

CODE OF ETHICS

Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association

Adopted by the Board on: December 17, 2009

Amended:

The SVCA is dedicated to preserving the unique character of Sheepscot Valley's natural and historic watershed and landscapes for future generations. Our goals are established and our actions are taken with a long term vision for land conservation, water quality and habitat protection for public good. As a private, non-profit organization, the SVCA is obligated to provide a public benefit and to avoid any conflict of interest or to provide any private benefit to any of our Board members, staff, volunteers, or other insiders.

The SVCA pledges to conduct our land and river protection and organizational activities under the highest professional standards and in accordance with the Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices. The SVCA also pledges to always work cooperatively with other land trusts, government agencies, private individuals and conservation organizations to accomplish our mission. At the same time, the SVCA will respect the needs, values and traditions of the communities in which we work.

The SVCA respectfully acknowledges the trust placed upon us by our donors, landowner partners and the public, and recognizes that volunteers are an integral part of the SVCA. Therefore, all staff, Board members and volunteers of the SVCA will act with honesty, integrity and openness in all their dealings as representatives of the organization. We pledge to be fiscally responsible, aware of our long term responsibility to the lands we protect, and dedicated to building and strengthening a sustainable, capable land trust and river advocacy organization. The SVCA undertakes only those actions which enhance the reputation and credibility of the land trust community and provide the greatest public good for society at large.

This Code of Ethics is understood and agreed to by each member of the SVCA's Board of Directors and staff, and by each volunteer.