



Since 2003, we have assisted owners in donating undeveloped land to help preserve our fragile dune ecosystem, to protect natural and open areas, and add to public lands in Beverly Shores.

*Beverly Shores
Green Space Committee*

The Green Space initiative offers landowners whose lots may not be buildable, relief from future real estate tax payments and a potential income tax deduction, depending on the donor's circumstances.

This initiative also helps the town of Beverly Shores by removing the regulatory ambiguity surrounding the status of a donor's lot that may or may not be buildable.

How can donating a parcel to Green Space help me?

The Beverly Shores Green Space Ordinance makes it possible for owners to donate property that can be designated either as public park land or as permanently protected green space. If you request that your property be designated green space, the Green Space Ordinance provides that the Town will hold that land, in perpetuity, as green space. In either case, you would be allowed a tax deduction and tax relief to the extent allowed by law. Establishing the value of any deduction is the obligation of the donor, who is free to hire an independent appraiser.

How does the Green Space initiative complement Shirley Heinze efforts?

The Green Space Committee complements the work of The Shirley Heinze Land Trust, a not-for-profit land trust that also protects land in Beverly Shores, by providing a means for property owners to donate land that may not be of strategic interest to the Trust. One of the Trust's major project areas is the Great Marsh north of Beverly Drive as well as strategic acquisitions adjacent to existing holdings in Beverly Shores.

What does the parcel owner need to do?

If you request that your property be designated as green space, the Green Space Committee will recommend to the Beverly Shores Town Council the acceptance of a gift of your proposed land parcel only if all of the following conditions are met:

- 1.** The property is within the boundaries of the Town of Beverly Shores, Indiana;
- 2.** The property is not located within the Town's Commercial District on Highway 12, east of Broadway;
- 3.** The title is in a satisfactory form, as evidenced by your providing us with a Condition of Title report prepared by a title company addressed to the Town of Beverly Shores, disclosing the title owner and disclosing no liens and encumbrances;
- 4.** The acceptance of the donated property will not cause the donor's residual residential property in Beverly Shores (if any) to be in violation of any currently existing building regulations or setback requirements;
- 5.** You have prepared a Warranty Deed containing no deed restrictions, at your expense;
- 6.** A site inspection has been conducted by a member of the Green Space Committee, and
- 7.** You agree to pay to the Town, at the time of the donation, the real estate taxes for the calendar year in which the donation takes place even though those taxes are not yet due and payable. Since the amount of such taxes will not be known at the time of the donation, the donor will pay to the Town 110% of the real estate taxes shown on the last available tax bill.





About the Green Space Committee:

The Green Space Committee is comprised of seven Beverly Shores residents appointed by the Town Council to administer and recruit green spaces for the Town. This initiative was started by the Town in 2003 as a way of helping preserve the fragile dune ecosystem and varied landscape in its natural state that is so much a part of Beverly Shores. As of June 2023, there are twenty-two lots owned by the Town through the Green Space Initiative. Meetings are held April through December on the 4th Monday, at 9:00 a.m. at the Beverly Shores Administration Building.

How can I learn more?

For a current list and map of parcels donated to the town, and contact information for Committee members, visit the Town of Beverly Shores website at:

<http://www.beverlyshoresindiana.org/green-space-committee.html>



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