

There are several. Local land trusts such as the Merrill Linn Conservancy can work with a landowner to produce a conservation easement of his/her property. Property can be offered to land trusts or other protective agencies as a charitable donation or through a bargain sale. Farmland owners can consider agricultural land preservation through their county's agricultural land preservation program by either competing for reimbursement funds or by making a donation of their land to the program. The comments that follow will focus primarily on conservation easements through land trusts such as the Linn Conservancy.