Land Trust Standards and Accreditation Requirements

Your guide to how standards, practices, elements, and accreditation indicators (adopted by the Alliance) and accreditation requirements (adopted by the Commission) fit together and build strong land trusts.

11. Conservation Easement Stewardship
Land trusts have a program of responsible stewardship for their conservation easements.

11C Conservation Easement Monitoring

11C2. Monitor each conservation easement property at least once per calendar year
a. If the land trust uses aerial monitoring, conduct on-the-ground monitoring at least once every five years
b. Promptly document the annual monitoring activities for each conservation easement

(Specific measures to evaluate 11C2)
I.1 Each conservation easement monitored once per calendar year.
I.3 Monitoring reports include the following:
   a. Inspection date
   b. Property inspected
   c. Name of inspector
   d. Observations related to property's condition and conservation values
   e. Observations related to any potential conservation easement violations
   f. Date report completed
I.4 Monitoring reports completed generally within three months of the monitoring date.
I.5 Monitoring methodology sufficient to identify conservation easement violations.
I.6 If aerial monitoring conservation easements, on-the-ground monitoring occurs at least once every five years.