



## **Announcing the 2023 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:

**Angus McLeod Vision Award**  
**Volunteer Achievement**

**OLTA Vision Award**  
**Professional Achievement**

**OLTA Emerging Land Trust Leader Award**

**OLTA Land Trust Award for Excellence**

### **Award Criteria**

#### **Angus McLeod Vision Award**

The Angus McLeod Vision Award honours Angus' contribution as a long-time OLTA volunteer. Angus was active as an OLTA Governor, Chair of the OLTAP Committee (over 10 years), and Ontario representative to the Canadian Land Trust Alliance.

The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the land trust community as volunteers. The nominees' length and breadth of service will be considered along with their personal contributions, successes in inspiring others, and enduring impacts on conservation in Ontario.

#### **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 a professional (paid) capacity. Consideration will be given to the nominee's length and breadth of service, personal contributions to the success of specific initiatives, leadership or pioneering efforts in one or more areas, successes in inspiring others, or enduring impacts on conservation.

### **OLTA Emerging Land Trust Leader Award**

The OLTA Emerging Land Trust Leader Award recognizes individuals 35 years old and under who have made outstanding contributions to the land trust community at the local and/or provincial level in either in a professional (paid) or volunteer role. Consideration will be given to a contribution to a leadership or pioneering effort in one or more areas, success in inspiring others, or demonstrating the potential to have strong future impacts on conservation.

### **OLTA Land Trust Award for Excellence**

The OLTA Land Trust Award for Excellence recognizes land trusts that are raising the bar for excellence in conservation or community engagement. As the global conservation movement becomes more sophisticated and better-informed, Ontario organizations are responding by increasing their conservation efforts, practices, and operations. As community-based organizations, they value their connections to their local communities and make sincere efforts to embrace the evolving 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 advancing 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.
- Demonstrating meaningful progress in growing and improving their operations and practices.
- Showing 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 it by email to [admin@olta.ca](mailto:admin@olta.ca) no later than **5 pm on September 30, 2023**.
- The Awards Committee will review nominations and may ask nominators for additional information.
- A person may only be awarded the Vision Award once. An organization may only be awarded the Land Trust Achievement Award once within a five (5) year period.

**Award Recipients will be announced at the Banquet on November 2, 2023.**