The Harris Nature Center Endowment Fund

About our Fund

Harris Nature Center Foundation has established an endowment fund at the Community Foundation. Current gifts of cash and other assets to our fund can provide you with a tax deduction. We also encourage you to name the Harris Nature Center Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan. Both current and deferred gifts help to ensure Harris Nature Center will benefit generations to come.

What is an endowment fund?

When someone makes a gift to our endowment fund at the Community Foundation, it is permanently invested to grow over time. Earnings from our fund are used to make grants to Harris Nature Center that further our mission and support our work in the community.

Why make an endowed gift?

Because endowments are permanent, they benefit our community forever. Making gifts to our endowment fund can help you create your personal legacy, supporting Harris Nature Center for generations to come.

Having our endowment fund at the Community Foundation gives donors confidence that their gifts will be well-managed financially, with a consistent focus on growth of principal and generation of income for our use.

Tax Considerations

A donation to our endowment fund benefits Harris Nature Center and provides you with the maximum tax deduction allowed by law, since the foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Contributions of appreciated property can be deducted at their full fair market value. Appreciated assets given to a fund at the Community Foundation are free of capital gains taxes. No tax is owed on the growth of assets in our endowment fund.

Always make sure to review tax advantages with your accountant and attorney when considering charitable giving.



The Capital Region Community Foundation manages our endowment fund along with 400 other charitable funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations. These funds support a range of charitable needs throughout the tri-county region.

The foundation is a resource for individual donors, professional advisors, nonprofit agencies, municipalities, corporations and others who have questions about how to achieve their charitable goals.

For more information on how to donate to our endowment fund please contact:

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