



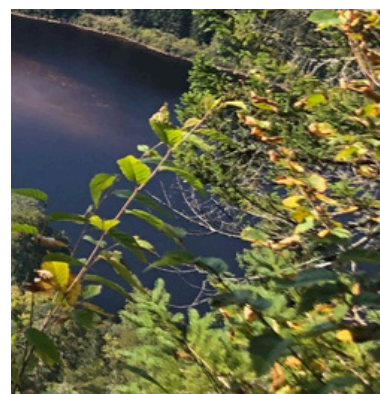
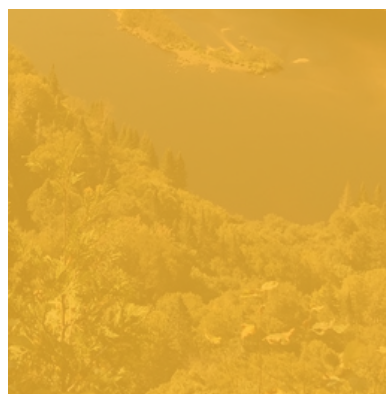
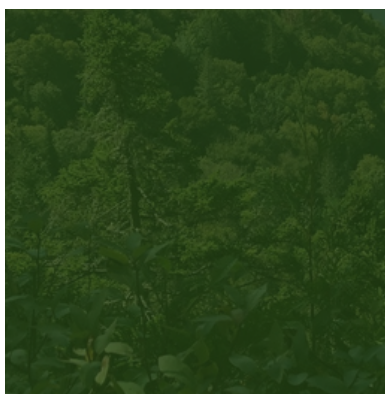
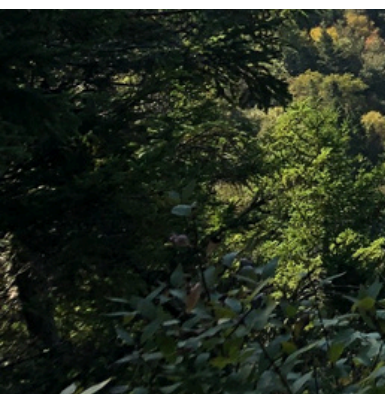
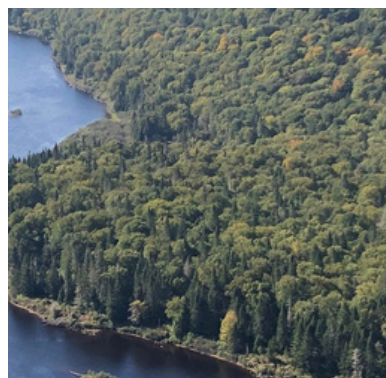
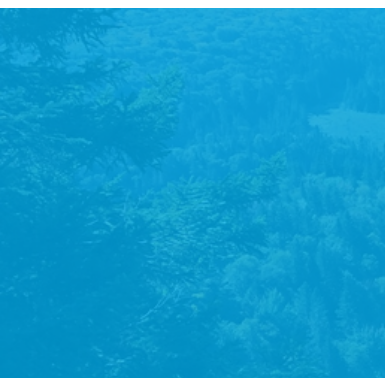
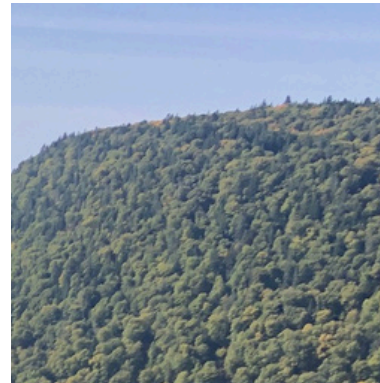
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# Annual Report

2024

**United, Visible, Vibrant:  
Strong Collaboration for  
Resilient Conservation**



# The Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts (ACLT) represents 150 land trusts across Canada

## Our Vision

Protecting nature through the stewardship and conservation of our most vital landscapes in communities across Canada.

## Our Mission

To support and empower land trusts across Canada to be vibrant, unified and effective in advancing land conservation.

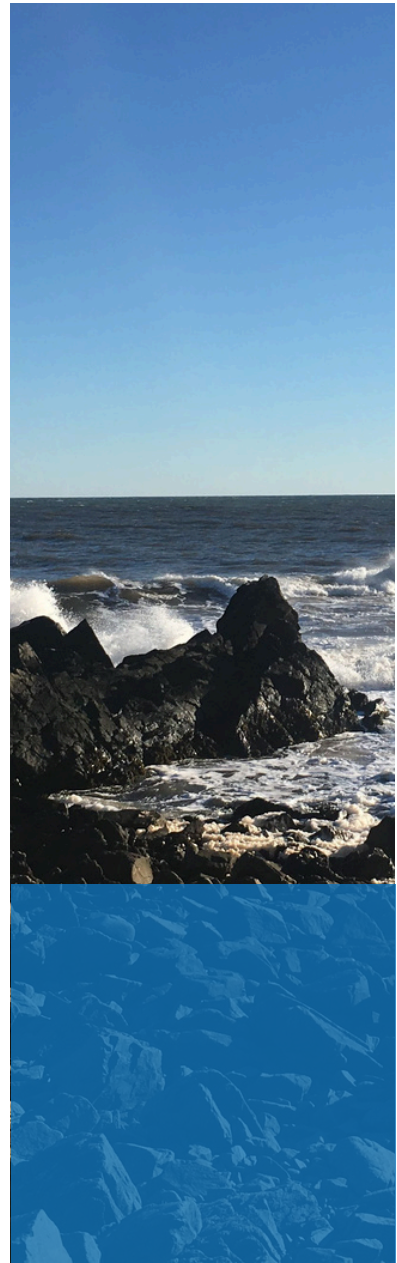


## Our Theory of Change

If ACLT helps land trusts across Canada strengthen through finding a common voice and building capacity, then the land trust sector will increase capacity as a community and accelerate conservation in Canada, because we will be united, visible and vibrant.

## Conservation through Collaboration

The ACLT works together with the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia, and the Réseau de milieux naturels protégés to ensure effective and unified collaboration across the country to support the critical work of land trusts in Canada.





## Your National Representative and Voice

The **ACLT**, in partnership with regional alliances, is working from local to international spaces to support and champion the land trust community. This year, we:

- advocated for the renewal, expansion, and redesign of the **NHCP - LTCF**;
- promoted the creation of a **Canada Conservation Investment Fund** to strengthen land conservation across Canada; and,
- sent a **delegation** of Canadian land trusts to join conservation leaders from around the world to address critical topics and advance the land conservation sector at the **International Land Conservation Network Global Congress 2024**.

As your national voice, we are committed to your continued success and prosperity.

**60**  
**SESSIONS**

Engaging MPs and high level bureaucrats



**4**  
**GOVERNMENT BODIES**

Open lines of communication with ECCC, NRCan, PMO, and Canadian Heritage



**86**  
**SIGNATORIES**

Land trusts & Alliances joined together for an advocacy letter



**731**  
**SIGNATURES**

Supporting the private land conservation petition



## Canadian Land Trusts Standards and Practices Online Tool

The [online self-assessment tool](#) was launched in partnership with LTABC, OLTA, and RMN. The website supports a Land Trust community of practice, allowing organizations to evaluate their practices, track progress over time, and access resources for completing essential documentation and improving group collaboration. Further details and resources are provided on our [website](#).



Join the discussion on governance and operational best practices within our national network by using the platform and sharing your results.



## Land Trust Starter Guide

This [Guide](#) aims to gather critical information and resources to provide guidance for those considering starting a land trust in Canada. It provides pertinent background information, links to key resources and documents, and step-by-step checklists and tables.

## Indigenous Relations Working Group

The working group has gathered resources for land trusts, assessed the NHCP-LTCF and its barriers for Indigenous Land Trusts. They have been begun developing an Indigenous Relations program that aims to support both Indigenous-led conservation efforts and established land trusts in fostering meaningful and effective partnerships.

### Key program aspects this past year have included:



#### Exploring topics through **Indigenous-led perspectives**

- Land trust funding needs
- Program directions
- Operational principles
- Partnership examples and possibilities
- Inclusive language use
- Presentation at the International Land Conservation Network Congress (QC)



Developing a **Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Strategy**, which identifies priorities for implementation.



Connecting with Indigenous communities and organizations and land trusts to **share experiences, needs, and opportunities**.



**Identifying** technical, funding and legal **barriers to conservation** by and with ILTs, and **suggested approaches**.

**Developing input, reports, presentations, and materials** on pressing matters, including:

- Parliament's report on Restitution of Land to Indigenous Nations
- UNEP's Core Human Rights Principles for Conservation Organizations and Funders
- drafting Conservation Easement Agreements for Indigenous applications
- Indigenous Land Trusts and land back/return
- The impacts of protected areas and land conservation on Indigenous communities
- Indigenous Land Trust case studies



# ACLT's Ongoing Project Highlights:



## Land Trust Capacity Building Working Group

ACLT has been partnering with WHC to provide recommendations on LTCF administration and to advocate for improvements that better reflect the needs of land trusts. With our regional partners, we've conducted a survey of land trusts to gain insight into your experiences, challenges, and priorities, and we continue to use that feedback to inform our ongoing recommendations for the program. See the report for detailed results: [ACLT Members Survey](#). We've also been actively advocating for a future for the LTCF beyond 2026—one that is more responsive to your needs. Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey; your input is vital to the future of the NHCP - LTCF.



## Municipal Protected Areas Project

Since the 2023 survey and report on [Conservation Options for Municipalities across Canada](#), we have focused on delving deeper into tax incentives and community engagement and have released two reports:

- [Land Conservation with Public Benefits](#) provides preliminary findings on incentives, funding, and processes to support land conservation
- [Potential for Partnerships](#) explores opportunities and challenges for environmental organizations to partner with Indigenous communities and municipalities to support productive collaborations, shared interests, and effective conservation.

These reports were developed under the joint MPAP that is delivered by the Coalition:



## Geographic Information System

A database system is being developed to improve data collection and support communications about the vital work of land trusts to government foundations and donors. The ACLT has set up critical infrastructure and begun gathering data on land trust offices and protected areas. Ongoing collaboration with regional partners is key to expanding the database with national and provincial data for better analysis and reporting.



## Communications Campaign

We developed a bilingual communications strategy to raise public awareness about the critical role land trusts play in preserving Canada's natural heritage. This includes efforts to protect biodiversity, enhance climate resilience, and conserve the unique landscapes that define Canada. The campaign is designed to close the awareness gap around land trusts and encourage Canadians to care about and support land conservation. It targets a broad audience—ranging from the general public and landowners to environmental advocates—through tailored messaging that highlights both local and national impacts using digital outreach tools. Key campaign elements include:

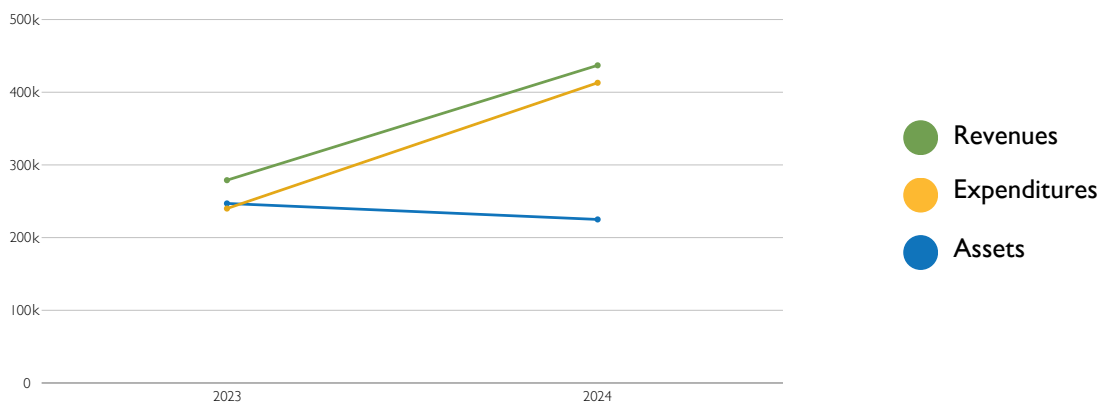
- Emphasizing land trusts' contributions to biodiversity, sustainable land management, and the national 30x30 conservation goal
- Inspiring donations by establishing land conservation as a Canadian value and cause



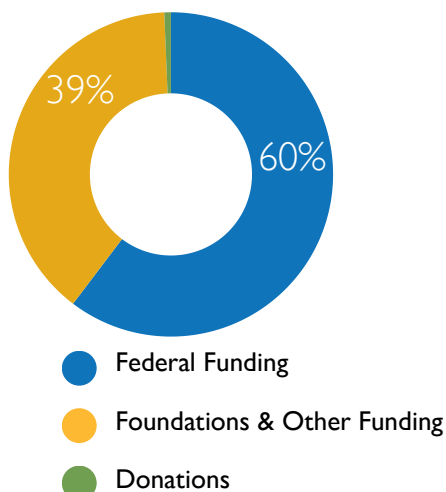
## Our Financial Health

The Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts 2024 Financial Statement can be found on our website.

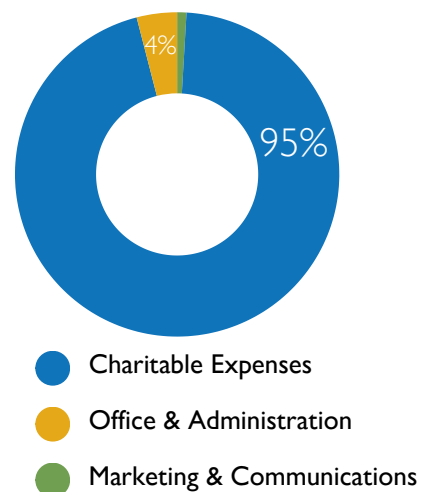
### Growing Alongside Conservation: ACLT 2023 - 2024



#### Revenues



#### Expenditures



Note: The organization thrives thanks to the generous contributions of time and effort from dedicated volunteers, as well as valuable donations of materials from various sources. These contributions play a crucial role in supporting our operations, allowing us to maximize our impact. While the financial value of these donations cannot be precisely quantified, their importance to our mission is immeasurable and deeply appreciated.



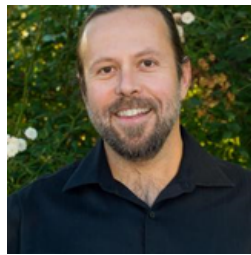


## Our Board of Directors

With an intimate knowledge of land conservation, our directors provide valuable governance and direction to the ACLT. Key skills and areas of expertise include governance, legal, communications, fund development, and more.



**Brice Caillié**  
Québec



**Tim Ennis**  
British Columbia



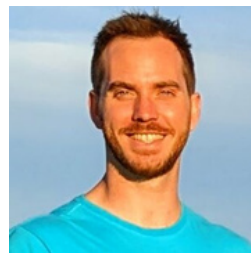
**Max Fritz**  
Prairies



**Alison Howson**  
Ontario



**Bill Loughhead**  
Member at large



**Joaquin Riesgo**  
Québec



**Bonnie Sutherland**  
Atlantic Canada



**Gregory Wickware**  
Ontario

## Our Staff

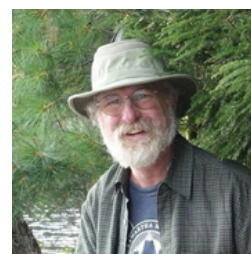
The ACLT staff manage daily operations, programs, and fundraising while supporting working groups and implementing strategic plans and board policies.



**Renata Woodward**  
Executive Director



**Ophélia Bile-Aka**  
Operations and  
Program Coordinator



**Ian Attridge**  
Indigenous Engagement  
Facilitator

## Our Regional Partners

