

## Appendix 2C

### SAMPLE INFORMAL OR HANDSHAKE AGREEMENT

The voluntary stewardship agreement below is based on Figure 12 of the Landowner Contact Training, 1991.

#### Natural Heritage Stewardship Award Agreement.

As the owner of land in the [name of natural area], I agree:

1. To maintain and protect the natural area to the best of my ability;
2. To notify the [name of land trust] of any planned land use change that might threaten the natural heritage features;
3. To notify the [name of land trust] of any other threats to the area, such as intensive logging or drainage; and
4. To notify the [name of land trust] of any intent to sell or transfer ownership of the property.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 199 \_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Land Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
[name of land trust]

*[or simply shake hands and provide a copy of the terms of the agreement]*