

WE SAVE LAND

What is the Santa Fe Conservation Trust?

MISSION

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust is dedicated to preserving the quality of life in our communities by conserving natural lands and protecting the traditional landscapes of northern New Mexico life.

VISION AND VALUES

Conservation doesn't cost—it pays. A balance of natural and developed land strengthens local economies, improves quality of life, instills community pride, attracts higher-paying businesses, supports healthy lifestyles, keeps children in touch with nature and preserves the intertwined heritage of landscapes and cultures.

In pursuit of its mission, SFCT conserves the natural places, especially river and stream corridors, and ranches and farms that define and sustain our rich and memorable landscape. We build public access and trails and work to reduce light pollution so that people can experience their natural heritage close to home.

SFCT is committed to working with people in ways that reflect northern New Mexico community values, respect existing connections between people and the land, and encourage collaborative action.

STRATEGIES

SFCT is a practical, on-the-ground partner for private landowners and communities wishing to permanently protect the conservation values of their land. SFCT owns no property long-term; we work with willing landowners to create voluntary, permanent land protection agreements (conservation easements) on private property.

Our landowner partners enter into such agreements for reasons as diverse as they are, including the desire to permanently preserve the land they love, ensure its availability for future generations and protect unique ecological or archeological assets.

In most cases, our work with landowners allows them to access significant tax benefits. The value of an easement donated to SFCT may be deducted from federal income taxes as a charitable gift. A state law allows sale of the tax credit to a third party for cash.

GEOGRAPHY

SFCT works throughout the greater Santa Fe Area, the Galisteo Basin, Pecos River Valley, San Miguel County, Los Pinos River Valley and Rio Arriba County.

HISTORY

Created in 1993, SFCT currently holds conservation easements on approximately 33,000 acres in Santa Fe and other counties. SFCT has been a partner in the development of the Dale Ball Trails, Santa Fe Rail Trail and the planned Arroyo Hondo Open Space trails.

FUTURE

Acquiring and monitoring protection agreements to beautiful, protected lands in perpetuity is at the core of SFCT's work, ensuring these properties will stay forever natural and increase in value to society over time as growth increases. The long-term continuation of this work is dependent upon your support. SFCT is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, making your donations tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by the IRS.

Visit sfct.org for more information about SFCT's work and the many economic and community benefits of conserving the land you love.

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