



# Benefits & Elements of Land Trust Membership

## *Benefits*

Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts provides technical assistance, advocates for public policies and funding that support land conservation, and fosters a community of practice to strengthen Wisconsin's land trusts. A strong alliance benefits your organization and the land trust community across the state.

As a land trust member, you have access to a variety of benefits, including:

### **Public Policy Advocacy & Government Relations**

Access to professional government relations staff & participation in a network of advocates supporting state & federal policies & programs that support land conservation

### **Resources & Updates**

Receive timely information on resources, training, & public policy through *Currents*, Gathering Waters' technical e-bulletin for land trusts, & access sample policies & documents through our resource web page.

### **Peer-to-Peer Networking**

Engage in network opportunities with peers & experts to share information and best practices.

### **Training & Technical Assistance**

Tap into the Land Trust Excellence & Advancement Partnership (LEAP) between Gathering Waters & the Land Trust Alliance. LEAP has supported land trust organizational development, strategic planning, preparation for national accreditation, and more. Also, take advantage of member discounts to events & training programs, including the annual Wisconsin Land Trust Conference.

### **Publicity**

List your land trust on the Gathering Waters' website in an interactive, online map, and in print materials. Promote your successes through our website, newsletter, and e-news. Participate in the inaugural Wisconsin Land Trust Days in 2018.

## *Required Elements of Membership*

1. **Current list of the board of directors** with addresses, emails, and phone numbers (send to [info@gatheringwaters.org](mailto:info@gatheringwaters.org))
2. **Current list of staff (if applicable)** with titles, emails, and phone numbers (send to [info@gatheringwaters.org](mailto:info@gatheringwaters.org))
3. **Response to periodic surveys.** Gathering Waters may request information about a land trust's recent land protection efforts and current organizational structure to inform our planning and to demonstrate the scope and quality land trust work in Wisconsin.
4. **Accreditation earned and maintained, OR a board-approved attestation to the membership principles for Wisconsin Land Trusts.**

Note: For non-accredited land trusts, Gathering Waters' staff may request additional documentation supporting the land trust's commitment to the membership principles.

*If a land trust fails to fulfill membership requirements, Gathering Waters' board of directors reserves the right, at its discretion, to deny or revoke membership of any individual or organization.*