

CONNECTICUT
Land Conservation Council

Your Land Trust’s Membership with CLCC

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP? Organizational membership is available to CT-based nonprofits that: 1) Hold conservation interests (i.e. own land in fee or hold easements); 2) Have a primary mission of conserving land and stewarding that land in perpetuity; and 3) Identify themselves as land trusts.

WHY IS MEMBERSHIP WORTH IT? As Connecticut’s only statewide land trust service organization, CLCC assists land trusts by providing a wide range of resources, funding programs, and other direct assistance, as 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 Connecticut.

HOW ARE MEMBERSHIP DUES DETERMINED? Land trust dues are linked to operating expenses, creating a fair and equitable dues structure. The membership program allows land trusts of all sizes to take full advantage of CLCC’s services, programs, and resources. We strive to make membership affordable to all land trusts, and CLCC’s dues are generally less than those of other state and national land trust associations.

HOW LONG DOES MEMBERSHIP LAST? Land trust membership runs for a calendar year. Renewal notices are sent out annually in January, and contributing land trusts are considered members through the end of the calendar year. CLCC does not pro-rate or extend memberships for contributions made later in the year, so land trusts are encouraged to renew their membership in January.

CAN WE STILL SPONSOR THE CONFERENCE? Land trusts with “Plus” tier memberships will receive similar recognition and benefits as conference sponsors. CLCC will no longer send a separate solicitation for conference sponsorship and non-member land trusts are not eligible for conference benefits.

HAVE QUESTIONS? Please contact us - we are happy to answer questions. As CLCC expands its services, we hope you will reach out to us about other services and programs that your land trust would find most useful.

2025 Membership Dues

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" Tier	"Plus" Tier
Online Resources			
Grant Opportunities Database	✓	✓	✓
Conservation Service Provider Directory	✓	✓	✓
Connecticut Conservation Job Board	✓	✓	✓
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	✓	✓	✓
CLCC-Administered Grant Program Eligibility			
Land Capital Grant Program		✓	✓
Connecticut Conservation Partnership Program (CCPP)		✓	✓
Transaction Assistance Grant Program (TAG)		✓	✓
Climate Smart Land Stewardship Grant Program		✓	✓
Future grant and financing programs		✓	✓
Capacity Building Programs Eligibility			
Peer Networking Programs (President/Treasurer/ED summits, etc.)	✓	✓ & No Registration Fee*	✓ & No Registration Fee*
Regional Roundtables	✓	✓ & No Registration Fee*	✓ & No Registration Fee*
Statewide Summits	✓	✓ & Reduced Registration Fee*	✓ & Reduced Registration Fee*
Boardroom Briefings		✓	✓
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			✓
Table, poster, or other exhibition space, to be determined annually			✓
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	✓	✓	✓
In-depth assistance from CLCC staff, including programs or workshops tailored for your land trust (strategic visioning session, board retreat, etc.)		✓	✓
Free printed copies of CLCC publications "State of the Lands", "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*