



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 professional government relations staff. Participate in a network of advocates for state & federal policies and programs that support land conservation.

Resources & Updates

Receive timely information on resources, training, and public policy through *Currents*, Gathering Waters' technical e-bulletin for land trusts. Access GIS tools, sample policies, and documents.

Peer-to-Peer Networking

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

Training & Technical Assistance

Tap into support for organizational development, conservation strategies, preparation for national accreditation, and more. Also, take advantage of member discounts to events and 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 Wisconsin Land Trust Days.

Required Elements of Membership

1. **Current list of the board of directors** with mailing addresses, emails, and phone numbers (send to info@gatheringwaters.org)
2. **Current list of staff (if applicable)** with titles, emails, and phone numbers (send to 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 of 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.