



# About Cacapon & Lost Rivers Land Trust

Protecting the forests, farms, rural heritage, and water quality of the Cacapon and Lost Rivers Watershed

## The Cacapon & Lost Rivers Land Trust

- Was established in 1990 by volunteers concerned about unplanned development in the watershed.
- Has grown to be the largest local land trust in West Virginia.
- Has permanently protected over 14,000 acres of land in partnership with landowners.
- Works primarily through conservation easements, legal agreements that protect land by restricting damaging uses.

## The Trust permanently protects land

- In the Cacapon and Lost Rivers Watershed – 680 square miles in Hardy, Hampshire, and Morgan counties, WV.
- Based on the needs and wishes of landowners.
- By focusing on lands critical to protecting the ecological, scenic, cultural, and economic integrity of the Cacapon & Lost Rivers watershed. We prioritize large contiguous tracts of land that increase connectivity between protected private and public lands.

## The Cacapon & Lost Rivers watershed is unique

- Ranked 2nd out of 7 watersheds in the Mid-Atlantic region for ecological health by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- Reported one of the healthiest watersheds in the six states of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
- 85% forested, with high conservation values and water quality.
- Home to over 40 rare plant and animal species.



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## Why landowners protect their land:

- Permanently protect what they love.
- Leave a stewardship legacy to their family.
- Protect the abundance of wildlife, water quality, productive farmland, and dark skies that make this watershed so unique.
- Take advantage of lower property taxes and potential federal tax reductions.\*

## What others say about the Cacapon & Lost Rivers Land Trust\*\*

“Because of your help, I was able to save our family farm. It’s rewarding to know I can pass this farm on to the next generation and know that it will never become a housing development.”

“Your work is important and essential to the future of the watershed.”

“The land trust has allowed us to protect what we wanted protected in the way we wanted it protected. And the tax benefits have been very nice.”

“CLRLT has had an impressive impact on the region and landowners. It’s satisfying to be connected to something that is successful and hopeful.”

### Best of West Virginia



Cacapon & Lost Rivers Land Trust was named “Best Environmental Organization” in 2018 by WV Living magazine.

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\*\* Online survey of landowners and supporters, 2016