

CONNECTICUT
Land Conservation Council

Getting the Most Out of Your Membership with CLCC

WHY IS MEMBERSHIP WORTH IT? CLCC helps land trusts by providing a wide range of resources and services that promote land conservation, outlined on the back of this notice. Membership also means your land trust is part of a state-wide community that strengthens and elevates land conservation across CT.

WHAT IS CHANGING? Beginning in 2024, annual dues for land trusts will be based on operating expenses. Additionally, CLCC is better defining both the services and resources it provides to land trusts, as well as those services and resources which will be exclusive to member land trusts.

WHY THE CHANGE? CLCC's revised membership program is intended to create a more fair and equitable dues structure, while also clarifying the benefits of land trust membership. These changes will help all land trusts take full advantage of CLCC's many services, programs, and resources while also helping them to determine the appropriate membership level for their organization.

WHEN DOES THIS TAKE EFFECT? The new membership structure will begin in 2024. Land trusts will receive a renewal notice in January, and once paid, membership will last through the following January. Advanced notice is being provided so that land trusts can budget and plan accordingly.

WHAT ABOUT CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP? "Plus Member" land trusts will receive similar recognition and benefits as has previously been afforded to conference sponsors. CLCC will no longer send a separate solicitation for conference sponsorship - this is your opportunity to become a sponsor. Conference benefits and recognition are intended to be affordable for land trusts of all sizes, creating a more equitable program.

HAVE QUESTIONS? Please contact us. We love hearing from land trusts and are happy to answer any questions you may have. As CLCC continues to expand its services, we hope you will reach out to us about the types of services and programs that your land trust would find most useful.

2024 Membership Dues Structure

Annual Operating Expenses	Base Membership	Plus Membership	Defining Your Land Trust's Annual Operating Expenses
Under \$25,000	\$100	\$250	<p>Annual operating expenses are defined as the annual expenses that support the general, year-over-year function of your land trust.</p> <p>These expenses may include salaries, rent, postage, printing, programming and fundraising expenses, insurance, routine purchases of equipment and materials, accounting/bookkeeping fees, software licenses, etc.</p> <p>You should NOT factor in expenses such as land purchases, capital projects, regrants, or other significant one-time expenditures.</p>
\$25,001 - \$50,000	\$250	\$500	
\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$500	\$750	
\$100,001 - \$250,000	\$750	\$1000	
\$250,001 - \$500,000	\$1000	\$1250	
\$501,001 - \$750,000	\$1250	\$1500	
\$750,001 - \$1,000,000	\$1500	\$2000	
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	\$2000	\$3500	
\$2,000,000 and over	\$3500	\$5000	

Please see the reverse page for an explanation of benefits associated with each tier of membership.

Membership Tiers & Associated Benefits

	All Land Trusts	Base Membership	Plus Membership
Online Resources			
Grant Opportunities Database (free access)	✓	✓	✓
Conservation Service Provider Directory (free access)	✓	✓	✓
CT Conservation Job Board (free listings)	✓	✓	✓
Workshop Recordings, such as Board Member Boot Camp	✓	✓	✓
Resource Library containing: model easements; template documents; sample policies; and many more useful resources.	✓	✓	✓
Inclusion on CLCC "Find a Land Trust" interactive web-map	✓	✓ & Member Icon	✓ & Member Icon
CT Land Trust ListServ (free access)	✓	✓	✓
CLCC-Administered Grant Program Eligibility			
Connecticut Conservation Partnership Program (CCPP)		✓	✓
Transaction Assistance Grant Program (TAG)		✓	✓
Climate Smart Land Stewardship Grants		✓	✓
Future grant programs		✓	✓
CLCC Capacity Building Programs Eligibility			
Peer Networking Programs (Presidents'/Treasurers' summits, etc.)	✓	✓ & No Registration Fee*	✓ & No Registration Fee*
Regional Roundtables	✓	✓ & No Registration Fee*	✓ & No Registration Fee*
Statewide Summits	✓	✓ & Reduced Registration Fee*	✓ & Reduced Registration Fee*
Community Conservation Programs	✓	✓	✓
Bird and Hike Program		✓	✓
Advanced Collaboration and Merger Assistance Program		✓	✓
Conference-Related Benefits			
Access to the largest conservation gathering in Connecticut	✓	✓ & Reduced Registration Fee*	✓ & Reduced Registration Fee*
Recognition as a Conference Sponsor/Supporter Note: CLCC will no longer send a separate solicitation for conference sponsorship			✓
Table, poster, or other exhibition space			✓
Advocacy			
Timely updates on important legislation and conservation issues, both at the State and Federal level	✓	✓	✓
A voice at the State Capitol through a dedicated lobbyist, who advocates for statewide conservation objectives	✓	✓	✓
Other CLCC Resources			
General assistance from CLCC staff, including staff Office Hours	✓	✓	✓
In-depth assistance from CLCC staff		✓	✓
In-depth program or workshop tailored for your land trust (strategic visioning session, board retreat, etc.)			✓
Priority placement in #LoveYourCTLandTrust eNews		✓	✓
Free printed copies of CLCC publications "What is a Land Trust" and "Protecting the Land You Love", by request		✓ 15 Copies/Year	✓ 25 Copies/Year

**Reduced or waived registration fees apply to current board members and employees*