A 2018 independent external evaluation of the impact of the first ten years of the accreditation program shows the land trust community’s investment in accreditation paid off, and the impact can continue to grow. See the feature article in Saving Land, “The Impact of Accreditation,” which gives an in-depth look at the report.

### Land Trust Accreditation's Positive Impact: First Ten Years

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#### Accreditation & Trust
- 83% of respondents can accomplish their goals with more confidence that their land will be protected in perpetuity.

#### Strength
- 100% of accredited land trusts report that accreditation has resulted in more resources to work with a land trust.
- 107% increase in number of acres conserved.
- 160% increase in number of board members.
- 220% increase in number of volunteers.

#### Permanence
- 5x more likely to have baseline documentation for every assessment.
- 5x more likely to have majority of easements paid off.
- 3x more likely to have 100% of easements paid off.