You've done the hard work, and now it is time to receive the recognition!

Through the voluntary land trust accreditation program your land trust will grow stronger and can have external verification that it is meeting national quality standards.

**Please Note:** 2022 first-time lottery will open in **Summer 2021**. More information will be posted in **Spring 2021**. Stay up to date with all Commission announcements and news by [signing up of our e-news](#). Not sure if your organization is ready for the accreditation process? [Take our QUIZ](#)!

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Leaders in the land trust community speak to how accreditation has helped their organizations grow and thrive.

Preparing and applying for first-time accreditation requires a significant commitment of time from the board. Staff (if applicable) will also be involved. Each land trust should consider when it would be most appropriate for their organization to apply for accreditation. This may mean incorporating accreditation into a long-term strategic plan.

Land trusts should apply only when they are confident they are able to complete the entire application and assemble all documents. It should be noted that substantially incomplete applications will be returned and the fees forfeited. Organizations should expect that it will take several months of internal review and discussion before the application is complete and ready to submit (see our [First-Time Timeline](#)).

**To get started, visit the links below.**

- [Requirements Manual](#)
- [Where to Go for Help](#)
- "Are You Ready" checklist
- A02. Countdown to 2020: Tips and Pointers for Land Trusts Preparing for First-Time Accreditation (PowerPoint from Rally 2018)

Thinking about registering? [Visit our Registration page](#) to learn more about when and how to register.

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