



Conservation Easement Monitors:

Conservation easements restrict the activities that can occur on a privately owned property. Conservation Easement Monitors work together with the assistance of the Director of Stewardship to ensure compliance with the restrictions.

Orange County Land Trust is required to inspect each Conservation Easement property annually. An annual inspection includes a review of the Conservation Easement documentation, a walkover of the property, recording and reporting your observations.

A Conservation Easement Monitor is designated for each property. As the Monitor for a property, you will be organizing the annual inspection with other Monitors and the Director of Stewardship. You will have the opportunity to experience other Conservation Easement properties by assisting other Monitors with their annual inspections. This practice also ensures consistency among training.

An OCLT Conservation Easement Monitor is expected to:

1. Be able to navigate varying terrain
2. Attend the Conservation Easement Monitor Workshop covering:
 - Understanding the conservation easement document
 - Using maps and surveys in the field
 - OCLT Standards and Stewardship Guidelines
3. Attend one of six Stewardship Workshops per year
4. As the designated Monitor for a property, you will:
 - Work with the Director of Stewardship to organize the annual inspection with other Monitors
 - Check and post signage along property boundaries with abutting neighbors and along road frontage
 - Photograph and document any changes to the conservation values and features of the property (i.e. addition of structures, expansion of wetlands, increase of invasive)
 - Submit observation reports and photographs, following OCLT standards, to the Director of Stewardship
5. Assist at least one other Monitor with their annual inspection per year

Estimated Annual Time Commitment:

12 to 24 hours, depending on property size