



Announcing the 2017 Ontario Land Trust Alliance Awards

The Ontario Land Trust Alliance Awards recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the land trust movement and conservation in Ontario. This year, OLTA will be considering nominations for the following awards:

OLTA Vision Award
Volunteer Achievement and Professional Achievement

OLTA Land Trust Award for Excellence

Award Criteria

OLTA Vision Award

The OLTA Vision Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the land trust community at the local and/or provincial level in either a volunteer or a professional capacity. Consideration will be given to nominee's length and breadth of service; personal contributions to the success of specific initiatives; leadership or pioneering efforts in one or more areas; success in inspiring others; and enduring contributions to conservation.

OLTA Land Trust Award for Excellence

The OLTA Land Trust Award for Excellence recognizes land trusts who are raising the bar for excellence in conservation or community engagement. As the global conservation movement becomes more sophisticated and better-informed, land trusts are responding by increasing the sophistication of their conservation efforts, practices and operations. *Community-based land trusts value and prioritize their connection to their local communities, and must continue to evolve and embrace the growing diversity of those communities.*

The OLTA Land Trust Award for Excellence recognizes groups who have achieved excellence in one or more of the following areas:

- Directly advanced the conservation of habitat and species on-the-ground. This may involve the securement of a particularly significant property, or the implementation of a vital stewardship initiative.
- Demonstrated significant progress in growing and improving their operations and practices.
- Shown innovative approaches to engaging their local communities, and valuing diversity and inclusion in the operations and practices of their organization.

Nominations Process

- Please fill out the nomination form and submit by email to admin@olta.ca no later than **9:00am on September 18th, 2017**.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee. Nominators may be asked for additional information by the Committee by email or phone.
- Note: The Vision Award may only be awarded once to a given individual. Organizations having been awarded the Land Trust Achievement Award within the previous five (5) years are ineligible.

Award Recipients will be announced and recognized at the OLTA Banquet on October 19, 2017 at the Nottawasaga Resort Inn during the 2017 Ontario Land Trust Gathering.