



Leave a Legacy



For thirty years, Futurewise has been your steward of the Growth Management Act. You've looked to us to defend farms, forests,

wetlands and waterways from encroaching development.

You've organized with us to pass legislation at the city, county and state level that invests in equitable, affordable and transit-oriented communities.

Together we have:

- Protected thousands of acres of farmland in Walla Walla, Clark, Ferry, Spokane, King and Okanogan counties from development
- Passed HB 1923, providing 54 cities with the funding needed to adopt new housing action plans to address the housing affordability crises
- Secured \$300 million in investment for water resources, in response to our successful Hirst State Supreme Court case

We're looking ahead to our next thirty years and beyond, and we want to be in community with you for decades to come. **Make a planned gift to Futurewise to ensure that Washington remains a great place to live for the next generation.**

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.

(see next page for more information)



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?

Contact Kate Brunette, Development Director, at kate@futurewise.org.

Futurewise recommends that you involve a legal advisor when you make changes to your estate.