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# **PLANNED GIVING**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Planned giving can be used to make an impact now or to create a pipeline of funds that enables VALCV to plan boldly for the future and ensure that we can continue to serve as the political voice of the state's conservation community. As a people-powered organization, your support is vital to our ability to fulfill this mission. Please see below for more information on how to allocate your planned giving to VALCV and the VALCVEF.

# **BEQUESTS**

Making a bequest to VALCV through your will or trust provides a future gift to the program of your choice while enabling you to retain control of your assets with the flexibility to change your bequest if needed.

Gifts you make to VALCV through your will are eliminated from your taxable estate, and your designated gifts will be applied to the area(s) you choose. If you are considering making an unrestricted bequest to VALCV, we recommend adding language similar to the following in your estate document: I give, devise and bequeath to the [Virginia League of Conservation Voters (OR) the Virginia League of Conservation Voters Education Fund], a nonprofit corporation located in Richmond, Virginia, [the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_] or [ \_\_\_\_ % of my gross estate] or [ \_\_\_\_ % of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate] for the unrestricted support of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters Education Fund).

If you would like your gift to be used to set up a program for a particular purpose at VALCV, please consult with the Development Department for appropriate language and to make sure we can carry out your wishes.

### **BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS**

You can make a gift to VALCV that doesn't require an attorney or cost you anything now by including our organization as a beneficiary of a percent of your retirement, investment or bank account or your life insurance policy. To make your gift, fill out a beneficiary designation form to update existing or designate new beneficiaries of your account. These forms are available online or through your account custodian. Keep a copy of your updated form for your records and share a copy with us along with information about how you would like for us to use your gift when it arrives.

#### REAL ESTATE

Making a gift of real estate, such as a vacation home, vacant lot, farm or office building, to VALCV could provide significant resources to the organization and tax benefits to you. Real estate can be used to make an immediate impact through an outright gift or to provide future support if used to fund a charitable trust. Another popular option is to make a gift of real estate to VALCV and receive an immediate tax deduction, while retaining the use of the property as long as you live.

# IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)

(QCD) If you are 70½ years of age or older, you are eligible to make an IRA QCD gift to support VALCV. You do not have to wait until you are at the required minimum distribution age to begin making IRA rollovers. To make an IRA QCD gift to VALCV, contact your IRA plan administrator to request a transfer of funds directly to VALCV. IRA transfers of up to \$100,000, indexed for inflation starting in 2024, are exempt from income taxes but do not qualify for a charitable deduction

## **DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS**

Do you have a donor-advised fund? This charitable giving account can be used to recommend annual grants to benefit VALCV. In addition, it can be used to fund special projects and set up a future gift by naming VALCV as a beneficiary of a percent of the remainder of your account

### **APPRECIATED STOCK**

One of the best strategies in charitable giving is the double benefit donors get when donating stock instead of cash. By giving appreciated stock held for more than one year, you'll get a charitable tax deduction for the full value of the asset and avoid any future capital gains tax on the sale of the stock.