, and have time to ask your conservation easement forester about our methods.

ESCROW

We work with an escrow company to prepare a packet of paperwork for you to sign and notarize. Once you've signed, DNR has to approve and sign all the paperwork too.

PAY DAY

We arrange a wire transfer with the escrow company, your easement is recorded with county, and the escrow company will contact you to arrange disbursement of your funds.