



NCTA TRAIL PROTECTION PROJECT FORM

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Landowner Name/Project Name:

Location of land—State:

County/municipality:

Trail Chapter:

Trail section #:

This project would protect: *Miles of existing trail*

Miles of future trail

Physical Address of Land:

Tax Map & Parcel #:

Total acres of land:

Is the land for sale? *Yes* *No*

Rate the overall importance of this land to the trail:

Low (there are other places for the NCT to be routed)

Moderate (this is one of the best, but not the only option)

Critical (not having this land means significant loss in connectivity *OR* the land has been identified as critical for other reasons)

Has the landowner been contacted? *Yes* *No*

If so, by who?

Has someone seen the land yet? *Yes* *No*

Do you have a map showing the land? (please attach) *Yes* *No*

ABOUT THE LANDOWNER

Landowner contact information (include primary contact here; additional contacts can be added at the end). Always try to get email and phone#. Completed projects will need mailing address).

Landowner is:

Landowner was referred to us by:

Does landowner have an existing or former relationship with NCTA? *Yes* *No*

Describe their involvement:

How does the landowner feel about public trails? (their words/ impressions):

ABOUT THE LAND

Does the land coincide with an already approved route of the NCT? *Yes* *No*

Is the land already conserved by a:

Are there existing trail easements or agreements?:

Has a local community, state or federal agency, or a land trust identified this land as desirable for conservation? Yes No

Which ones?

Does the land contain any of the following: (check all that apply)

Rare / endangered species or habitat

Significant cultural or historical resources

Significant water or wetland resources

Special scenic features (ex. vistas, waterfalls, cliffs, etc.)

Already existing compatible public recreational uses

Other noteworthy features (explain later)

Development; is the land:

Are there local, county, or state restrictions that limit development of this land? Yes No

Describe:

Are there any negatives to locating the NCT on this land? (check all that apply)

Extended proximity to a busy road or noisy area

Land is subject to a lot of incompatible recreational activity

Landowner's management of land could interfere with trail use

Neighborhood/ community has negative feelings about trails or NCT

Building the footway would require unusual effort or expenses

Land/viewshed has substantial negative impacts to hiking experience

Trail would be subject to extended seasonal trail closures (for hunting, farming, etc.)

Hazardous waste/dangerous conditions

Other undesirable qualities (describe later)

Public access (check all that apply):

Land is within <1 mile of a densely populated area

Land is within an area of few public recreational resources

Trail on land has potential to serve under-served communities

Land would provide hiker parking

A lean-to or campsite are possible on this land

Land provides connections to other trail systems/conservation land

Describe what would be needed to build the NCT on the land:

LANDOWNER'S RELATIONSHIP WITH LAND

How long has landowner owned the land?

Describe the landowner's relationship with the land (check all that apply):

Strong sentimental ties

Family land

Vacation or retirement property

Future full time residence or business site

Landowner actively works on the land, lives on it, or spends a lot of time there

Landowner manages the land remotely & rarely visits

Landowner sees the land primarily as an investment/business asset

Landowner leases the land to other parties

Landowner sees the land as a burden

Absentee/ uninterested landowner (land is unmanaged, unappreciated, and unused by owner)

How does the landowner feel about their land (their own words and/or your impressions)?

What are the landowner's future plans for the land?

Is the landowner interested in conserving the land (or part of it) itself? Yes No

(check all that apply:)

Donating the land (or part of it) to a conservation partner

Donating a conservation easement on part of the land (but keeping the land)

Selling the land (or part of it) to a conservation partner

Selling a conservation easement on the land (but keeping the land)

Landowner is unsure, but would like to explore possibilities

Landowner is uninterested at this time, but may be interested later

Is the landowner interested in providing trail access? Yes No

(check all that apply:)

By conserving the land (as in previous question)

By a permanent trail easement (max 99 years in ND)

Non-permanent, revocable, written use agreement

Non-permanent, revocable, unwritten ("handshake") use agreement

Landowner is uninterested at this time, but may be interested later

Include other details here (add additional pages/documents as needed):

Filled out by (& email):