LAND TRUST 101

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WHAT IS A LAND TRUST?

• Land trusts are **non-profit organizations** whose mission is to conserve natural resources.

• These organizations assist landowners with their conservation goals.

• Vary in size and scope: Local, Regional, National and International Impact.
National Snap Shot

- 1600 land trusts
- 1000 LTA members
- 56 Million Acres

www.landtrustalliance.org
Texas Snap Shot

- 30+
- Annual Conference Feb 27-March 01
- Legislative Efforts
- Lands Inventory
- 1.6 Million Acres

Texas Land Trust Council
TLTC
www.texaslandtrustcouncil.org
LAND TRUST WORK

- Private Landowners
- Land Trust Colleagues
- State and Federal Agencies
- Community Stakeholders
STAKEHOLDER EDUCATION

- Educational Workshops
- Publications
- Recreational Activities
- Field Inquiries
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY

• Supporting local partners & environmental events
• Advocating State and Federal levels
• Hosting college internship programs to groom natural resource professionals
• Manage fee-owned properties for low impact public recreation
PRIVATE LANDOWNER SUPPORT

• Share Mission – Meaningful conservation starts with you
• Align with your vision
• Understand your story
• Story teller, advocate, partner
TRANSACTION SUPPORT

- Initial property evaluation and fit
- Guide & Partner
  - Appraisal
  - Baseline Report
  - Survey
  - Conservation Easement Agreement
  - Identifying funding sources and grant participation (require 501c3)
  - Legal reviews
  - Title work and review
  - County recordation and archiving original and all future documents
  - Conduct annual site visit
STEWARDSHIP FEE & SUPPORT

• Annual Site Visit costs
  • Acres, topography, mileage, report generation, photo documentation, logistics, staff time

• Insurance premiums per easement
• Terrafirma Defense Fund
• Supporting continued local and state-wide conservation efforts
ANNUAL MONITORING - SITE VISIT

• Be onsite each year meet with landowners or designated person
• Prepare site visit document overview of the easement agreement
• Photo document conservation values (1000 photos, 1000 miles each year)
• Record fulfillment of building envelopes
• Complete a report
• Violation (resolution minded)
• Maintenance (weather, resources, finance)
• Archive
• Legal Requirement
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