



Public records and announcements disclosure form

Dear Landowner:

Congratulations on your decision to preserve your property.

We are aware some landowners have questions about possible publicity a successful acquisition or conservation easement grant may generate in local or state media. This disclosure statement is provided so you are fully aware of how records and announcements about land conservation are handled by GOCO.

As GOCO is a public entity funded by state Lottery revenues, GOCO is obligated to report to the public how its funds are invested. Its records -- which include property names, locations and financial details -- are public and therefore subject to any open records request. GOCO announces all its grant awards, and publishes an annual report, which is mandated by the state Constitution.

Announcements will give the name of the property or project (sometimes property names are replaced by a project name), a very general location and the grant amount. They do not list the property owners' name(s) unless otherwise directed to do so. GOCO typically coordinates with the land trust/easement holder on any announcement issued to the media and public.

In addition, all GOCO grant recipients are provided with signs to post on properties that receive GOCO funding. Local government entities, including schools, are provided with small metal signs that denote the project was funded in part by the Colorado Lottery via a GOCO grant. Open Space grant recipients are provided with different signs which recognize the Colorado Lottery funding but also state that the property remains private and any access requires owners consent.

The primary purpose of the signs is to promote conservation and outdoor recreation, educate the public about conservation easements, and maintain public support for this use of lottery revenues. Signs also may help encourage other landowners of unique, high priority properties to consider preserving their property in perpetuity for the benefit of the land, the public and for wildlife.

Thank you again for your interest in land preservation. Please sign below to indicate that you have read this disclosure and understand its contents contained herein and the public disclosure obligations of GOCO.

Landowner name (print)

Date

Landowner signature