

UNITING VOICES, PROTECTING LANDS: WHERE ARE WE NOW

THE ALLIANCE OF CANADIAN LAND TRUSTS
L'ALLIANCE CANADIENNE DES ORGANISMES DE CONSERVATION

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WHO ARE WE?

The Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts (ACLT) is a national membership organization that was established through the collaborative efforts of the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia, Ontario Land Trust Alliance, Réseau de milieux naturels protégés, the Canadian Land Trust Working Group, and various partners, including prairie and maritime land trusts, to unite and strengthen the land trust community across Canada. The Alliance is here to serve as your collective voice on the national level, advocating for the conservation of Canada's cherished diverse landscapes.





WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

- Raise the profile of land trusts nationally
- Provide national opportunities for partnerships, education and leadership
- Support the Federal Government in achieving national objectives
- Maintain and enhance partnerships between land trusts and the Federal Government
- Strengthen governance and reduce risk
- Secure funding for national initiatives that will directly support alliances and land trusts while strengthening the role of alliances
- Develop national tools and initiatives that benefit land trusts and partners

HOW DOES MEMBERSHIP WORK?

All members of the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia, Ontario Land Trust Alliance, and Réseau de milieux naturels protégés are automatically considered members of the Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts. If you do not wish to be a member, you may opt out.





OUR VISION

Protecting nature through the stewardship and conservation of our most vital landscapes in communities across Canada.

OUR MISSION

To support and empower land trusts across Canada to be vibrant, unified and effective in advancing land conservation.



OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

If ACLT helps land trusts across Canada strengthen through finding a common voice and building capacity, then we will increase our visibility and capacity as a community and influence conservation in Canada, because we will be united, visible and vibrant.

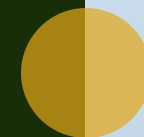
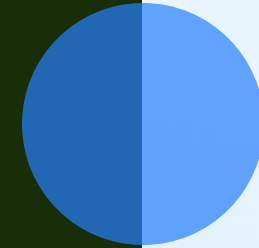
OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Goal 1: Organizational Health

Increase capacity, establish strong leadership & governance, and ensure the operational sustainability of the organization.

Goal 2: National Leadership

Increase the visibility and the influence of land trusts in the national conservation movement.



The background of the slide features a close-up photograph of moss-covered rocks. The moss is a vibrant green, and the rocks are dark and textured. Several semi-transparent green circles of varying sizes are overlaid on the image, creating a modern, organic feel. The text is centered and reads:

ACLT'S LATEST UPDATES & MILESTONES

ACLT IS NOW A CHARITY!

Thank you.

With your help renaming the ACLT with a bilingual name and updating the organization's purposes, we are pleased to inform you that we are now registered as a charitable organization and look forward to serve you in the years to come.



OUR FIRST OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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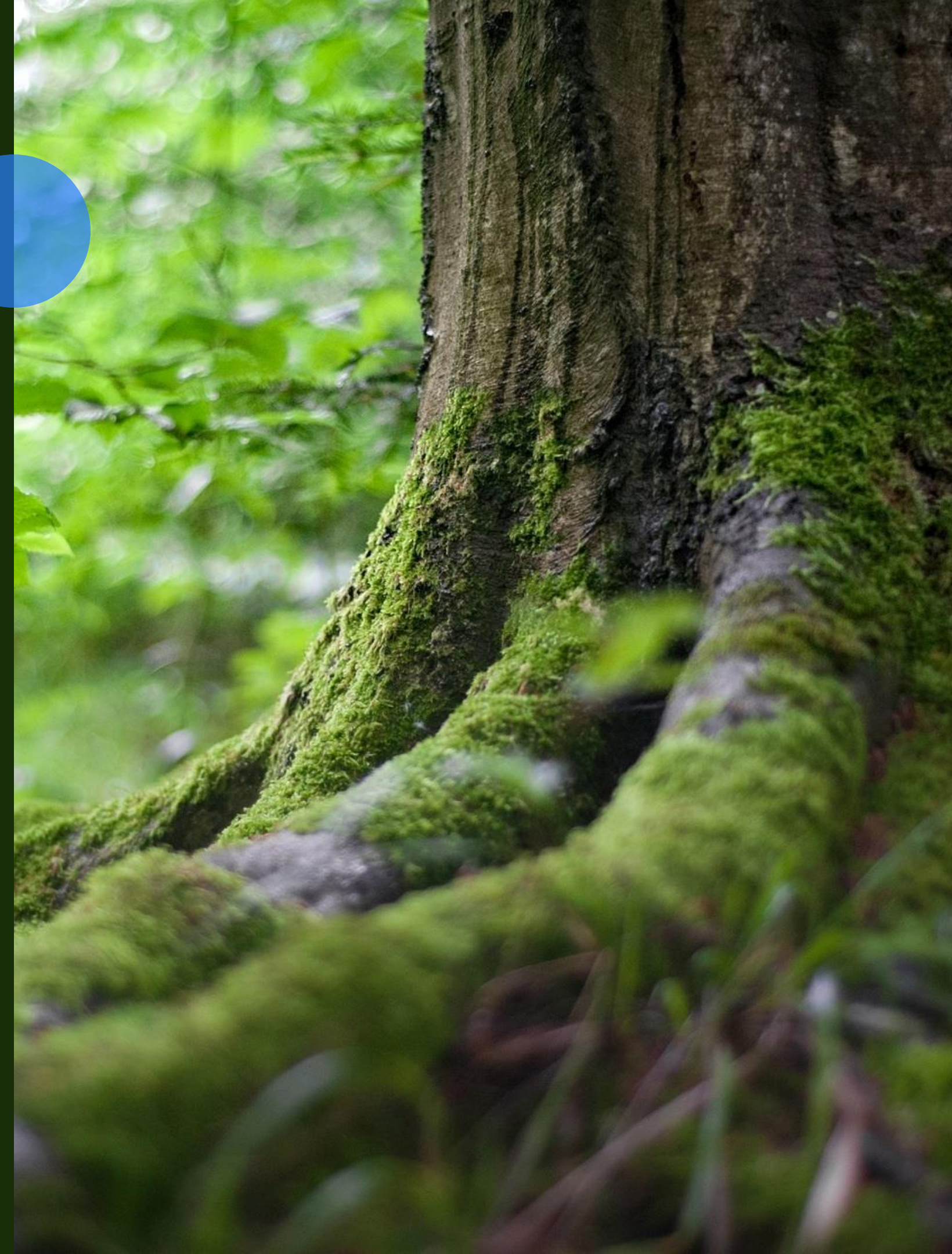
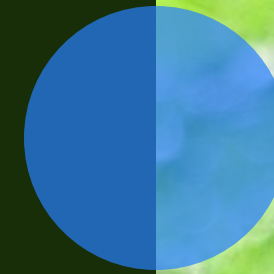
Our first officially elected Board of Directors was established at the first ACLT AGM in November 2022. Key skills and areas of expertise include governance, legal, communications, fund development, and more.

INDIGENOUS RELATIONS WORKING GROUP

Established in January 2023 to develop recommendations on how we can operate and govern while meaningfully engaging with Indigenous peoples, apply an Indigenous lens on programs and leadership, and provide support to the land trust community at large in reconciliation

Complete and ongoing work includes:

- ACLT's statement on Indigenous conservation and engagement;
- Relationship-building; and
- Development of resources, guides, and training to support Indigenous-led conservation initiatives and established land trusts in fostering meaningful relationships.





Land Trust Conservation Fund Working Group

ACLT has been working in collaboration with WHC, providing recommendations on the administration of the LTCF and offering presentations to WHC staff so that they may better understand your work, the complex nature of land holding, and the need for stable funding.

We will be discussing how we envision the future of the LTCF after 2026 at ACLT's upcoming Board meeting. Please reach out to us with any input for us to consider in this examination.

STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

The 2019 Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices provide a comprehensive overview of the policies, procedures and plans a land trust should consider to guide its operations. The implementation of Standards and Practices is essential to the long-term sustainability of land trusts both at the organizational level and within the broader land trust community. They help to maintain public confidence and to develop effective land conservation programs.





AYO ONLINE SOON

A new online self-assessment tool is in the works for you to assess your organization and track your progress in accordance with the 2019 Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices.

Participating organizations will be encouraged to share their results and resources on this platform to foster an exchange of expertise and open a discussion on governance and operational best practices within our national network.



HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE ACLT SURVEY?

You may have received a survey in your inbox from us in September. We know that every season is a busy season in this community, so if you have been able to make the time to complete the survey, thank you for your invaluable contribution. If you have not had the time to do so yet, please consider adding your input when possible.

This survey is critical to better informing us on your organizational needs, as well as establishing a national database on your important work to date to inform fruitful advocacy campaigns.

THE POWER OF DATA

ACLT will be implementing Salesforce as its CRM software. In tandem with organizing practices, this platform will be utilized to track critical data, engage people at a large scale, and facilitate collaboration, communication, and relationship-building across Canada.

There is a great need to begin promoting your organizations' excellent work on a national scale to funders, governments and the general public. With Salesforce, the ACLT will record data on your important conservation efforts to ensure effective advocacy.





GREEN BUDGET COALITION

ACLT has been accepted to participate in the Green Budget Coalition and we look forward to continuing to promote the important work of land trusts to GBC partners and federal decision-makers as an essential component to achieving the Global Biodiversity Framework goals.

LAND TRUST ENDOWMENT FUND ADVOCACY

Strengthen the private land conservation sector by providing long-term financial stability for land trusts and organizations holding conserved land in perpetuity.



**Investment
income providing
steady revenue
stream**

**Enhanced
capacity and
effectiveness of
organizations**

**Foster public-
private
collaboration**

**Generate
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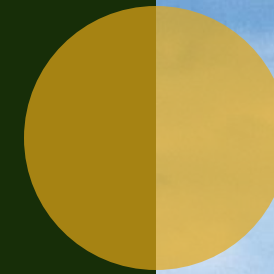
**Indigenous
reconciliation**

ACLT has recommended that Federal Government support the establishment of this endowment fund and allocate an investment of \$300 million over three years, to be matched on a 1:1 basis by private sources.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT: COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

In our efforts to be your national voice, we are gearing up to develop and implement a communications strategy that reflects your needs.

We want to hear from you! What kind of internal and external messaging would you like to see from us? Interested organizations please do not hesitate to reach out, we deeply appreciate your input.



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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Our purpose is clear, our goals resolute, and our commitment unwavering.

We look forward to working alongside you, providing you with the support you need, and promoting your incredible work nationally.

In unity, we find strength, Together, we will continue to make an impact on our most cherished spaces and shape the future of land conservation in Canada.

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?

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