

**If you are considering a bequest,  
we recommend that you seek legal and  
financial advice.**

When naming Denman Conservancy in your will, it is important that you use the correct legal name and address of DCA:

Denman Conservancy Association  
P.O. Box 60  
Denman Island, BC V0R 1T0

**Sample Bequest Language**

**Monetary:** "I give to Denman Conservancy Association of PO Box 60, Denman Island, British Columbia, V0R1T0, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used in such a manner as Denman Conservancy Association shall, in its sole discretion, determine."

**Real Estate:** "I give to Denman Conservancy Association of PO Box 60, Denman Island, British Columbia, V0R1T0, \_\_\_\_\_ (legal description of property)".



Wetland in Central Park

**Denman Conservancy Association**

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British Columbia, V0R1T0

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[www.denman-conservancy.org](http://www.denman-conservancy.org)



Beaver in Railway Grade Marsh

The Greatest Gift  
for  
our Children,  
Grandchildren,  
their Children and  
beyond...

**Denman Conservancy Association**

We envision diverse and resilient ecosystems in perpetuity, stewarded by an inspired and informed community.



## DENMAN CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION (DCA) COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE

First Nations lived lightly on Denman Island for millennia. During colonization, most of Denman Island's ancient forest began to be intensively logged. In the following years, settlers established farm fields and pasture lands. As time passed and economic conditions changed, many of these deforested lands began to recover.

In the late 1980s, barely 5% of Denman's forest cover was protected. At the same time, awareness grew about the fragility and uniqueness of the, now rare, Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem. A group of determined Denman residents decided it was the time to protect the forests of Denman Island in perpetuity. The Denman Conservancy Association was formally founded in 1991.

With tremendous financial and volunteer support, DCA purchased 23 acres (9.3 ha) on Pickles Road. Now known as the **Inner Island Nature Reserve**, this property was donated to the Islands Trust Conservancy, its first conserved property. The **Lindsay Dickson and Morrison Marsh Nature Reserves**, **Settlement Lands** and **Central Park** followed.

Today DCA has over 200 active members and owns or manages nearly 600 acres (240 ha) on Denman Island. DCA holds conservation covenants on private properties on the **Komas Bluffs**, **Danes Creek** and the **Denman Island Chocolate** lands. The **Railway Grade Marsh** area of Denman Provincial Park is also under a conservation covenant held by DCA. Now, with community effort, 25 % of Denman Island is protected.

DCA is a federally registered charity that advocates for protection of critical wildlife and plant habitat on Denman Island. DCA promotes nature awareness and education. DCA properties are open to the public.



Yellow Monkey-flower on Lindsay Dickson



Dragonfly on Settlement Lands



Red-legged Frog on Morrison Marsh

## CONSIDER A CHARITABLE BEQUEST TO DENMAN CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION

A charitable bequest to DCA supports the preservation of unique, environmentally sensitive, and historically important land on Denman Island. It can be modified if your circumstances or those of your family change during your lifetime, and it may reduce the income tax on your estate.

**A bequest could be monetary or a gift of property on Denman Island.**

A monetary gift could be:

- a pre-determined sum of money
- a portion or the residual of your estate
- a transfer of investments (e.g. Retirement fund, life insurance policies, or Publicly Traded Securities)

A landowner could choose to bequeath a much-loved property on Denman Island to be protected by DCA.

If the property is environmentally sensitive, it will be protected in perpetuity for conservation

If the property does not meet our criteria for protection, a gift of land could be sold to generate funds to protect more ecologically sensitive land and the management of such land.

If you are thinking of leaving a property in your will to DCA, please contact a Board member ([info@denmanconservancy.org](mailto:info@denmanconservancy.org)) or our Land Manager ([dcalandmanager@gmail.com](mailto:dcalandmanager@gmail.com)) to discuss whether the land meets our criteria for protection or whether its value might be better used in other DCA conservation efforts.