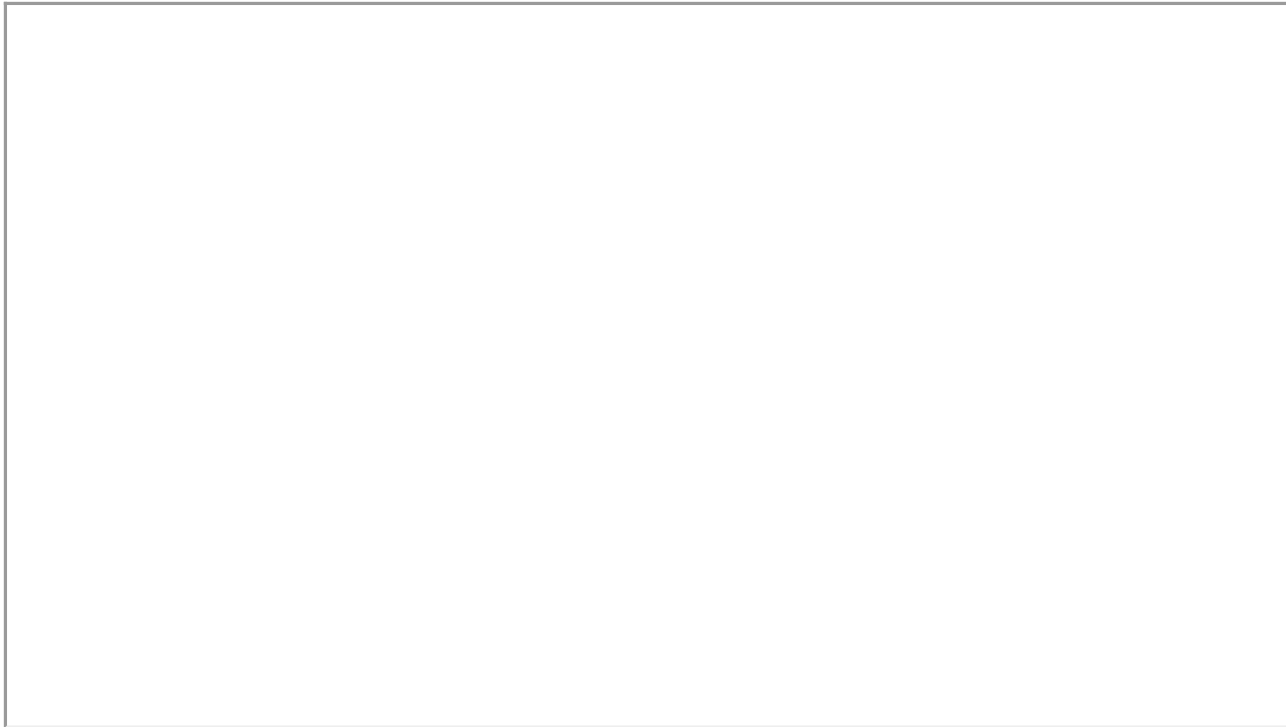**You've done the hard work, and now it is time to receive the recognition!**

The 2024 lottery is closed. The selected land trusts were announced in mid-October 2023. You can learn about the registration process by visiting the **lottery page.**

- The **2024** first-time application process will be entirely online. The **pre-application is due February 27, 2024**, and the **application is due June 4, 2024**. A reference copy of the online first-time application is available to assist in your planning and preparation; see Useful Documents.
- You can stay updated about the opening of the lottery and all Commission announcements and news by signing up for our e-news. Not sure if your organization is ready for the accreditation process? Take our QUIZ!

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

Thinking about registering? Visit our Registration page to learn more about when and how to register.

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