Introducing the 2018 Requirements Manual and revised Accreditation Requirements

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission has revised the accreditation requirements to align with the 2017 revised Land Trust Standards and Practices. The new and improved 2018 Requirements Manual is designed to be clearer and to reduce the amount of time land trusts spend applying for accreditation. Learn more by visiting www.landtrustaccreditation.org/standards-revision.

added
new elements to address **HIGH-RISK AREAS**, positioning accredited land trusts for the next decade

**CORE CONCEPTS**
from the previous requirements, ensuring ongoing public trust and support

dropped
**LOW-RISK OR REDUNDANT CONCEPTS**, ensuring accreditation is cost-effective and relevant

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**EXAMPLES**

- **Financial health**
  - (6A2, 6A3, 6A4)
- **Board development**
  - (3B1)
- **Insurance**
  - (6E2)
- **Visual inspection as part of project due diligence**
  - (8C1)
- **Stewardship records**
  - (11B3, 11F3)
- **Stewardship and defense funding**
  - (6A5)
- **Financial records**
  - (6C1)
- **Title investigation**
  - (9F1, 9F2)
- **Baseline documentation reports**
  - (11B1, 11B2)
- **Monitoring and inspections**
  - (11C2, 12C2)
- **Review and approval of transactions**
  - (3D1)
- **Verifying charitable solicitation registration**
  - (part of old 5A)
- **Verifying periodic review of bylaws**
  - (part of old 2B)
- **Reviewing every detail of Form 990**
  - (part of old 2C)
- **Confirming that property boundaries are located**
  - (part of old 12D)

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