First introduced in 2012, the Requirements Manual is reviewed annually and was last revised March 2018. Any changes to the manual are published annually, each spring, to provide predictability to land trusts about when revisions will most likely be announced, help land trusts put together the best application possible, and maximize your staff and volunteer resources. The newest version supersedes all previous versions.

- If the newest version has less-stringent and/or eliminated requirements, those changes go into effect immediately for the benefit of applicants preparing for accreditation or in the process.
- If the newest version has one or more requirements that are more stringent or new, those changes generally go into effect for applicants applying in the following year to ensure land trusts have advance notice prior to registering for first-time accreditation or for renewed accreditation.

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Land trusts have asked the Commission to report on the significant changes made over time to the Requirements Manual. A “History of Changes to the Requirements Manual” list, updated in April 2016, tracks the changes by year with an indication of what practice it applies to. The 2015 revisions to the Requirements Manual also included a special effort to eliminate redundant requirements, which are listed in a separate document.

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If interested, below are the red-line versions of the Requirements Manual that have been released annually when changes were made.

- 2016 Requirements Manual
  Redline (shows changes from May 2015 version)

- 2015 Requirements Manual
  Redline (shows changes from April 2014 version)

- 2014 Requirements Manual
  Redline (shows changes from April 2013 version)

- 2013 Requirements Manual
  Redline (shows changes from May 2012 version)

- 2012 Requirements Manual
  First Edition (replaced Guidance Documents)

Providing Feedback

The Commission welcomes feedback on the Requirements Manual at any time from the land trust community and other stakeholders. Comments for next year’s edition are most useful by October to ensure that they are considered as part of the annual review process.