Land Trust Accreditation Commission

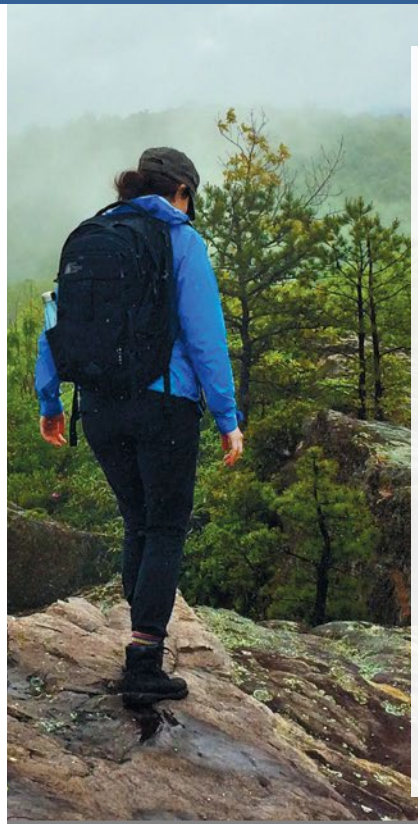
2016 ANNUAL REPORT

It's been 10 years since the accreditation program was established. Has it made a difference? Absolutely. Everyone benefits from accreditation.

New Land Trust Census data shows accredited land trusts save more land and are better prepared to protect it forever than those not yet accredited. That means our communities benefit from more conservation land; land that provides food security, habitat, clean water and so much more. It also means the land trust community benefits as increased confidence in the permanence of land conservation helps win support for local, state and federal funding and incentives.

Please join me in celebrating the first 10 years of success.

Tammara Van Ryn
Executive Director



A MEASURABLE IMPACT

The Land Trust Alliance's latest Land Trust Census data shows that **accredited land trusts:**

- Have protected **5 times more land**
- Are 5 times more likely to have **100% monitoring** and a **baseline documentation report** for every easement
- Have **significantly more money** to defend and steward their holdings

ACCREDITED™ LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

- Sound Finances
- Ethical Conduct
- Responsible Governance
- Lasting Stewardship

As a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Caucus, I'm working to find ways to wisely and effectively protect the environment. To that end, members of the land trust community that have attained the distinction of accreditation have been strong partners.

REP. ROB WITTMAN (VA)

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.

Photos—Front cover: Kentucky Natural Lands Trust, Greg Abernathy; Inside: Left group shot: DJ Glisson, II; Background: Texas Land Conservancy, Beverly Guhl; Orange circle inset: Wood River Land Trust, Mike McKenna; Green circle inset: Kentucky Natural Lands Trust, Greg Abernathy; Back cover: Triangle Land Conservancy, Christine Wilson

352* accredited land trusts protect…

77% of all land held by land trusts. That's…

24,830 square miles, an area…

15X larger than the Grand Canyon National Park.

* 372 as of May 2017

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