



## Wisconsin Land Trust Statement of Principles

We, as members of Wisconsin's land trust community, dedicate ourselves to the protection of local, regional and statewide natural resources that contribute to the ecological, social, and economic well being of our communities. Our goals are established and our actions are taken with a long term vision for resource conservation. As a private, non-profit organization, we have an obligation to provide a public benefit and therefore strive to avoid any conflict of interest or provide any private benefit to any of our Board members, members, or other individuals.

We pledge to conduct our land protection and organizational activities under the highest professional standards and in accordance with the Land Trust Standards and Practices (revised 2017). We acknowledge the trust placed upon us by our donors, landowner partners, and the public by being fiscally responsible, by always considering our long term responsibility to the lands we protect and by building a sustainable, capable land trust organization. In addition, we pledge to foster open and productive relationships with landowners, our fellow land trusts, and the public.

We strive to undertake only those actions that enhance the reputation and credibility of the land trust community. When appropriate, we work cooperatively with other land trusts, government agencies, private individuals, and conservation organizations to accomplish high quality, lasting conservation of important natural resources.

*The Wisconsin Land Trust Statement of Principles, developed by Gathering Waters Land Trust Council in 2002, is among the Membership Elements for Wisconsin Land Trusts to which land trusts regularly attest as Gathering Waters members in good standing.*