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What are your options?

If you value the natural areas on your property and would like to preserve them, many legal options are open to you to ensure its protection. Your option should take into account the natural characteristics of your property, your conservation objectives, the uses you want to maintain on the property, your financial situation as well as the wishes and needs of your family.

The following questions might help guide you in your choice of conservation options:

Do you want to retain ownership of the property and pass it on to your heirs?

A conservation servitude or the establishment of a nature reserve might be the answer.

Do you want to enjoy full ownership of the property for the rest of your life?

You might want to consider bequeathing your land to a conservation organization.

Would you like to part with the property but ensure its perpetual protection?

You might consider a donation, a sale or a bargain sale of part or all of the property to a conservation organization.

What is your financial situation?

The donation of land or of a conservation servitude gives rise to some interesting income tax benefits. The establishment of a nature reserve provides municipal and school tax exemptions. You can also superimpose both these options.

Has your property increased in value since you bought it?

The abolition of capital gain associated with Ecological donations might be of interest to you.

MCI will support you!

MCI's conservation experts will help you understand these options and answer any of your questions. Our goal is to meet your conservation and financial objectives by building a working scenario that is tailored to your individual needs. Our experts will work with you, step by step and confidentially, throughout the conservation process.



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Let's conserve the natural areas and landscapes we cherish!

We live in a landscape of exceptional natural beauty characterized by wild natural areas and the majestic Lake Memphremagog. Most of us take for granted its panoramic embrace, the large wilderness areas that surround us as well as the water quality of our Lake. We may believe that these magnificent landscapes and natural areas will always exist and that our children and grandchildren will forever be blessed with such natural abundance.

But history has taught us over and over again that if these natural areas are not protected, there is no guarantee as to their long term survival.



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Protecting our precious resources

Memphremagog Conservation inc. (MCI) has been actively working on the preservation of Lake Memphremagog and its watershed since 1967. To this end, the organization launched a new conservation project in 2009 that aims to safeguard the aquatic and forest ecosystems of the Lake Memphremagog watershed in order to ensure, amongst other things, the protection of the Lake's water quality.

The Lake Memphremagog watershed is a transborder territory that spans almost 1,800 km² (512 km² located in the Quebec watershed) and is a treasure of undeniable ecological wealth that provides favorable habitats for abundant flora and wildlife. These same landscapes and natural attractions are also the backbone of the region's economic development and recreotouristic activities. While conceding the importance of economic growth that is linked to recreotouristic activities, real estate development, forestry activities and agriculture, it still remains that these activities are impacting this territory and its biodiversity.

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It's up to us!

To protect this territory, it is essential for landowners to participate in the process. Every action taken by a landowner to protect his or her natural areas will make a difference, and as more and more landowners protect their land our chance to protect wide expanses of wilderness increases. In the long term, it is the only viable way to preserve the quality of the water we drink, the air we breathe and the sustainability of our landscapes.

The conservation process is available to all private landowners. Whether you want to protect your property because of a deep attachment to your land and to nature and you want to bequeath this natural heritage to your children and grandchildren, whether you want to protect fragile areas such as wetlands, mountaintops or threatened and vulnerable species or whether you are looking for tax advantages, many options are available to you.

Conservation does not mean that you can no longer use your property. In fact, common sense must prevail in your choice of options. Each property is different, but the important thing is to ensure that the activities and uses maintained on the property are compatible with the environment and take into account the ecosystems and the ecological functions inherent to these ecosystems.

