



Friday, July 12, 2024

Madelyn Hennessey
Selectboard
Town of West Bath
219 Foster's Point Road
West Bath, ME 04530

Dear Madelyn,

The Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT) is pleased to announce it has completed the major steps required to submit its application for accreditation renewal. The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever.

As an important stakeholder in KELT, I wanted to advise you that a public comment period on our renewal application is now open. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs.

Accreditation demonstrates the growth and maturity of the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust and furthers our goals of protecting the extraordinary natural and cultural resources of the Kennebec Estuary system.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how KELT complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment 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 on KELT's application will be most useful by August 22, 2024.

On behalf of the Board and staff at KELT, we appreciate your on-going support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reeve Wood".

Reeve Wood
President, Board of Directors

A decorative footer graphic featuring a blue body of water, a green grassy bank with a white egret, and a green hill with two evergreen trees.

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