2017 LAND TRUST STANDARDS AND PRACTICES AND LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION: WHAT’S NEW?

Transitioning to Indicator Elements

- The accreditation program will transition from reviewing "indicator practices" to reviewing "indicator elements"; this change matches the revised Standards
- The core concepts from the indicator practices are still in place, ensuring ongoing public trust and support
- Elements from high-risk areas were added, positioning accredited land trusts for the next decade
- Low-risk or redundant concepts were dropped, keeping the accreditation program cost-effective and relevant
- The accreditation elements were selected based on lessons learned by the Commission over the last decade, feedback from land trusts, and advice from a 13-member advisory group

Draft Requirements and Feedback Opportunities Coming Soon

- The core accreditation requirements will largely remain the same
- Requirements for new indicator elements will be drafted with input from land trusts and will balance benefits gained, risks avoided and cost to implement
- There will be opportunities to comment on the new requirements later this year before they are finalized in early 2018

Understanding When the Changes Apply

- In 2017 the application materials are the same
- In 2018 transition application materials will be in use
- By 2019 the revised Standards will be fully integrated into the accreditation program and the updated requirements will apply
- See the attached timeline for when and how this affects first-time and renewal applicants

Where to Go for More Detailed Information

- Visit the Alliance website: www.landtrustalliance.org/topics/land-trust-standards-and-practices/revision (The Alliance will have background information on all indicator elements by May 1, 2017 to help with implementation
- Visit the Commission website: www.landtrustaccreditation.org/standards-revision
- Sign up for Commission eNews and confirm your land trust’s accreditation contact: info@landtrustaccreditation.org
## LAND TRUST STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

### What You Can Plan For

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<td>Alliance Board Approves Revised Standards</td>
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### Accreditation Application Updates

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<td>All applicants use existing application; first-time is paper and renewal is electronic. To ensure all 2018 applicants have advance notice, the transition application for 2018 will be published in summer 2017.</td>
<td>All first-time and renewal applicants use a transition application modified with deletions and an addendum. To ensure all 2019 renewal applicants have advance notice, the new renewal application will be published in summer 2018.</td>
<td>Renewal applicants use new electronic application that conforms to revised Standards. First-time applications will not be accepted in this year. To ensure all 2020 first-time applicants have advance notice, the new electronic first-time application will be published in summer 2019.</td>
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