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Mohonk Preserve Renewing Conservation Accreditation

GARDINER, N.Y., Aug. 22, 2023 – As part of Mohonk Preserve’s commitment to excellence in land protection, the organization is a longtime member of the Land Trust Alliance, and adheres to LTA’s *Land Trust Standards and Practices*, the ethical and technical best practices for securing lasting land conservation.

In 2012, the Preserve took the next step in ensuring the promise of perpetual land protection by applying for accreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of LTA. The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. In 2013, as the Preserve celebrated its 50th anniversary, the organization received its official accreditation.

Accreditation is not a one-time action, but a tool to foster continuous improvement requiring renewal on a five-year cycle. Mohonk Preserve successfully applied for renewal of accreditation in 2018 and is again applying for renewal in 2023. As part of the rigorous renewal process, the Commission will review the Preserve’s application, policies and programs, focusing on our activities during the past five years.

In addition to reviewing information provided by Mohonk Preserve, the Commission also invites public input in the form of signed, written comments on the pending application. Comments must relate to how Mohonk Preserve complies with national quality standards that address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards, visit <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>. To submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org or email comments to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments, 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments will be most useful if received by Nov. 17, 2023.

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