The New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA), through its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit corporation, the Granite State Woodlands Institute (GSWI), has established an endowment fund to support the NHTOA’s work far into the future. This fund, built from contributions and estate gifts, will help secure the future of the NHTOA and the NHTOA’s important work.

As our members and supporters consider their estate planning and the legacy they wish to leave behind, the NHTOA, through GSWI, now provides them an opportunity to accomplish both: one, include GSWI in your will through our Planned Giving Program; and two, contribute to our endowment fund to provide funding to support our work and mission in perpetuity.

**Giving Through Your Will**

Please consider leaving a gift to GSWI as part of your estate planning. Making a charitable provision in your will is simple. There are three ways:

1. Specify a dollar amount
2. Specify a percentage of your estate
3. Leaving the residual (what’s left in your estate after all other distributions)

Another way of contributing is to designate a gift through your retirement funds. Inform the company that is the custodian of your IRA or other retirement funds that you wish to designate
the Granite State Woodland Institute as the charitable beneficiary of a percentage (or dollar amount) of one of your retirement funds. This is easy to do and does not require hiring an attorney. However, you should seek the advice of a professional advisor when making decisions about your estate.

You can also give land or other non-cash gifts to GSWI directly or through our Planned Giving Program.

Also, please consider joining our Legacy Society. Donors who have agreed to leave a bequest to GSWI (or agreed to another planned giving arrangement) are eligible to become members of our Legacy Society. Membership in the Society is a great way to demonstrate your support for our mission. Your membership will inspire others to support GSWI and the NHTOA. Moreover, those who join the Legacy Society over the next 18 months will be further recognized as Legacy Society “founders.”

The Endowment

Through your estate planning or as a charitable contribution, you can help build the GSWI Endowment.

Contributions invested in the GSWI Endowment are invested in long-term, stable funds which will conservatively grow.

Donors contributing more than $100,000 will have the opportunity to dedicate or name the fund. For more information on the GSWI Endowment, and for information on named or memorial gifts and the guidelines for gift acceptance, please contact the NHTOA office.