



# Conservation Easement Pre-Application Form

Thank you for your interest in working with La Plata Open Space Conservancy (LPOSC) to protect your land with a conservation easement (CE). We welcome the opportunity to work with landowners like you to achieve mutually beneficial conservation goals.

## About Conservation Easements

As described in our Conservation Easement Guide for Landowners (CE Guide) and related materials, federal and state tax incentives may arise for a donative grant of a CE if it satisfies one or more of the following **conservation purposes** established by the Internal Revenue Code:

1. Preservation of land areas for outdoor recreation by, or the education of, the general public;
2. Protection of a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife, or plants, or similar ecosystem;
3. Preservation of open space (including farmland and forest land) where such preservation is:
  - a. For the scenic enjoyment of the general public, or
  - b. Pursuant to a clearly delineated Federal, State, or local government conservation policy, AND will yield a significant public benefit; or
4. Preservation of an historically important land area or a certified historic structure.

LPOSC prioritizes projects that it believes will satisfy tax code requirements to qualify as a donative grant; however, this is not a requirement.

## Completing this Form

To help us determine if your property would be a good fit for us, please complete this form in as much detail as possible. If you are interested in a CE on multiple properties, please complete a separate application for each. A **non-refundable \$100 pre-application fee is required** to cover staff review costs. If approved, we'll notify you to proceed to the full application.

Please mail this form along with a check or email it concurrent with ACH payment to [info@lposc.org](mailto:info@lposc.org). Review of your project will commence upon receipt of payment.

La Plata Open Space Conservancy  
PO Box 1651  
Durango, CO 81302

ACH payment:  
Checking Acct# 8300408270  
Routing# 107002448

Landowner Name:

Email Address:

1. Please list all parcel numbers to be encumbered. If a parcel will be only partially encumbered, please describe. Include maps as appropriate.
  
2. How many acres are planned to be put under easement?
  
3. Describe which conservation purposes best describe this property (see first page):
  
4. Is the property adjacent to privately conserved land and/or federal lands?
  
5. Please describe the structures (numbers and type) that currently exist on the property:
  
6. Do you intend to pursue tax credits for your conservation easement donation?  
Yes                      No
  
7. Please describe any building or subdivision rights you wish to reserve:
  
  
8. Please list anything else you would like us to know as we begin to consider this project:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Payment method