

The Land Trust Alliance Journey

25 Years of Conservation Impact

Land Trust Exchange formed in Boston	1982	Allan Spader named executive director
Ben Emory named executive director; office moved to Bar Harbor, Maine	1983	Land Trust Exchange urged land trusts to comment on IRS draft regulations on the deductibility of easements
Published <i>Appraising Easements</i> , our first book, in cooperation with the National Trust for Historic Preservation <i>Exchange</i> featured several articles on how land trusts were beginning to use computers to achieve greater productivity	1984	Initiated first-ever national survey of conservation easement programs, attempting to document all publicly and privately held conservation easements in the country; results published in 1985
First Rally held in Washington, D.C.	1985	
	1986	<i>Federal Tax Law of Conservation Easements</i> published by the Land Trust Exchange and Stephen J. Small
Jean Hocker named president; office moved to Alexandria, Virginia	1987	
	1988	First edition of <i>The Conservation Easement Handbook</i> published (revised in 2005)
<i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> created	1989	
	1990	Name changed to Land Trust Alliance; office moved to Washington, D.C.
	1994	Launched database of model documents and technical resources to better respond to the 2,000 information requests received annually
First Northwest regional conference held in Troutdale, Oregon	1995	
First Land Trust Alliance public website launched	1997	
	1998	The Alliance, in partnership with The Conservation Fund, introduced the Land Conservation Leadership Program
<i>The New York Times</i> featured a lead story on results of 2000 National Land Trust Census	2001	Northern Rockies Land Conservation Planning Workshop held in Bozeman, Montana
Alliance convened land trust partners to increase pace of conservation in Chicago region		<i>LTAnet</i> launched—first online library of land conservation information for member land trusts
Rand Wentworth hired as president	2002	Lake Superior Land Trust Partnership held its first meeting
Maine Coast Protection Initiative conceived	2004	First million dollar grant (Doris Duke Foundation) to advance training and accreditation
<i>Land Trust Standards and Practices</i> revised with input from land trust community		
	2005	Joint Committee on Taxation recommended eliminating federal tax incentives for conservation easements; Alliance united land trusts in campaign to save incentives
Western manager hired marking growth of policy program	2006	New York State tax credit passed through a joint effort among the Alliance and New York land trusts
Alliance-led coalition won new federal law providing significant new tax incentives for conservation		Land Trust Accreditation Commission formed
National census featured on front page of <i>USA Today</i>		Standards and Practices Curriculum implemented
The Learning Center launched, providing free online access to the Standards and Practices Curriculum and other information resources	2007	20th Rally held October 3-6
	2008	Accreditation program operational