

What is Your Land Trying to Tell You?

SUSTAINABLE IOWA LAND TRUST

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The Sustainable Iowa Land Trust works with landowners to permanently protect land to grow fruits, vegetables and livestock in a way that improves our soil, water and air quality.

What does “permanent protection” mean?

- A land protection agreement – called a conservation easement – attached to your deed, reducing land costs for future farmers.
- A donation of some or all of your land to SILT, so future farmers get a lifetime opportunity to farm with the option to purchase the buildings.

What do we mean by “food?”

- Iowa’s climates and soils can grow nuts, berries, melons, veggies, leafy greens, all kinds of meat, poultry and pork on open land.

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Visit silt.org to learn more about SILT farms, sustainable food farming and more.

This service provided free to Iowa landowners thanks to support from the Natural Resource Conservation Service of the USDA.

USDA

United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources
Conservation Service

Sign up today for a free consultation with SILT



Explore your land's true potential with a site visit from a SILT Farm Specialist

- Measure your current conservation practices
- Discuss the option of fruits, vegetables and livestock farming that heals the land.
- Provide resources to explore at your own pace.
- This is a no-cost, no-commitment service provided by SILT in partnership with NRCS.

Expand your land's horizons!

- Vegetables for local schools
- Spring wheat for microbreweries
- Elderberries for local kombucha
- Chestnuts for regional sale
- Shiitake mushrooms for restaurants

Your SILT Farm Report includes

- Before and after conservation values of your land
- Ways to help your land help itself
- Useful maps and photos
- Top food crops for your land and location
- Key resources to get you started
- Best options for permanent protection
- NRCS contact for more assistance.

Please note: as an environmentally-friendly nonprofit organization, we may try to schedule our visit to your farm with others in the region for the sake of efficiency. Let our Farm Specialist know if your need is time sensitive, thank you.

Call Joe Klingelhutz at (319) 800-8108 or email him at joe@silt.org to set up your appointment.

"We see SILT as surrogate family, living into perpetuity (or at least its protections will). SILT will not 'cash out' and live high. You can't say that about future family members who have not yet been born."

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Quick Quiz: how well do you really know your land?

My land prefers (true or false):

- ① ② Fewer synthetic chemicals.
- ① ② More diversity.
- ① ② To grow fresh, healthy food.
- ① ② Wants clean water, air and soil.
- ① ② Will need a new nature-friendly farmer someday.
- ① ② Can stay in clean, healthy farming for generations to come if I let it.



If you marked TRUE to any of these, contact SILT today! (319) 800-8108 or info@silt.org.