

# Groundswell Conservancy Policy

**Name:**           **Boundaries of Protected Properties**

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Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices 9D. Determining Property Boundaries. The land trust determines the boundaries of every protected property through legal property descriptions, accurately marked boundary corners or, if appropriate, a survey. If an easement contains restrictions that are specific to certain zones or areas within the property, the locations of these areas are clearly described in the easement and supporting materials and can be identified in the field.

Groundswell Conservancy or its partners determine the boundaries of every protected property through legal property descriptions, accurately marked boundary corners, or, if appropriate, a survey. A survey may be needed if staff believes that the property may be subject to encroachments or if monuments are ambiguous.

If Groundswell Conservancy intends to transfer a fee property to a qualified partner shortly after the acquisition, surveys and monumenting are completed at the discretion of the partner.

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Groundswell Conservancy is accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. Policies may be updated to reflect changing accreditation standards and practices, as well as changing local organizational needs.