

# QUICK GUIDE: Land Protection Options for Landowners in Prince Edward Island - [princeedwardisland.ca/landconservation](http://princeedwardisland.ca/landconservation)



**YES**

**Do you want to retain ownership of the land?**

**NO**

## **Natural Area Designation**

*Preserve exceptional or rare habitats, areas of special importance to wildlife*

- Legally binding agreement under the Natural Areas Protection Act (NAPA)
- Restrictive in allowable activities and designation cannot be rescinded
- Exempt from property taxes (excludes any permanent structures)

## **Conservation Easement**

*Protect/conserve wildlife habitat*

- Legally binding agreement under the Wildlife Conservation Act (WCA)
- Less restrictive in terms of allowable activities and can be time limited
- Currently no tax relief benefits

## **Donate Your Land**

### **Federal Ecological Gift Program**

- May provide significant tax relief to donors of qualifying lands
- Enables exemption of capital gains tax

### **Legacy Planning**

- Leave your land to the Province or a land trust in your will

### **Fee-Simple Donation**

- Transfer ownership to the Province or a land trust and they will place it under a restrictive covenant
- A donation receipt will be issued for the appraised fair market value
- Subject to capital gains tax

## **Sell Your Land**

### **Buffer Zone Acquisition Program (BZAP)**

- Program designed to protect riparian land across PEI
- Must fall within 50 meters of a watercourse or wetland to qualify

### **Fee Simple Purchase**

- Reserved for ecologically significant lands

### **Partial/Split Donation**

- Donate a minimum of 20% of your property value to the Province or land trust
- May qualify under the Ecological Gifts Program



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