



Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust Applies for Accreditation Renewal

The Land Trust Accreditation program recognizes organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. In 2016, Flanders successfully completed the accreditation program and continues to operate according to the recognized principles.

Over the course of 2021 the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, will conduct an extensive review of our policies and programs. The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how the Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust complies with codified national quality standards that address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>.

Flanders is committed to safeguarding our public preserves and conservation easements in perpetuity. We appreciate this opportunity to make sure we operate with the best practices in nonprofit governance and financial management, and to assure the public that we are steadfast in our dedication to public service and our conservation mission. The Accreditation Commission reports that accredited land trusts protect more land, attract more volunteers, build better financial reserves for their future operations, and are better positioned to withstand challenges to the lands they protect. We are proud to be part of the community of more than 440 accredited land trusts nationwide.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments on Flanders' application will be most useful by April 16, 2021.