The Land Trust Commission conducts an annual evaluation to mark progress in achieving its goals and to ensure it is responsive to applicants and accredited land trusts. The evaluation includes surveys of applicants, public comments received throughout the year and applicant data collected by the Commission.

A new statistics webpage has graphics showing the diversity of accredited land trusts and application success rates. In addition, the website has a report with key findings from the 2015-2016 evaluation — a few highlights:

- 100% of first-time applicants reported accreditation made them stronger
- 100% of renewal applicants reported accreditation renewal made them more effective
- Land trusts are not addressing expectations for improvement (EFI) issued when accreditation is awarded, for example 71% of renewal applicants did not address one or more EFIs before applying for renewal — this is up from 68% the previous year
- Land trusts are not consistently following *Land Trust Standards and Practices*, for example 77% of renewal applications did not show adequate review of title before closing on a project — this is up from 55% in 2014