

# **Conservation Agreements**

A Conservation Agreement (CA) is an agreement between a landowner and Manitoba Habitat Conservancy (MHC) that recognizes and permanently conserves or maintains the wildlife habitat, water quality and biodiversity on their property.

## **Eligible Habitats or Land Cover Types Include:**

- Wetlands and Wetland Habitat
- Native Prairie or Tame Seeded Grasslands
- Riparian Areas and Woodlands
- Other natural areas or wildlife habitats

## **Conservation Agreement Term:**

Conservation Agreements are registered on title as a caveat and are permanent.

### **Agricultural Use**

Landowners continue farming those areas on their land as they have in the past.

#### **Payment**

Payments are based on land value and can be a lump sum cash payment, an official donation receipt, or a partial cash payment and donation receipt.

### **Ownership and Access**

Landowners retain ownership and control access to the property.

### What to Include

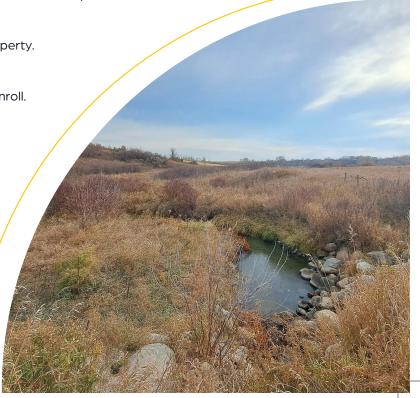
Landowners decide what habitats or areas on the land to enroll.

#### Oil and Gas

Mineral rights are not impacted by the CA.

### **Conservation Agreement Types:**

- 1. Purchase Landowner receives financial payment
- 2. **Donated** Landowner receives a tax receipt



## FAQ

# Does a conservation agreement affect how I manage the land?

No – There is no restriction on grazing or haying practices. Wetlands may be occasionally cultivated when they dry up in drought situations.

# What is the minimum number of acres required for an agreement?

Approximately 40 acres – The acres do not have to be in one block and smaller projects will be considered.

### Does MHC check on the habitat or follow up?

Yes – MHC is responsible for annual aerial and/or ground-based monitoring of all Conservation Agreements.

## Does a conservation agreement affect land value?

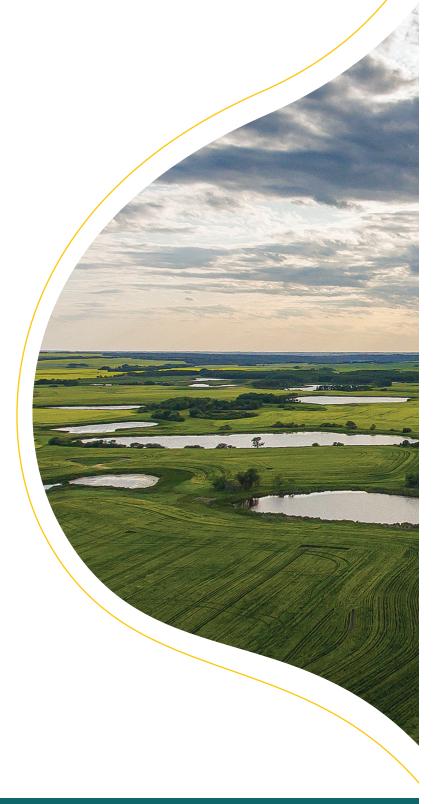
Possibly – Many factors influence land sales, including conservation agreements, which can be positive or negative depending on individual situations.

### Who is in charge of the property taxes?

Landowners continue to be responsible for the payment of all property taxes.

# Can landowners buy out the conservation agreement?

No – The landowner should take the necessary time required to make an informed decision of what habitat areas to include, when considering a conservation agreement.



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