

Abstract

Environmental protecting legislation in the context of land trust action

This diploma thesis deals with legislation of land trusts. The concept of land trusts is not very known in the Czech republic - neither in the legal section - although this instrument is really perspective in environmental protection. Land trusts are not dependent to state power. Land trust can be described as nonprofit nongovernmental organization which associates people who want to voluntarily participate in environmental protection in their surroundings. They are not motivated neither by state organizations nor by economic aspects. They are protecting the environment on the basis of their highly positive relationship with nature and on the basis of their responsibility towards environment.

The diploma thesis is divided into five chapters. The first chapter reveals what is land trust, how it can be established and what is the essence of its mission. In the second chapter there are various legal relationships described which are used by land trusts for value land care purpose. There are also introduced some of the legal instruments used by land trusts. The third chapter enumerates another environmental actions of land trusts such as ecological education, ecological advising and participation in the decision - making processes concerning environmental protection. In the fourth chapter there is legislation of American land trusts described. The last fifth chapter contains of comparison of the Czech and the American land trust legislation. There are also some adjustments of Czech legislation proposed.

The object of this diploma thesis is to provide essential analysis of Czech and American land trust legislation and to compare some of the features of both legislations. Another purpose is to provide some guides to adjustments of the Czech legislation which could help land trusts to fulfill their object. The state government should encourage naturally value land owners to cooperate with land trusts. The state should do it through more specific legislation which could increase the trust of the public or through economic motivation. Land trusts would appreciate if the public would be more informed about land trusts action. In this aspect the diploma thesis could possibly be at least little helpful.

Klíčová slova: land trust, voluntary environmental protection, land legal relationships