

Land Trust Accreditation Commission

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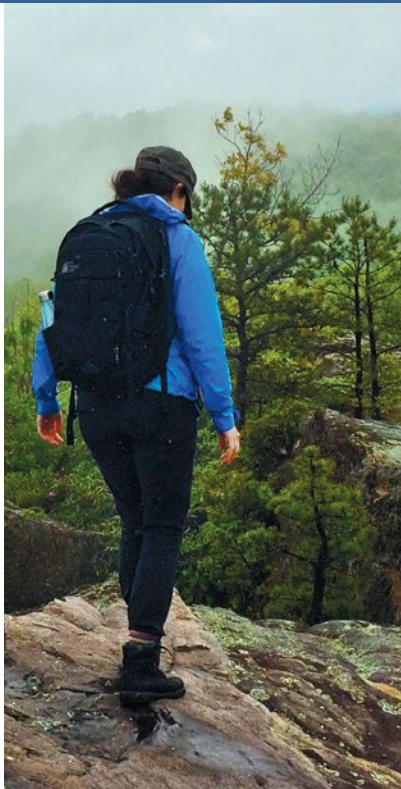
It's been 10 years since the accreditation program was established. Has it made a difference? Absolutely. Everyone benefits from accreditation.

New Land Trust Census data shows accredited land trusts save more land and are better prepared to protect it forever than those not yet accredited. That means our communities benefit from more conservation land; land that provides food security, habitat, clean water and so much more. It also means the land trust community benefits as increased confidence in the permanence of land conservation helps win support for local, state and federal funding and incentives.

Please join me in celebrating the first 10 years of success.



Tammara Van Ryn
Executive Director



A MEASURABLE IMPACT

The Land Trust Alliance's latest Land Trust Census data shows that **accredited land trusts**:



Have protected
5 times more land



Are 5 times more likely to have **100% monitoring** and a **baseline documentation report** for every easement



Have **significantly more money** to defend and steward their holdings



“ The decision to seek accreditation motivated a closer working relationship between the board and staff, and compelled us to address some issues that had probably been put off too long. By embracing the stronger standards of accreditation, we gave ourselves a reason to tackle these challenging situations, and it changed the way we approach community and internal expectations. We emerged from the process stronger and more confident than ever before.

BRIAN STARK

Executive Director, Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (CA)



PROFILE OF AN ACCREDITED LAND TRUST

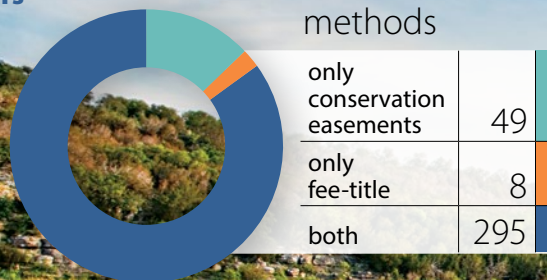


6 years

age range of land trusts



125 years



staffing



2016 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



REVENUE

program revenue	\$457,936
grants & contributions	\$292,150
investment income*	\$168
*NOT DEPICTED	\$750,254

EXPENSES

program	\$730,964
management & general	\$87,504
	\$818,468

ABOUT THE COMMISSIONERS

Land trust accreditation is only possible through the dedicated volunteers who make up the Commission. Twenty men and women volunteer thousands of hours annually, governing and serving as peer reviewers. All agree that this is a great opportunity to work with a dedicated group of conservation leaders on an effective and important program. To learn more about becoming a commissioner see www.landtrustaccreditation.org/volunteer.

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4,000
HOURS A YEAR

are donated by commissioners to help ensure accreditation is achievable and affordable.



“As a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Caucus, I’m working to find ways to wisely and effectively protect the environment. To that end, members of the land trust community that have attained the distinction of accreditation have been strong partners.

REP. ROB WITTMAN (VA)



352*
accredited land
trusts protect...



77%
of all land held by
land trusts. That's...



24,830
square miles,
an area...



13x
larger than the Grand
Canyon National Park.

Thank You!

The Commission thanks the Land Trust Alliance for its support of the accreditation program through the Berkley Endowment and *Together: A Campaign for the Land*, as well as financial and administrative support to the Commission and assistance to land trusts preparing for accreditation.

Photos—Front cover: Kentucky Natural Lands Trust, Greg Abernathy; Inside: Left group shot: DJ Glisson, II; Background: Texas Land Conservancy, Beverly Guhl; Orange circle inset: Wood River Land Trust, Mike McKenna; Green circle inset: Kentucky Natural Lands Trust, Greg Abernathy; Back cover: Triangle Land Conservancy, Christine Wilson

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