



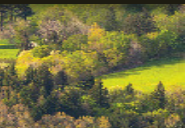
Prairie State Conservation Coalition
Annual Meeting March 2, 2023

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Land Trust Alliance

Lake Forest Openlands Photo Credit: Corinne Torkelson Photography

Land Trust Alliance – Prairie State Conservation Coalition Partnership

- A shared love of the land
- A shared interest in building strong and resilient land trusts
- A shared commitment to providing service and education to land trust staff, board members, and volunteers
- A shared commitment to nurture a vibrant land trust community
- A shared passion for advancing land conservation through public policy and advocacy

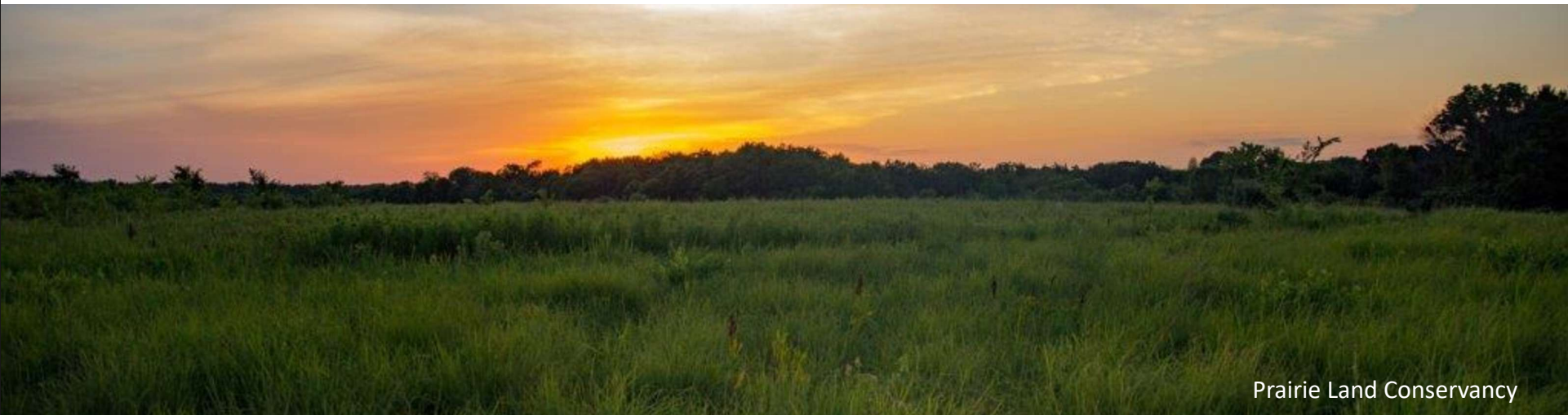


How the Land Trust Alliance Serves Land Trusts

Natural Land Institute

Comprehensive Programs and Services

- Building the **capacity** of land trusts
- Ensuring land trusts have the **resources** they need
- Conservation Defense and Advocacy – **Protecting** land trusts
- **Convening** land trusts and land trust staff and board members
- **Promoting** private land conservation
- Building **support** for land trusts



Prairie Land Conservancy

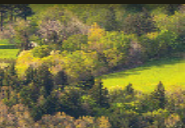
Field Programs - Midwest

- Laura Eklov and me!
mkodonnell@lta.org and/or leklov@lta.org
- Eastern Division Director of Field Services: Rex Linville
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Field Programs - Services

- Leadership Development
- State Association meetings (remote and at Rally)
- Technical Assistance from various programs: Land and Climate, Remote Monitoring, Water Quality
- Trainings
- Examples, templates, connections, convening
- Answering Questions or just lending an ear
- Peer connections
- Midwest Field Notes (send us your stories!)



Peer Groups

New Executive Director Peer Group

- Support, learning, connections



Peer Groups

Urban Conservationists

- Conducting Survey
- Hope to form a support group by mid-year
- Address challenges specific to working in urban environments



Peer Groups

Women in Conservation

- Midwest Executive Directors
- Support Group
- Bi-monthly online conversations



Land Conservancy of McHenry County

Peer Groups

Acquisition and Stewardship

- In partnership with PSCC and other state associations
- Eastern Division
- Invitation 3/3/23
- Application due 3/31/23
- Generous complimentary registration
- 15-month program – trainings, round tables, regional discussions, online forum



Peer Groups and More

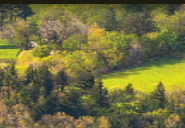
Ideas? Needs?

Please come talk with me!



Advocacy Resources

- Fall 2022 Training in partnership with PSCC
 - Contact me if you'd like a recording
- Advocacy Resources online
- Farm Bill Working Group
- Energy and Climate Working Group
- Private Land Conservation Tool Kit
- 2023 Federal Policy Agenda



Charitable Conservation Easement Program Integrity Act

- In December 2022 Congress passed this Act as part of the Omnibus Spending Bill.



2023 Land Trust Advocacy Days

April 17-20

You can make a difference. All staff, board members and volunteers are invited.

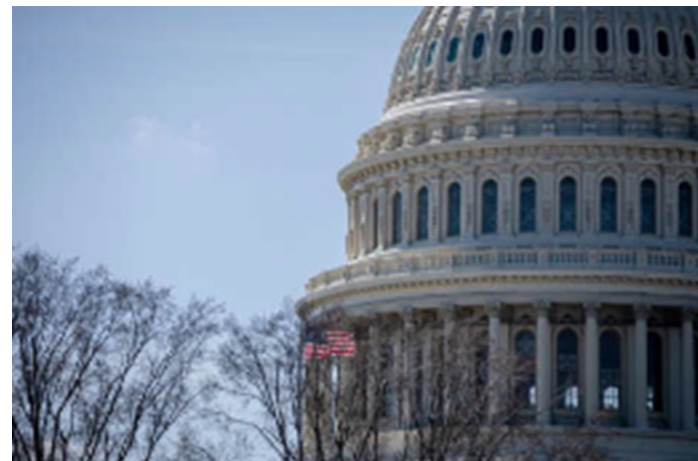
Register: www.landtrustalliance.org



Virtual Activities

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 - ONLINE

Issue Briefing and First Timers Advocacy Training



In Person Activities

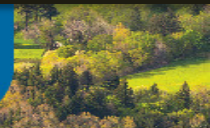
APRIL 17-20, 2022

Monday – Evening Reception

Tuesday – Speakers and Congressional Meetings

Wednesday – Congressional Meetings

Thursday – Federal Agency Day



Advocacy Ambassadors

Think about joining the Advocacy Ambassadors – 15 of your Illinois colleagues have taken the pledge!

- **For more information:**
- <https://www.landtrustalliance.org/issues-action/take-action/advocacy-ambassadors> Take the pledge





September 6-9, 2023

Registration opens May 30

Early bird registration for members = \$535

Questions?

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