

## **Application Process for Conservation Easement**

- Fill out Northwest Land Conservation Trust (NWLCT) Landowner's Questionnaire
- Arrange for visit by NWLCT Acquisition Committee
- Decide what protections you want for your land
- Make "processing fee" donation to NWLCT
- Provide NWLCT with all legal documents related to property (including title and survey)
- Get agreement with all parties of interest: spouse, heirs, lien holders, etc. Most likely you will need free and clear title
- Get attorney to write your easement, or to approve easement you have written using Deed of Conservation Easement template
- Document base line data of conservation value
- If applying for tax benefits, have a certified appraiser value your property with and without easement
- Submit easement to NWLCT for review by NWLCT's attorney and by NWLCT's Board of Directors
- File easement at county courthouse
- Talk to your neighbors. NWLCT is interested in creating easement clusters that will amplify the conservation value of your property.
  NWLCT will support creating a community committee organized to monitor compliance with easements in your neighborhood or area.
- Make annual donation to NWLCT Stewardship Fund.