

Groundswell Conservancy Policy

Name: Corporate Contributions

Approval: Approved by Executive Committee October 11, 2007

Groundswell Conservancy believes that private sector support is vital to achieving our mission of protecting natural areas and agricultural lands in Dane County, Wisconsin and surrounding areas. To that end, Groundswell Conservancy may accept gifts and grants of general unrestricted support and/or restricted project support when:

1. A restricted contribution supports a project that clearly furthers Groundswell Conservancy's adopted goals.
2. A contribution in no way limits or influences the actions Groundswell Conservancy may take or the policies Groundswell Conservancy may advocate.
3. Accepting a gift does not hinder Groundswell Conservancy's ability to comment on a particular legislative bill or policy position.
4. Contributions over 10 percent of Groundswell Conservancy's annual budget, or a contribution to fund more than 50 percent of a project, or endorsements of a business donor's product or environmental policies or practices, must be approved by Groundswell Conservancy's Executive Committee in consultation with the full Board.
5. Groundswell Conservancy work products, information, research, and/or intellectual property of any kind resulting from a corporate donor's support is the property of Groundswell Conservancy.

Groundswell Conservancy reserves the right to refuse any donations.

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.