



2022 Annual Report

Working together to conserve the lands we love and the water we depend on.

Our Mission

Support and strengthen the land trust community to serve as a powerful voice for land and water conservation in Texas

Our Vision

A strong land trust community conserving essential land and water across Texas



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Program Overview

Introduction

The Texas Land Trust Council (TLTC) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that builds and supports a strong, active coalition of more than thirty-five organizations working to conserve the lands and waters of Texas. Since the late 1990s, TLTC has served as a powerful voice for conservation to protect Texas' water resources, iconic wildlife, and our rich natural and cultural heritage. To date, TLTC members have helped to conserve more than 1.9 million acres of Texas.

Texas Land Trust Council Program Areas

Land and water conservation are essential for a healthy Texas and to ensuring a prosperous economic and environmental future for our state. Our lands protect our water supply, provide habitat for our fish and wildlife, preserve our agricultural heritage, and improve our quality of life. To support and advance land conservation across our state, TLTC focuses on several program areas:

Education – TLTC maintains a strong focus on education and training, to strengthen the entire land conservation community. The Texas Land Conservation Conference is the preeminent statewide meeting for anyone working or interested in the field of land and water conservation, including nonprofit organizations, private landowners, government staff, volunteers, businesses, and agency partners. The annual three-day conference attracts hundreds of attendees and brings in experts from around the state and nation to provide an exceptional opportunity for shared learning and engagement in order to advance land and water conservation in Texas.

Outreach & Advocacy – TLTC advocates to promote the many public, economic, and environmental benefits of conservation. TLTC works to coordinate land trust advocacy at the federal and state level, developing a robust coalition with a unified voice to build both financial and policy support for land and water conservation in Texas. Annually, we also host a land trust leader summit, the Texas Land Trust Assembly, where our members gather to strengthen relationships, discuss legislative priorities, and engage with each other on issues that impact our collective work.

Technical & Financial Assistance – TLTC develops conservation related tools and information for land trusts, landowners, and the general public. These include our Conservation Lands Inventory database and maps of land trust conserved lands, our Conservation Easement Guidebook for landowners, as well as a wealth of information on our website, including our Land Trust Directory. Our Transaction Matching Grants Program provides funds to help cover due diligence costs associated with granting a conservation easement, providing financial assistance to landowners who wish to conserve their private lands for the public good.



To support land and water conservation in Texas, please visit www.texaslandtrustcouncil.org

2022 Program Highlights

Texas Land Conservation Conference

Our premiere educational event, the Texas Land Conservation Conference provides three days of quality training and workshops on topics related to all types of public and private land and water conservation efforts. It is the leading land conservation gathering in the state, with around 300 attendees representing a diversity of conservation organizations, professional firms, landowners, and government agencies.

This year, we presented sessions on topics ranging from conservation easements to new funding opportunities, groundwater policy to regional conservation initiatives, and ended with a discussion on the statewide conservation opportunities that lie ahead. For the Council, the annual conference is an essential component of our ongoing efforts to promote and advance conservation across the great state of Texas. We strive to provide the best possible educational training and resources available in order to help all our partners achieve quality, strategic, land and water conservation.



Learn more: www.texaslandconservationconference.org

Conservation Advocacy

TLTC leads the coordination of land trust advocacy at the state and federal levels to enhance funding tools and policies that support land and water conservation. In late September, TLTC hosted our 11th annual Texas land trust leaders summit, to discuss advocacy priorities for the coming year, focusing on our historic opportunity to push for a statewide land and water conservation fund in Texas.

In spring, TLTC attended our federal Land Trust Advocacy Days in person in Washington, D.C. for the first time in two years. It was fantastic to walk the halls with our colleagues again, engaging our U.S. House and Senate leaders from Texas on important federal issues to enhance and protect conservation programs. This year, we worked hard to push federal legislation to safeguard our conservation easement tax incentive, an essential tool for doing conservation easements in Texas. And we were finally successful in December 2022, with the inclusion of the Conservation Easement Integrity Act in year-end legislative package. It was a sweet and long fought victory to secure this incentive for the future.

Sustained advocacy is essential to building support for the programs and funding that help us to undertake this important work. TLTC will continue to advocate at the state and federal level, alongside our members, to further important land conservation policy.



Land trust representatives from across the country gather in front of the nation's capitol to advocate for conservation.

2022 Program Highlights

Transaction Matching Grants Program

TLTC funded three conservation easement projects in 2022 through our Transaction Matching Grants Program. This program helps to cover legal and due diligence costs associated with recording a permanent conservation easement. This year we awarded \$16,400 in funding toward conservation easement projects to three land trust organizations to permanently conserve over 13,500 acres valued at more than \$23 million. Working in partnership with land trusts and landowners across the state, these lands are now forever preserved to enhance water resources and wildlife habitat, provide places for outdoor recreation, and preserve our agricultural heritage.



Enhancing Conservation in Texas

The Texas Land Trust Council (TLTC) has been working closely with our land trust members and a growing group of more than fifty-five land, water, parks, and wildlife conservation organizations to help guide our Statewide Conservation Funding Initiative. This will be a collaborative effort with a primary goal of creating substantial and reliable investments in the permanent conservation of our state's lands and waters that will provide financial stability and support for this important work over the long-term.



Texas is in the minority as one of only fourteen states without a dedicated funding source for land conservation efforts. This type of large-scale fund could efficiently provide dollars to where they are most needed, having a measurable impact on the strategic conservation of our state's extraordinary natural resources. This type of conservation funding would also continue to strengthen our economy by allowing us to preserve our natural and agricultural lands, safeguard our water resources, enhance our wildlife, and enable more Texans to get outdoors.



We are continuing to work with our members and partners to build an even broader coalition of support for this historic effort to advance land and water conservation funding in Texas.

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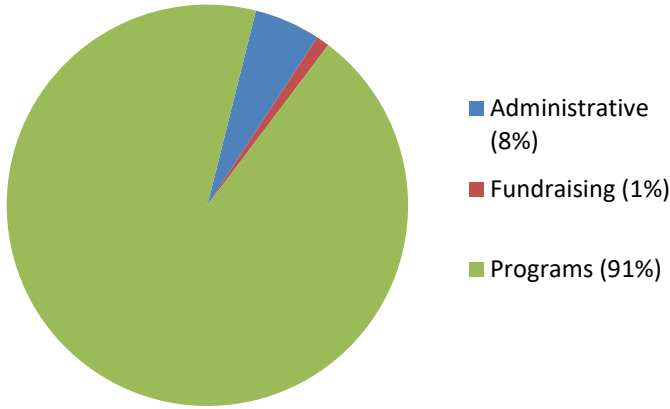
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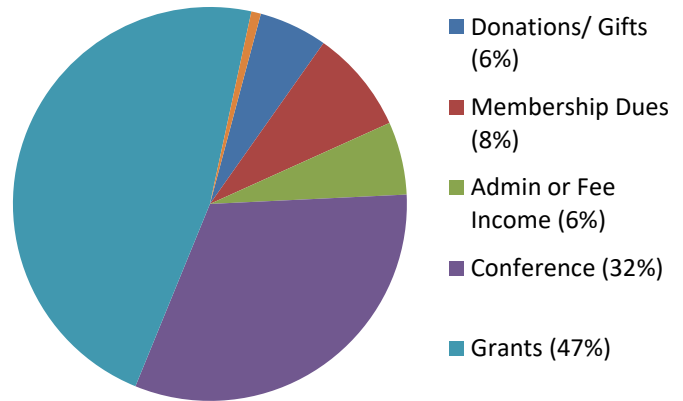
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2022 Financials

Expenses



Income



INCOME	
Donations/ Gifts	\$ 23,203
Membership Dues	\$ 34,975
Program/Fee Income	\$ 24,730
Conference	\$ 131,882
Grants	\$ 194,940
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 409,730
EXPENSES	
Administration and Audit	\$ 16,571
Fundraising	\$ 3,297
Programs (Including Conference)	\$ 290,578
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 310,446
Interest Income	\$ 3,258
2020 Expenditures on Transaction Grants (Restricted)	\$ 16,400



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