Great news! The Commission released the 2018 Requirements Manual on March 7, 2018. The new and improved Manual is designed to be clearer and should reduce the amount of time land trusts spend applying for accreditation. In general, the core content remains the same, and the updates will not result in significant changes to accreditation. Land trusts that are applying for or renewing accreditation in 2018 will be evaluated against the 2018 Requirements Manual.

The new format makes it easier for land trusts to compile the documentation needed for the accreditation application and addresses feedback from past applicants about redundancy. Learn more about how we updated the accreditation program's requirements to conform to the 2017 revised Land Trust Standards and Practices, including:

- An In-Depth Look at Changes to the Requirements
- Public Comment Summary
- A First Look at New Documents
- this infographic with examples of what was added, dropped, and retained
- a list of what areas were added and what ones were dropped

Questions? Watch and listen to the recorded presentation of the 2018 Requirements Manual Release Webinar, held on March 21 and March 29, to help you understand the updates to the Manual and accreditation requirements.

Learn more about the public comment period held in 2017 on making updates to the accreditation requirements and application materials.

Learn more about how the revised Standards will impact renewals and applicants in 2018, 2019, and 2020 and beyond.

For any other questions or concerns, please see our Frequently Asked Questions or contact us - email the Commission help desk, staffed Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern, or call (518) 587-3143.

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