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## Canada's Land Trusts Applaud Federal Nature Announcement of \$3.8 Billion

*Land Trust Alliances in QC, ON and BC join the Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts pledging a commitment to leverage federal funding for local conservation projects*

**Victoria, B.C.** — Canada's four land trust alliances – led by the Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts – today welcomed the federal government's anticipated funding announcement of \$3.8 Billion on nature. 43% of this funding (1.63M) has been dedicated to advance conservation, stewardship and partnerships, including the Canada Nature Protection Fund.

Since 2018, local and regional land trusts have delivered over 200 projects valued at more than \$200 million, **leveraging nearly five dollars for every dollar in federal funding**. Across the country, land trusts protect **more than 255 000 hectares of ecologically significant land near communities**.

"We are encouraged to see a clear strategy paired with funding in this announcement," said Renata Woodward, Executive Director of the Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts. "Land trusts across the country are ready to act immediately. This investment enables us to conserve high-priority lands, work with willing landowners, and deliver lasting conservation results at the scale and speed this moment demands."

"We look forward to working with the federal government as details are finalized, and to ensuring that programs are designed to maximize conservation impact, transparency, and long-term success," added Woodward.

Achieving Canada's nature commitments, including its 2030 targets, will require coordinated action across jurisdictions and sectors. Land trusts contribute to this effort by conserving and stewarding private lands, restoring ecosystems, and supporting long-term conservation outcomes with communities.

The alliances emphasized that sustained and predictable investment will be essential to translate federal ambition into measurable conservation gains. Previous federal programs have demonstrated how conservation partnerships can accelerate the pace of land conservation.

The National and Provincial alliances represent a nationwide network of 150 local and regional land trusts working with private landowners, Indigenous partners, and communities to conserve ecologically significant lands. The alliances and land trusts have been actively advocating for the renewal of federal conservation funding and programming alongside other environmental organizations, recognizing the urgent need for sustained investment to meet Canada's biodiversity goals.

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## Regional Quotes:

**British Columbia** - “Today’s announcement signals important federal leadership at a critical moment for nature in Canada. We welcome this step and the recognition that protecting biodiversity requires both ambition and coordinated action across the country,” said Paul McNair, Executive Director, Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia.

**Ontario** “Meeting Canada’s conservation goals will require strong collaboration. Land trusts work closely with Indigenous communities, provinces, and local partners to deliver conservation outcomes that are durable and community-supported,” said Alison Howson, Executive Director of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance.

**Quebec** “Land trusts have a proven track record of turning public investment into lasting conservation outcomes. By leveraging private and philanthropic contributions, we can expand both the pace and scale of land protection,” said Brice Caillie, Executive Director, Réseau de milieux naturels protégés.

## About Land Trusts

- 150 land trusts
- 13,000 staff and volunteers
- 5,700+ properties 255,000 hectares of land protected
- Land conserved worth more than \$1.8 billion.
- \$175 million annual revenues
- \$5 contributed by private sector donors for every \$1 Federal contribution

