



Colorado River Land Trust Earns National Recognition

Strong Commitment to Conservation Excellence, Public Trust Earns CRLT Honors

The Colorado River Land Trust has earned national recognition from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission for its commitment to conservation and to maintaining the public trust in its work. CRLT joins a network of 398 other accredited land trusts across the nation.



"The Colorado River Land Trust is committed to protecting the private lands of Texas," said Jeff Crosby, executive director of the land trust. "These lands not only produce our food and water, but also have a long, rich family history that essentially tells the story of our state. We are dedicated to preserving that legacy as we work to protect the land and water for future generations of Texans, and we are proud to be recognized nationally for our work."

As part of the accreditation process, the land trust underwent a comprehensive review that required



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- Ethical Conduct
- Responsible Governance
- Lasting Stewardship

extensive documentation of its work and policies. After examining CRLT, the Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded accreditation, signifying the land trust meets or exceeds its rigorous standards.

"It is exciting to recognize the Colorado River Land Trust with this distinction,"

said Tammara Van Ryn, executive director of the accreditation commission. "Accredited land trusts are united behind strong ethical standards ensuring the places people love will be conserved forever.

Accreditation recognizes the Colorado River Land Trust has demonstrated sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship.”

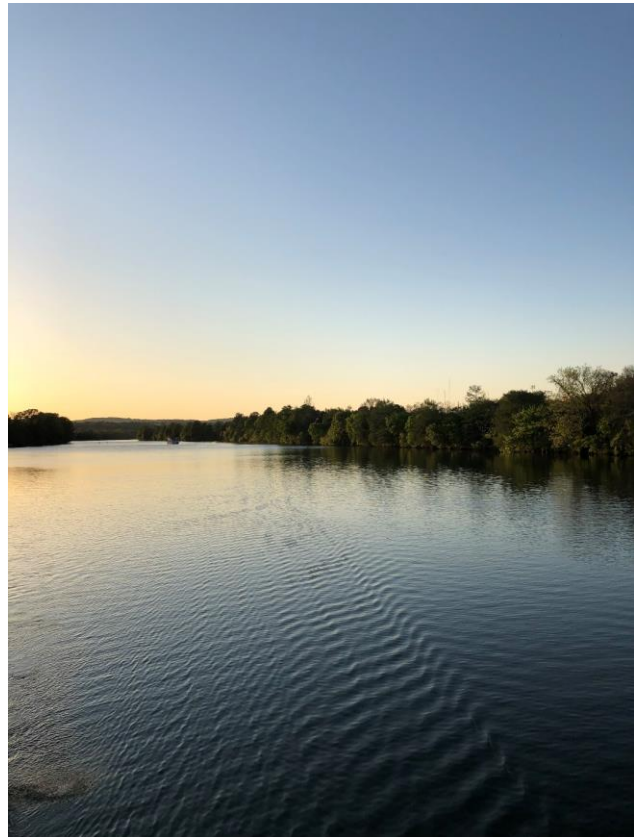
CRLT was created in 2012 to work in partnership with private landowners to conserve and protect land and water resources for future generations of Texans. By working with private landowners, CRLT will help protect the Colorado River’s health, reduce potential sources of water pollution and provide for the continued private ownership and stewardship of these critical lands across Texas. The land trust works in dozens of Texas counties, stretching from the high plains of West Texas to the Gulf Coast, including Midland, Ector, Howard, Dawson, and Mitchell Counties. For a complete list of counties in CRLT’s service area, visit coloradoriverlandtrust.org.

CRLT is one of 1,363 land trusts across the United States, according to the 2016 National Land Trust Census. Of those, about 30 percent are accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

A list of accredited land trusts and more information about the program are available at landtrustaccreditation.org.

About the Colorado River Land Trust

The Colorado River Land Trust works to conserve land and water resources in the Colorado River basin to benefit future generations. By working with private landowners throughout the region, CRLT helps protect the river's health, reduces potential sources of water pollution and continues to be a responsible steward of the basin's natural resources. For more information, visit coloradoriverlandtrust.org.



About the Land Trust Accreditation Commission

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission inspires excellence, promotes public trust and ensures permanence in the conservation of open lands by recognizing organizations that meet rigorous quality standards and strive for continuous improvement. The Commission, established in 2006 as an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, is governed by a volunteer board of diverse land conservation and nonprofit management experts. For more, visit landtrustaccreditation.org.

About the Land Trust Alliance

Founded in 1982, the Land Trust Alliance is a national land conservation organization that works to save the places people need and love by strengthening land conservation across America. The Alliance represents 1,000 member land trusts supported by more than 200,000 volunteers and 4.6 million members nationwide. The Alliance is based in Washington, D.C., and operates several regional offices. For more, visit landtrustalliance.org.