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Preserving Our Natural Spaces: The Importance of Land Conservancies, Land Trusts, Easements, and Land Stewardship

The preservation of our natural spaces is a crucial goal for communities and organizations dedicated to protecting the environment. Land conservancies, land trusts, easements, and land stewardship play important roles in achieving this goal. In this article, we'll explore what each of these terms means and why they're important for preserving our natural spaces.

Land Conservancies: Land conservancies are non-profit organizations dedicated to protecting land from development and degradation. They work to preserve land in its natural state by acquiring land, partnering with private landowners, or supporting land trusts. Land conservancies often provide opportunities for public use and enjoyment, such as hiking trails, bird-watching areas, and other recreational activities.

Land Trusts: A land trust is a non-profit organization that holds land in trust for the benefit of the public. Land trusts work with private landowners to protect their property from development and degradation. Land trusts may hold title to the property, or they may hold an easement on the property, which restricts certain uses of the land.

Easements: An easement is a legal agreement that restricts the use of a property for the purpose of preserving its natural state. Easements are granted to land conservancies, land trusts, or other organizations dedicated to protecting the land. The owner of the property retains ownership but must agree to limit certain uses of the land, such as development, logging, or commercial activities.

Land Stewardship: Land stewardship refers to the responsible management and protection of land. This can include activities such as maintaining trails and public amenities, controlling invasive species, and monitoring the land for environmental health. Land stewardship is often the responsibility of land conservancies, land trusts, or other organizations dedicated to preserving our natural spaces.

Land Stewardship at Victory Ranch has taken form through a variety of restoration and preservation projects. These programs have preserved the wilderness in our backcountry, returned developed areas to wetlands, maintained our wild fish stock and more. This work just scratches the surface of what we intend to do in our pursuit of sustainability that will protect our 6,250 acres for generations to come.

The Conservancy is planning an educational event this summer that will highlight these topics. Watch the newsletter and club calendar for date and time.

Information about our local conservancies and volunteer opportunities:

[Summit Land Conservancy](#)

[Utah Open Lands](#)

[Swaner Eco Center](#)