Protecting land and water with high conservation value is essential for America’s environmental health and its economic vitality. The Fund partners with land owners, government agencies, community leaders and land trusts to protect properties for wildlife, recreation and historic significance. Often a landowner’s timetable to sell does not align with available funding from private and public sources. Our capital supplies the timely bridge financing that is critical to help secure important landscapes, waterways, forests, wild havens and recreational areas.

Our Approach
Our Conservation Acquisition professionals work nationwide to fulfill top public priorities as well as conservation priorities identified by the Fund. We offer nimble action, along with solid expertise in a wide array of complex transactions. Our partners turn to us for bridge financing and a full suite of conservation services, from real estate negotiation and land acquisition to strategic planning, fundraising and community outreach.

Our partners and projects are national, regional, state-level, private and local in scope, from thousands of acres of land to one-acre urban parks. We place particular importance on working lands, such as forests, farms and ranches which are sustainably and actively managed. Our staff have deep roots in their communities and bring people-focused, business-minded solutions to every challenge, thus creating multiple environmental and economic benefits.
Our Conservation Priorities

Comprehensive
We specialize in tackling the most complex land conservation transactions with our efficient, business-like approach. We know how to bring together multiple funding sources, acquire lands both large and small in scale, and astutely assess risks. We design innovative solutions for transactions that are economically viable and environmentally beneficial for all involved.

People Focused
As landscape conservation evolves, we are helping lead the historic shift toward more people-focused conservation, with support from philanthropies and government agencies. This includes urban conservation in underserved communities, preservation of historically significant sites, and creation of recreation areas that provide environmental, economic and social benefits to improve the quality of life for communities.

Localized
As local governments and land trusts pursue their conservation priorities, our on-the-ground staff provide transactional expertise to meet the growing needs of our partners. We help address the long-term financial obligations in owning and managing protected lands, and determine ways to produce economic return from conservation lands to make these initiatives sustainable for the long-term.

About The Conservation Fund
At The Conservation Fund, we make conservation work for America. By creating solutions that make environmental and economic sense, we are redefining conservation to demonstrate its essential role in our future prosperity. Top-ranked for efficiency and effectiveness, we have worked in all 50 states since 1985 to protect over 8 million acres of land.

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My family and I appreciate all The Conservation Fund did for us to make this conservation easement happen on our ranch. It’s a great outcome for the land and for our family.

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