

In spring of 2021, the Commission released an updated version of the *Requirements Manual* and a document outlining the changes. Some of the changes begin to take effect in 2022. Each month we will be highlighting a change, why we made it and why it is important. **This month we're looking at a NEW stewardship requirement.**



II.1. Every conservation property has a management plan that includes the following:

- a. **Date plan completed or updated** Starting with plans created or updated in 2022 and beyond

NEW
REQUIREMENT

Why is it important?

- A date of completion or update will help land trusts know when management plans were created or last updated and facilitate the update process as needed.
- The Commission can more equitably evaluate the requirement that land trusts complete management plans and update them with added parcels within 12 months of acquisition.

How will it be implemented?

- This change was phased in starting in 2022. Land trusts do not need to update older plans to meet the new requirements. However, if a plan is created or updated in 2022 or later, the plan should contain a date in addition to the other required elements.

If you have questions about any of the changes, please contact us at info@landtrustaccreditation.org

[Click here to see the entire Summary of Changes and to download the Requirements Manual.](#)