



WASHINGTON STATE  
UNIVERSITY

CREATE YOUR

# Land Legacy

*Give a gift of land to WSU*



# WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY?



**FAMILY**

**BUSINESS**

**CHILDREN**

**COMMUNITY**

**LAND?**



# WHAT IS LAND LEGACY

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- Keep your Land with the Family Legacy and put it to work like an Endowment!
- Most charities will accept Land and then sell it to create a fund to be invested and support your goals. Land Legacy is a program that keeps farmland productive and managed for the benefit of the donor's choice.

## Your Land Legacy Gift Options

- **Leave land through your estate plan**  
When your will takes effect, land ownership is transferred to the University.
- **Set up a retained life estate**  
Deed your land now and continue to manage it and retain the income throughout your lifetime.
- **Make an outright gift**  
Land ownership and management will be transferred to WSU immediately upon the gift's completion.
- **Deed the land in a trust**



# The Land Legacy Council

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The Land Legacy Council (LLC) started in November 2012 as a Presidential Council under then WSU President Elson Floyd.

In 2020, the Council transitioned into a council under the College of Agriculture, Human, Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS).

During 2021 the LLC Council has continued its charge of managing gifts of farms, advocating this option to the farm community and systematically implementing the transition of the council under CAHNRS.



# 2023 LAND LEGACY COUNCIL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representative Seat</u>	<u>Support Staff:</u>	
Asa Clark	Pea & Lentil	Kat Odell	CAHNRS Operations
Hal Johnson	Bohrnsen Committee	Michael Gibson	CAHNRS Operations
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Joe Schmitz		Business	
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Doug England	Tree Fruit Commission		
Gary Bailey	Grain Commission		
Jim Moyer	WA Association of Wheat		
Growers			
Mark Thomsen			
Jeff Emtman			
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		Randy Fortenbery	Faculty
		Scot Hulbert	CAHNRS Leadership
		Lynne Carpenter-Boggs	CSS Dept
		Vicki McCracken	WSU Extension



# Land Legacy Council's Charge

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- Accepting and managing gifts
- Be spokespeople for WSU in the agricultural community
- Accountability for WSU managed properties
- Negating stereotypes of “they just sell it”



## BOHRNSEN FARM



Lorenz Bohrsen donated his 1,014 acres of farmland to WSU in 1991. Located in Spokane and Whitman Counties, the farm's revenue supports the Vogel Endowed Chair in Wheat Breeding and Genetics and the Vogel Wheat Research Fund. Kulvinder Gill, the current Vogel professor, is **leading research** that aims to increase heat tolerance in wheat.

## R. JAMES COOK AGRONOMY FARM

- 400 acres in Whitman County

Originally obtained from the Earmel Cunningham Trust, the Cook farm now serves as the University's **precision agriculture direct seed research farm**.

## FERNE DANIEL FARM

- 640 acres in Grant County

Revenue supports the Daniel Family Endowment for Precision Wheat Farming and Wheat Breeding.

## CLEORA NEARE FARM



Cleora Neare left her 903-acre farm to the state of Washington in her will. WSU received the farm via House Bill 1016 for the support of the University's **Lind Dryland Research Station**, which is dedicated to research on wheat breeding, winter wheat emergence, alternative crops, weed and disease control, soil fertility, erosion control, and residue management.

## SCHMIDT FARM

- 215 acres in Spokane County

Revenue supports the Verle Kaiser Conservation Endowment in the **Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources**.

## SCHROEDER FARM

- 118 acres in Douglas County

Revenue supports the Schroeder Family Scholarships in Electrical Engineering and Agriculture.

## TWIN VISTA RANCH



Lisa Painter wanted to protect the land she and Jeanne Clenendon had farmed since 1972 and to ensure that it was organically and sustainably managed—so she donated the 26-acre farm to WSU and the Jefferson County Land Trust. A central resource for **WSU's Jefferson County Extension**, it includes a sizable organic garden, space for 4-H programs to raise livestock, and demonstration plots for sustainable agriculture and natural resource conservation. Lisa still lives in her home on the farm.

## VALESKA FARM

- 114 acres in Latah County

Revenue supports the Hattie Davis Espy Memorial Scholarships.

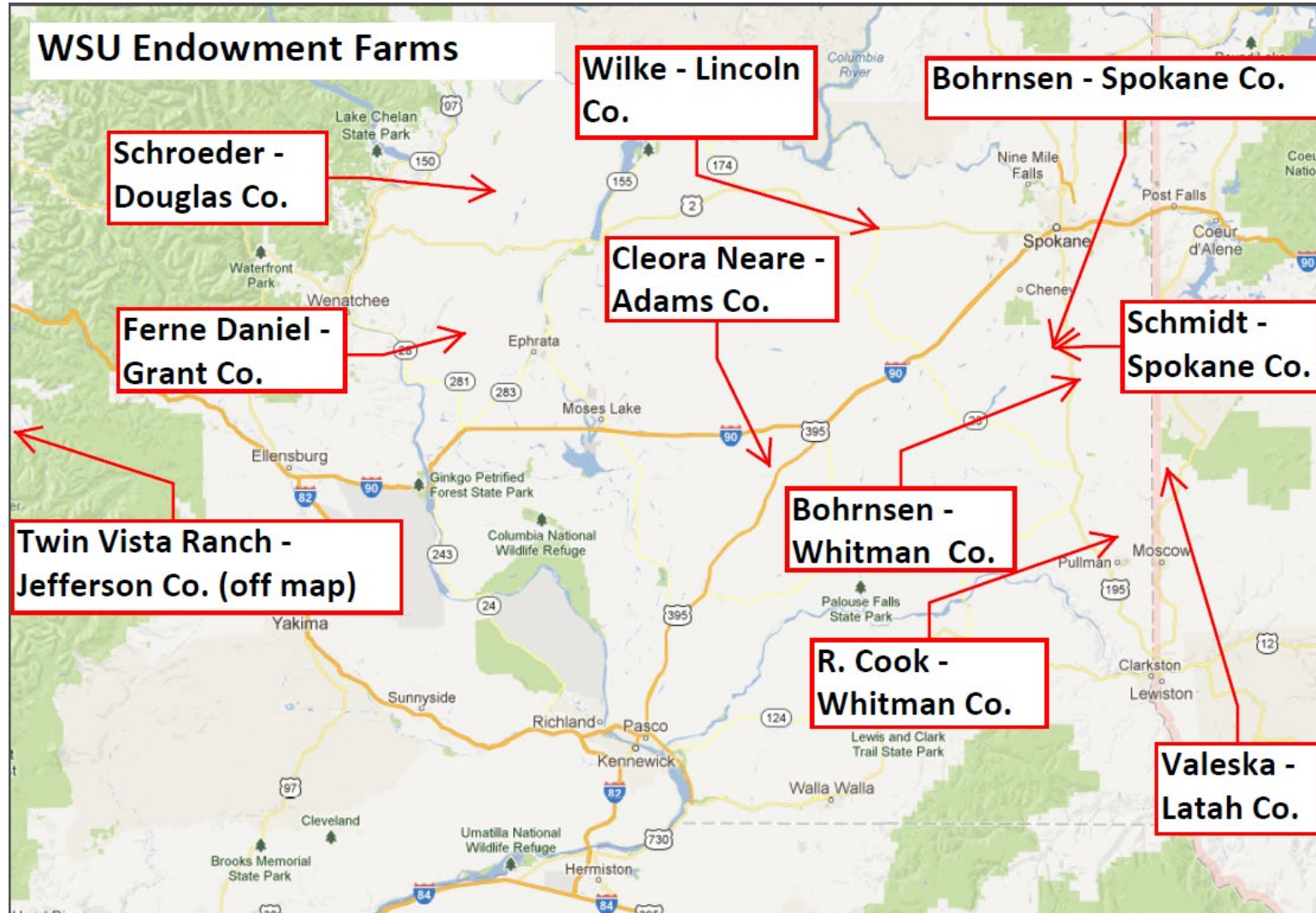
## WILKE FARM

- 342 acres in Lincoln County

Revenue supports agricultural research at the Wilke Farm.



# Land Legacy Farms





# What is the Impact?

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2022 Total Farm revenue supporting Research,  
Scholarship and Extension work:

***Grand Total:***

***\$176,102***

- *Vogel Wheat Endowment*
- *WSU Scholarships for students*
- *Extension research at Wilke Farm*
- *Others: Engineering, College of Veterinary Medicine, etc.*



## Georgia Cross

### 508 Acres / Rockford WA Gifted in 2020

Since she was 10 years old, Georgia Cross called her family's farm home. As a child, then as an adult, Cross helped her parents, Clarence and Emma Cross, run their small, diversified farm, experiencing the great changes that transformed America's agricultural communities.

"I've had many chances to sell, but I didn't want to see it go into building houses," said Cross, who is leaving her farm to WSU to help support wheat research programs. "Those who've farmed it say it's good land."



## Jim & Nancy Batch

**1,000 Acres / Davenport WA  
Gifted in 2018**

For generations, waving fields of wheat on the Reinbold farm near Davenport have fed and sustained Northwest families. Farmed by Simon and Marvel Reinbold, the farm was passed down to Jim Batch, their grandson, who harvested with his grandfather in summers growing up. It became a retreat where he and his wife Nancy explored new callings, blacksmithing on Simon's original forge while connecting with their roots. As a family gift honoring Simon and Marvel's legacy, these fields will continue to nourish minds.



# What can you do?

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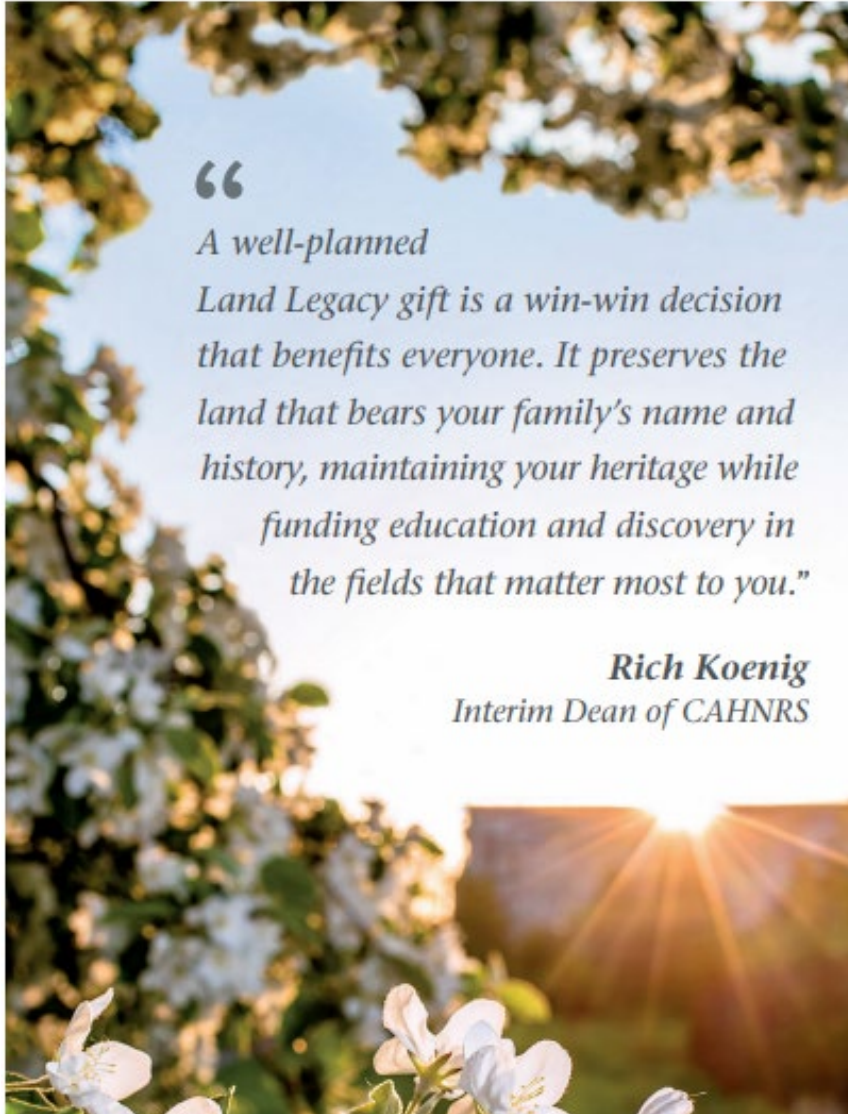
- Keep this program in mind for yourself and network
- Join the Land Legacy Council
- Connect us with interested landlords/landowners who we might be able to help





# QUESTIONS?

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*A well-planned  
Land Legacy gift is a win-win decision  
that benefits everyone. It preserves the  
land that bears your family's name and  
history, maintaining your heritage while  
funding education and discovery in  
the fields that matter most to you.”*

**Rich Koenig**  
*Interim Dean of CAHNRS*

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