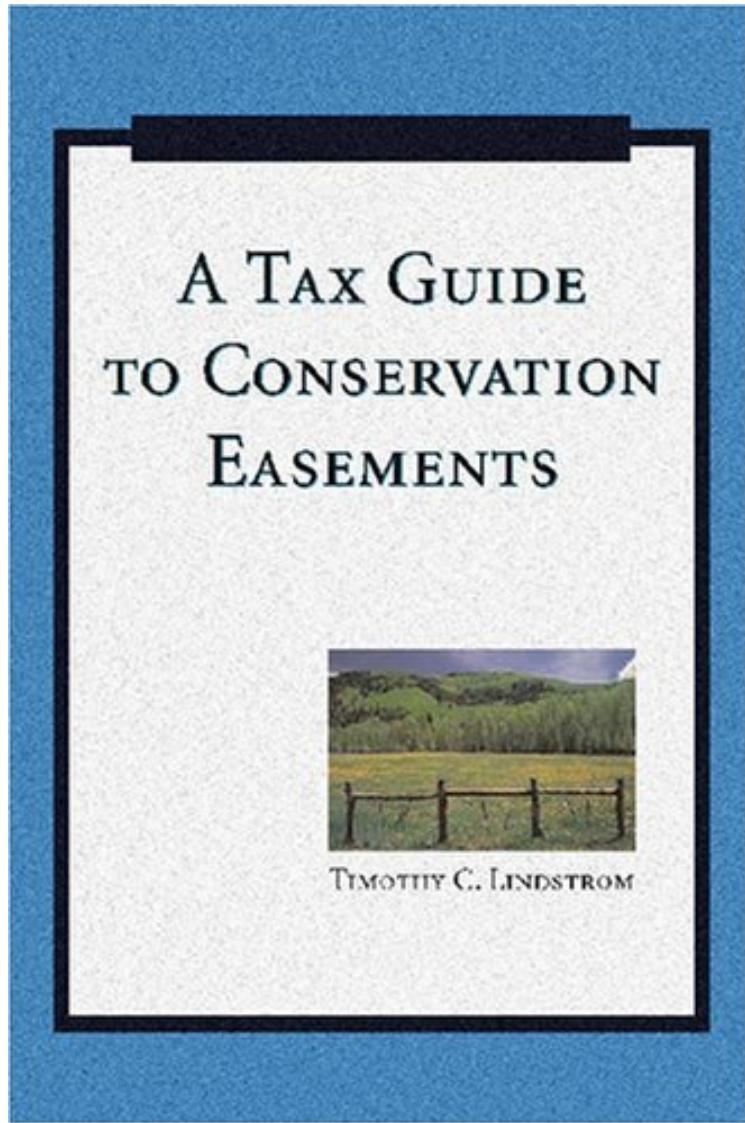


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent reference about using conservation easements to reduce tax. By H. Wang I attended a local seminar about conservation easements. It's a sales oriented seminar and I am surprised by the tax benefit from the conservation easements. So, I decide to do my own dual diligent work before committing real money in it. After some searching, I came to this "A Tax Guide to Conservation Easements". It's a little bit out-dated (2008 version), but most of contents are still relevant today. This book covers a lot of different scenarios for different tax treatments. I like this book most is that it uses real cases to support each discussion. That

helps a lot to understand the IRS words. This book is more like a reference book. No need to study each chapter in details. Only need to study the chapter of interesting. I am able to get a good picture about how I can take benefit of this conservation easements. The next step is to use HR TaxCut software to do some case analysis. I got a used one with good price. I don't recommend to buy new one as the list price is too high.*** Update 12/30/2016 ***I ended up purchasing a fraction of a LLC share designed for conservation easement. As a retail investor, I didn't get the best price (where the family houses of those super rich families get far better price due to big volume purchasing). But for each and every \$1 that I spent, I got \$4.26 deduction to my AGI (adjusted growth income). The IRR (internal rate of return) is far more than 75%. Can't complain with this kind of return rate. Next year, I will convert some of my IRA into Roth IRA and then use the conservation easement to mitigate the tax burden from this IRA conversion. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Beau CanningtonReally good resource in a field where there are not many resources at all. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Conservation easements in WYBy NancyI knew nothing about conservation easements but this book explained in lay terms that I could understand. very helpful

Voluntary land conservation, resulting from increasingly alluring tax benefits, has significantly changed the face of land use in the United States and promises to have an even more significant influence in the future. There are more than 1,500 land trusts in the U.S. today, involving millions of acres of land that have been permanently protected by conservation easements. Most of these land trusts depend heavily upon the significant income or estate tax benefits offered by the federal tax code as an incentive for voluntary land conservation. However, only a very small percentage of land trust personnel, landowners or their advisors, or even government officials, fully understand the complexity of the requirements for these tax benefits. This is a comprehensive book on the tax benefits of the charitable contribution, or bargain sale, of a conservation easement. It provides a detailed explanation of the complex and extensive requirements of the federal tax code and related concepts, including the rules governing the operation of tax-exempt organizations such as land trusts. Clearly written, systematic in its coverage, it is intended to be of value for anyone who deals with land trust issues, including land trust staff and trustees, landowners, lawyers, accountants, government officials, and interested lay people. Structured for easy reference, A Tax Guide to Conservation Easements is designed to be used as a resource tool. Related topics are cross-referenced throughout. All principles in the book are illustrated with one or more useful examples. The tax benefits of contributing a conservation easement are unquestionably the heart of voluntary land conservation today. Knowledge of the tax law relating to land trusts and conservation easements is vital to properly establishing and managing land trusts and to insuring the tax deductibility of conservation easements. The future of voluntary land conservation is dependent on a clear understanding of tax policy. Complete, meticulous, and up to date, A Tax Guide to Conservation Easements is an essential handbook.

"A Tax Guide to Conservation Easements is an absolutely essential resource for anyone who deals in private land conservation transactions, including attorneys, accountants, appraisers, landowners, and land conservation professionals. The book provides a concise and accessible overview of pertinent conservation easement tax laws, regulations, and policies, and the text is replete with exceptionally helpful and pointed examples, drawn from real-world situations and from the author's years of first-hand experience in the field. A Tax Guide to Conservation Easements is among the most important publications about private land conservation available, and will remain so for many years to come."