

Become a member of the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Legacy Society!

We want to honor people who invest in our chapter's future. We will honor all donors, whether they are Western Cuyahoga Audubon members or not when they make their gifts. Both members and non-members who bequeath gifts to Western Cuyahoga Audubon will be memorialized in our Legacy Society.

Please check the appropriate box below:

- I have made a bequest to the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society in my will or designated the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society as a beneficiary in my retirement plan.

- In the future, I plan to make a bequest to the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society in my will or designate the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society as a beneficiary in my retirement plan.

Please print your name, address, and phone number here:

Tear off this portion of the brochure on the dotted line, affix postage, and drop it in the mail, or give it to a Western Cuyahoga Audubon board member at the next meeting of the general membership.

Please remember
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in your giving plans!



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GIFT PROGRAM
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Why Give to Western Cuyahoga Audubon?

Americans are bombarded everyday by charities asking for money. Western Cuyahoga Audubon is no different. We're asking you include the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society in your will or retirement plans. These gifts will help keep our environmental education programs alive.

You're probably asking yourself right now, "What's in it for me?" Simply this:

By including the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society in your will or other estate plan, you can help ensure that future generations will enjoy the wonders of nature as you do now.

Ways of Giving to Western Cuyahoga Audubon

① **If you have not yet written a will**, we urge you to do so. A properly-prepared will is the only way to be sure that your wishes will be carried out after your lifetime. It is important that you have your will prepared by an attorney who understands your needs and is familiar with the laws of Ohio.

② **If you have already written your will**, you may add a bequest to the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society by asking your attorney to prepare an amendment or codicil. Your attorney may find the following paragraph helpful in preparing your will:

I bequeath to the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society, a non-profit organization with its principal offices located at 4310 Bush Ave., Cleveland, OH 44109 and tax ID number of 34-1522665, the sum of \$_____ for its general unrestricted environment conservation purposes.

③ **You can save taxes** by naming the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society as the beneficiary of your estate, trust, or other financial plan. Assets remaining in your plan at your death will otherwise be subject to estate and income taxes in the hands of your heirs.

A good way to maximize benefits is to bequeath cash, securities, and real property to your family and leave your financial plan assets to the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society. To name the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society as a beneficiary of the assets in your retirement plan, you should request a beneficiary designation form from the plan sponsor.