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Foundation for the Future

Leave A Legacy for Washington
with a Planned Gift to Futurewise



Washington state is renowned for its spectacular beauty – from the peaks of the Olympics to the rolling hills of the Palouse. But in the 1980s, more and more of our farmland, forests and open space were being gobbled up by car-centric suburban sprawl, threatening our natural resources, degrading our quality of life and laying the groundwork for decades of greenhouse gas pollution.

A group of concerned community members knew it didn't have to be this way. In the late 1980s, they got organized to find a solution. As a result of their activism, Washington passed the groundbreaking Growth Management Act (GMA), a statewide land use framework for where and how Washingtonians live, work and play. These same activists founded Futurewise, to continue their passionate advocacy for farmland, wildlife habitat and livable communities in Washington.

For over three decades, Futurewise has been your steward of the GMA, helping rural and urban communities across Washington plan for a just, sustainable future.

Our work would not be possible without the tremendous leadership of planners, land use attorneys, legislators and local government staff who have dedicated their careers to ensuring that the goals of the GMA are implemented throughout the state.

Now we're inviting the founders and stewards of growth management in Washington to make an investment in our future.

Ways to Give

Wills and Bequests

One of the easiest ways to ensure vibrant communities and the protection of natural resources and rural lands in Washington State is to leave a charitable bequest to Futurewise. A bequest is a gift to an individual, institution or charity from an individual's estate after the group has been named as a beneficiary in his or her will.

A bequest to Futurewise is free from federal and state taxes. The amount of the bequest is deducted from your estate total, offering substantial savings by decreasing the value of the estate subject to taxation. There is no limit to the amount of your estate that can be left to charitable organizations.

For gifts that take effect after your lifetime, we suggest you name Futurewise as follows:

“...Futurewise, a nonprofit organization, incorporated by the laws of the State of Washington, having as its principal address 816 Second Avenue, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98104.”

Retirement Plans

You can name Futurewise as a beneficiary of your 401(k), IRA, or other retirement accounts. **Gifts from pension plans are issued free of federal taxes.**





Life Insurance

Life insurance policies allow several ways to give. You can donate a paid policy that you no longer need (smaller policies are often set up during child-raising years to provide support for spouses) by naming Futurewise as the beneficiary and policy owner. In return, you will receive an immediate tax deduction based on your cost basis in the policy, and it will reduce the value of your estate by the full face value of the policy, potentially reducing estate taxes. Upon your death, the life insurance proceeds will be passed on to Futurewise.

Another option is to donate a partially paid insurance policy to Futurewise. You will receive a tax deduction based on your cost basis in the policy. Futurewise can continue to make payments to benefit on the full amount of the policy in the future, exercise options to receive a reduced value based on the portion paid, or surrender the policy for its current cash value and benefit immediately from your gift.

Questions? We'd love to talk more.

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