Commitment to Excellence

In their mission to save the places people value most, land trusts are united by community cooperation and a deep connection to the land. By meeting rigorous quality standards and striving for continuous improvement, accredited land trusts promote public trust and ensure the permanence of protected land.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission is inspired to work with accredited land trusts whose commitment to excellence bespeaks our shared promise to protect land forever.

Lawrence R. Kueter
Chair

2013 Key Accomplishments

- **61 organizations** awarded accreditation, the largest number accredited in any year
- **238 accredited land trusts** protect more than **52%** of all land and easements held by land trusts
- **1st renewal applications** successfully submitted via a paperless online system
- **49 renewal applications** received in two rounds
Our small, all-volunteer land trust has always **striven** for excellence. *Land Trust Standards and Practices* and the accreditation process gave us the structure and the detailed guidelines we needed to **achieve** excellence.”

—**LIBBY BORDEN**, president  
Norfolk Land Trust, Norfolk, Connecticut  

Chikaming Open Lands is proud to be one of the **first renewed** accredited land conservancies in the country. The rigorous accreditation process sharpened many of our organization’s land protection practices and we are a more **efficient, effective and successful** land conservancy as a result.”

—**CHRIS THOMPSON**, executive director  
Chikaming Open Lands, Sawyer, Michigan

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### Power in Numbers

**ACCREDITED LAND TRUSTS**

**GAINING GROUND**

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<td>Acres under Easement</td>
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<td>Total Acres Protected</td>
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About the Commissioners

The Commission is composed of 19 commissioners and one commissioner designate; 11 are from accredited land trusts (five executive directors, three senior staff and three board members). The others are associated with land trusts in various capacities, and two come from the public sector.

Accredited Land Trusts Are Diverse*

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<td>6 to 120 years old</td>
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Total Acres Protected

42 acres to more than 5 million acres

* As indicated at time of application

2013 Commissioners

Lawrence R. Kueter, Chair, Denver, CO
Heather Richards, Vice Chair, Warrenton, VA
Ann Taylor Schwing, Secretary, Sacramento, CA
Jennifer Sims, Treasurer, Ridgefield, WA
Daniel Cline, Midland, MI
Marty Coleman-Hunt, Grass Valley, CA
Elizabeth Crane-Wexler, Silver Spring, MD
Scott Dickerson, Camden, ME
Molly Doran, Mount Vernon, WA
Thomas R. Duffus, Duluth, MN
Jean Hocker, Alexandria, VA
Lucinda Hunt-Stowell, Southbury, CT
Cary F. Leptuck, Birchrunville, PA
Kevin McGorty, Tallahassee, FL
Anne Murphy, St. Paul, MN
Bruce Runnels, Fort Collins, CO
Aimee Rutledge, Sacramento, CA
Stephen Swartz, Washington, DC
Tom Trinley, Chicago, IL

Commissioners Are First and Foremost Volunteers

- 240 average number of hours each commissioner volunteers per year for the Commission
- 10,000 average number of pages of applications that one commissioner might read in one year
- 350 total number of years in conservation of all commissioners
Thank You!

The Commission thanks the Land Trust Alliance for its support of the accreditation program through the Berkley Endowment and Together: A Campaign for the Land, as well as financial and administrative support to the Commission and assistance to land trusts preparing for accreditation. We also appreciate the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation for its support of the accreditation program.

This work would not be possible without the dedication of the commissioners, staff and the land trusts that have made the commitment to accreditation. Thank you to everyone who is part of this program.

For more information, including the complete list of accredited land trusts, see www.landtrustaccreditation.org/about-the-commission/annual-report.

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