



Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices

REVISION PROCESS UPDATE

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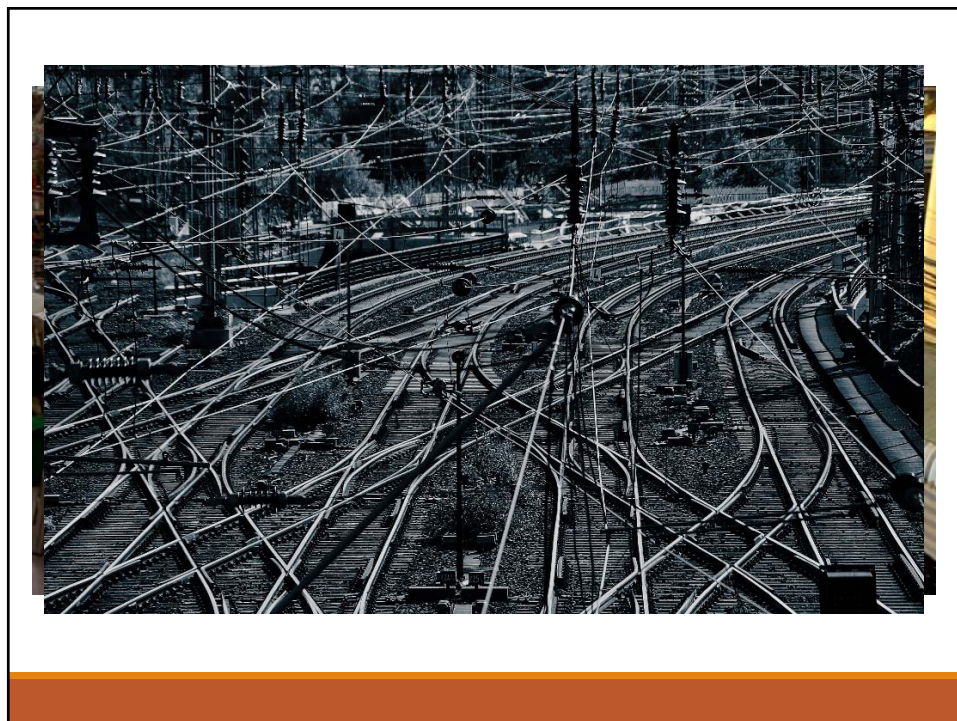


What are the S&P?

- **Best practices.** Created in 2005, the Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices are the ethical and technical guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust in Canada
- **Internationally-recognized.** The CLT S&P were modified from the 2004 U.S. Land Trust Standards and Practices with the authorization of the LTA
 - ✓ LTA originally developed the *Land Trust Standards and Practices* in 1989 at the urging of land trust practitioners who believed a strong land trust community depends on the credibility and effectiveness

The image shows five Muppet characters standing in front of a 'SESAME STREET' sign. Below them is a Venn diagram with two overlapping circles. The left circle is labeled 'Chaos Muppets' and the right circle is labeled 'Order Muppets'. The intersection of the two circles is labeled 'ink.'.

Chaos Muppets	Intersection	Order Muppets
The Bazaar by Jose Andrés 888 Seafood Iota Coffee & Bakery LudoBites	ink. Red Medicine The Apple Pan	Father's Office + Lukshon Sushi chefs (I.e., Hiko Sushi) Handsome Coffee Roasters Terroni



Who is responsible for the S&P in Canada?



- **Canadian Land Trust Alliance.** CLTA is the only official licensee for the S&P since 2005
 - ✓ The *Land Trust Standards and Practices* is the property of the U.S. LTA
 - ✓ CLTA has been granted the permission to change appropriate sections so that it reflects Canada's needs, legislation and context
 - ✓ CLTA must proceed with its revision when LTA determines the need to revise the *Land Trust Standards and Practices*
 - LTA released a major revision of the *Land Trust Standards and Practices* in February 2017 and has recommended a revision to the Canadian version
 - ✓ LTA must approve any revision to make sure the Canadian modifications are not weakening the integrity of the *Land Trust Standards and Practices*

Who benefits from the S&P?



- Adopting and implementing the CLT S&P benefits:
 - ✓ Important land trust client groups, including landowners, donors and funders, who benefit from more effective and efficient land trusts
 - ✓ The land trust community, which benefits from a commitment across the sector to excellence and continuous improvement
 - ✓ The individual land trusts that commit to pursuing continuous improvement
- The adoption of CLT S&P is entirely voluntary for land trusts to exist and operate
 - ✓ However, the adoption is a mandatory eligibility requirement for at least two federal programs: the Ecological Gifts Program (EGP) and the Natural Area Conservation Program (NACP)

What were the objectives of the revision?



- Maintain the already established consistency in the professional standards of the conservation sector while ensuring S&P stay tailored to Canada's context

- Integrate and benefit from lessons learned from our international peers, and strengthen the credibility and effectiveness of the Canadian land trust community
 - ✓ U.S. land trusts have 3 decades of experienced with the S&Ps, and Canada has a lot to learn from their experience using and implementing the S&Ps
 - ✓ In preparation for the 2017 U.S. S&P, LTA has reviewed and discussed more than 1,600 comments from land trusts staff and experts throughout the U.S., so that the revised S&P would be more applicable to today's work and issues

S&P Revision Process



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What's next?

FINAL DRAFT JUST OFF THE PRESS !! (S&P only)

- Land Trust Alliance to sign-off on final version
- Background narrative and Introduction
- Translation
- Official Launch – December 2018



What's new?

A NEW, MORE READABLE FRAMEWORK FOR EASY IMPLEMENTATION

- Each wordy practice in the 2005 Standards – many of which consisted of more than one sentence or concept – was broken down into practice “elements” for clarity
- We reorganized the elements, eliminated the redundancies and focused on those practices that apply broadly to the land trust community
- We added new elements deemed important and useful for the land trust community



What's new?

NEW ELEMENTS

- 5C. Fundraising Plan
- 5D. Non-conservation Real Property for Resale
- 7H. Occupational Health and Safety

REMOVED ELEMENTS

- 2F. Current Information
- 6H. Sale or Transfer of Assets
- 8L. Public Issues
- 9D. Documentation of Purposes and Responsibilities
- 9M. Split Receipting
- 9N. Subsurface Rights
- 11H. Contingency Plans for Backup Holder
- 11L. Plans and Agreements
- 12B. Stewardship Principles

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Thank You!