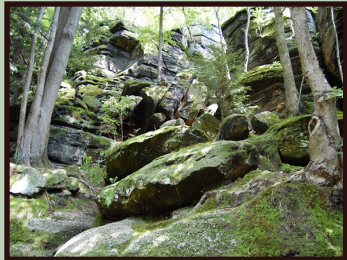


A CONSERVATION EASEMENT.....

- Protects aquatic life, wild animals, and plants.



- Maintains natural ecological systems.



- Keeps the cycle of life intact.



- Protects natural areas and preserves them as a part of the human experience for future generations.

HOLDERS OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS....

- Establish clear and enforceable language documentation.
- Develop maps, property descriptions and survey records for the easement.
- Monitor land use on a regular basis.
- Provide information and background data for new or prospective property owners.
- Establish a review and approval process for land activities stipulated in the easement.
- Maintain property and easement records.
- Enforce restrictions of the easement through the legal system.



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CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.....



A conservation easement is a restriction placed on a piece of property to protect the resources associated with the property forever.



The types of land that may be protected under a conservation easement include:

- Natural habitat for wildlife
- Lakeshores, rivers, and streams
- Scenic landscapes and lands that have local, cultural, or historical significance
- Agricultural lands

ARE FLEXIBLE.....

- Conservation easements can cover an entire property or only a portion, based on the landowner's wishes.
- The landowner and conservation organization that holds the easement can write the document to address any concerns that they may have.



- A conservation easement maintains property rights for public or privately held land and also guarantees protection of the natural resources.
- The landowner continues to own and use the property and may sell it or pass it on to heirs, while permanently protecting it.



ARE LEGAL AGREEMENTS....



- These are legal agreements where some of the property rights are transferred from the landowner to an organization that is dedicated to protecting the land rights being transferred.
- The holders of conservation easements are typically local government agencies, land trusts, or other non-profit organizations.
- Future landowners are bound by the agreement and the conservation easement holder is responsible for making sure that the agreement is followed.
- Legal restrictions on land use may include restrictions on building, clearing, grading, dumping, construction, land subdivision, timber harvesting, and public access.