
Your February accreditation news update

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Reason to celebrate: Six newly accredited land trusts



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The Commission is honored to announce six newly accredited land trusts. Every land trust reports that preparing for and going through the first-time accreditation process strengthened the organization. We congratulate these six land trusts for their dedication to practicing the highest conservation standards and making a commitment to uphold their promise of forever. Welcome to the community of accredited land trusts!

- HeartLands Conservancy (IL)
- Madison-Morgan Conservancy (GA)
- Siskiyou Land Trust (CA)

- Westmoreland Land Trust (PA)
 - Woodlands Conservancy (LA)
 - Working Lands Trust (NC)
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Don't be late: Report your placeholder claim to Terraforma

When filing a claim with Terraforma, timing matters. In order for a claim to be eligible for coverage, it must be filed with Terraforma within the policy year that the land trust first became aware of the issue. Even something small needs to be documented and filed. Waiting to notify Terraforma means the claim will likely be denied.

The policy year is not the same as the calendar year; it runs from March 1 of the start of the policy year to March 1 of the next year, plus a 60-day window for filing claims. Filing a claim is quick, easy, and does not affect the cost of your premium. See [Terraforma's infographic](#) for more tips on when to file.

[Learn more](#)

Join the Alliance for Advocacy Days: April 13-16

Being an accredited land trust means you are a leader in the conservation community. The Land Trust Alliance invites staff, board members and volunteers to participate in its annual advocacy event in Washington, D.C. to make a significant difference in land conservation. Learn more and register for this [vital event](#).

We need to hear from you if you...

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| » Have a new executive director. | » Changed geographical area. |
| » Have a new contact for accreditation. | » Changed corporate structure. |
| » Changed names. | » Changed programming, such as accepting easements when previously only accepting fee lands. |
| » Decided to merge with another organization. | |

Update your information now

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