Finds that it is in the best interest of the state to find innovative and economically sustainable ways to conserve and protect wildlife habitat and other natural resources.

Finds that working natural resource and wildlife habitat lands can be preserved through the creation of conservation easements that reduce the amount of land available for intensive development.

Recognizes the unique interests and knowledge that private property owners have about their land and about the most effective means available to protect the wildlife habitat and natural resources on that land.

Declares an intent to protect the use and value of private property and the wildlife habitat and other natural resources on that property by encouraging voluntary, cooperative environmental enhancement and protection programs with willing property owners.