

Example agreement between a conservation district and a land trust.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS the _____ Soil & Water Conservation District and the _____ Land Trust recognize the need to protect land in _____ County;

WHEREAS there are limited resources in the form of staff and funding to accomplish land protection

WHEREAS working cooperatively will enhance our mutual abilities to protect land, water and natural resource values

WHEREAS working together will allow each organization to share their strengths in land protection efforts, maximizing the skills of each organization. These strengths include land owner contacts, technical skills, lawyer skills, experience in land protection, etc.

WHEREAS working together may help leverage funding opportunities

WHEREAS representatives from each organization will meet as needed to set goals for annual planning

WHEREAS we commit to respecting each organizations goals, missions and concerns

We commit to a cooperative effort of collaboration among all participants of both organizations.

The _____ Soil & Water Conservation District Board and the _____ Land Trust Board voted to approve the above Cooperative Agreement in accordance with it's by-laws on the _____ day of _____, 2010

(signature) Chairman of the _____ Soil & Water Conservation District
(name of SWCD)

(signature) Chairman of the _____ Land Trust
(name of land trust)

Notes:

This agreement could include more than two partners

This agreement could be reworded and tied to a specific project, such as a grant funded easement initiative

The agreement should be adjusted to the needs of the signatory organizations