



LAND SEEKER INTEREST FORM

Triangle Land Conservancy (TLC) is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of our work. We believe that our goal of sharing land conservation benefits with every single person in the Triangle cannot be reached without actively working to end systemic racism, which for centuries has led to ongoing inequities in access to enjoyment and ownership of land.

We are excited to begin rolling out the [Good Ground Initiative](#) (GGI), a program aimed at offsetting the rapid loss of farmland and promoting the accessibility and retention of land for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color seeking land in the Triangle. These will be addressed by providing farmers and foresters of color access to conserved land at prices unaffected by development potential. If you are seeking to own land for the purposes of starting a farm and other land-based business activities, please complete this form to tell us what you are looking for. This helps TLC determine which lands best meet farmer needs. TLC welcomes the participation of collectives and other groups in the Good Ground Initiative. If you know of someone seeking land, please share the form with them! As properties become available, we will share more information about the land and the application process. **Send the completed copy of this form to Kierra Hyman (Good Ground Associate) at khyman@triangleland.org and Margaret Sands (Land Protection Manager West) at msands@triangleland.org.**

Note: Conservation easements permanently limit the uses of land in order to protect its conservation values. Easements allow people to own and use their land, and they can also sell it or pass it on to heirs. The limits of the conservation easement 'runs with the land,' meaning that even if the conserved land is inherited or sold, the restrictions stay in place. Please visit <https://www.triangleland.org/learn/land-conservation-options> to learn more about easements.

Name (First Last, pronouns)

Residential Address

Phone Number

Identify if the number is cell, work, or home phone

Email Address (personal, work)

Why do you want to own conserved land?

Provide a summary of your goals, mission, and other information as needed

Community

Please describe your involvement with community organizations, businesses, farms, and other relevant networks

Region of Interest

Identify desired counties, cities/towns, school district, proximity to urban area, and other preferences as needed

Markets

What markets, communities, and businesses do you want access to for distributing your products/services?

Acreage

Desired acreage range

Land Structures and Services

These include but are not limited to: residential house(s), various farm infrastructure, phone reception, adequate percolation for septic tank, electricity, road/parking access, etc. What structures and services are non-negotiable for you, in that they must already exist on or are accessible to the property? What are you willing to build?

Budget

Include explanation of your budget (either aspirational or pre-approved by a financial advisor) as needed. Land seeker budget estimations help Triangle Land Conservancy identify property with prices that, once placed under an easement, fall within the generally desired range.

Experience

What experience do you have that has prepared to execute your plans?

Operation

Will the farm be dedicated to livestock, produce, forestry, or a combination of services? Desired farming practices (ex. intensive, hydroponics, permaculture, rotational grazing, etc.)? What crops or livestock will you grow/raise? Desired certifications?

Further Land Use

What other types of land-based activities do you envision (ex. Agritourism, campground, youth education programs, wedding venue, retreat site)?

Workforce

Include explanation of anticipated sources of labor as needed. These are: family run, volunteers, paid employees, etc.

Resources

Do you currently own land, machinery/equipment, livestock, etc.? If so, please explain

Business Plans

Do you have a business partner(s)? Have you communicated with an advisor to develop a business, finance, and/or agricultural plan?

Ownership Structure

Desired structure may include: sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability corporation (LLC, L3C), cooperative/collective, non-profit organization, and so on. Explain as needed

What additional training or resources would aid you in the process of seeking, acquiring, and stewarding land?

Questions

Include any questions, comments, or other information relevant to this survey