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**HHLT Seeking Land Trust Accreditation Renewal,
Upholding Standard of Excellence in Land Conservation**

*Public comments on HHLT's implementation of national standards for
land conservation, stewardship and nonprofit management
requested through December 14th*

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is pleased to announce that it is applying for renewal of its accreditation through the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. A public comment period is now open through **December 14, 2018**.

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. HHLT was among the first 39 land trusts in the United States to be awarded Accredited Land Trust status by the Land Trust Commission in 2008. Renewing the organization's accredited status will be an objective affirmation that HHLT meets national standards for excellence, upholds public trust and ensures their conservation efforts are permanent.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. HHLT welcomes this review as an important step toward renewing its accredited status.

As part of this review, the Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how HHLT complies with national quality standards that address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards, please visit: www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit comments about HHLT:

- Visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, click on “Comment on a Land Trust” and then click on “Comment on an accredited land trust or renewal applicant”
- Email info@landtrustaccreditation.org
- Fax or mail comments 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 the HHLT’s application will be most useful if submitted by **December 14, 2018**.

ABOUT HHLT

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust is a community-based, accredited, non-profit conservation organization with a mission to protect and preserve the natural resources, rural character and scenic beauty of the Hudson Highlands. www.hhlt.org

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