



2025 Annual Report

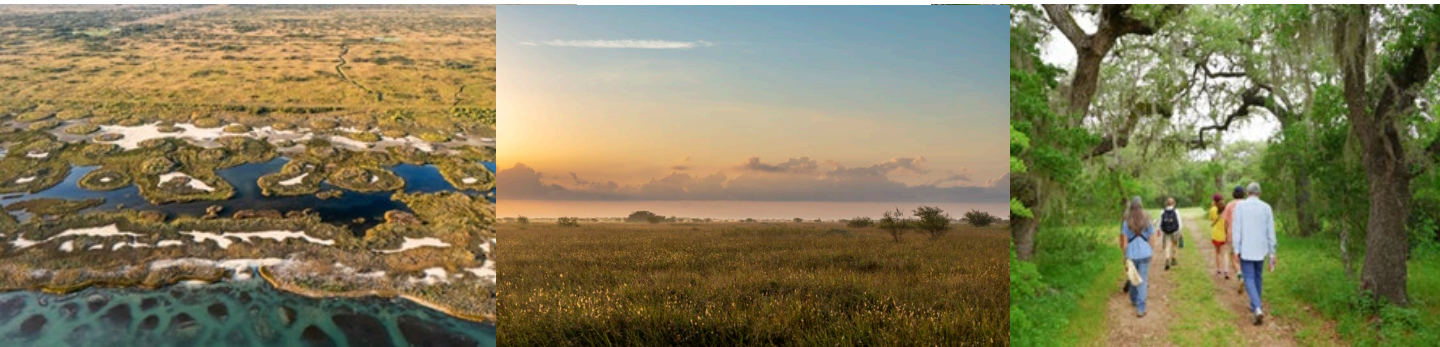
Working together to conserve the lands we love and the water we depend on.

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 2 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 focuses on quality education and training events that serve 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 NGOs, landowners, volunteers, businesses, and agency partners. The annual three-day conference attracts around 400 attendees and brings in experts from around the state and nation to provide an exceptional opportunity for shared learning and engagement to advance land and water conservation in Texas.



Outreach & Advocacy – TLTC advocates to promote the many economic and environmental benefits of land conservation for all Texans. TLTC works to coordinate land trust advocacy at the federal and state levels, developing a robust coalition with a unified voice to build support for conservation efforts across the state. Each year we also host a land trust leader summit, the Texas Land Trust Assembly, where our land trust 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 many publications and other information on our website, including our Texas Land Trust Directory. In addition, our Transaction Matching Grants Program provides funds to cover costs associated with granting a conservation easement, providing financial assistance to landowners who wish to conserve their private land for the public good.

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

2025 Program Highlights

Texas Land Conservation Conference

Our premiere educational event, the Texas Land Conservation Conference, delivered three days of quality training and workshops on topics related to all types of public and private land and water conservation efforts. The conference was a fantastic success with record-breaking attendance of almost 400 and excellent educational and networking opportunities.

The event showcases conservation leaders on the state and national stage. TLCC 2025 featured keynote speaker and Chief Scientist at The Nature Conservancy, Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, who gave a fantastic address on climate adaptation and communication. Other session topics included water policy, wildlife management, conservation development, nature-based flood mitigation, legal issues, and more.

The conference ranks as our most-valued program, year after year, providing opportunities to build relationships that can propel conservation forward. It is also essential to strengthening the depth of knowledge of the Texas conservation community and inspiring excellence in our collective work.

Learn more: www.texaslandconservationconference.org

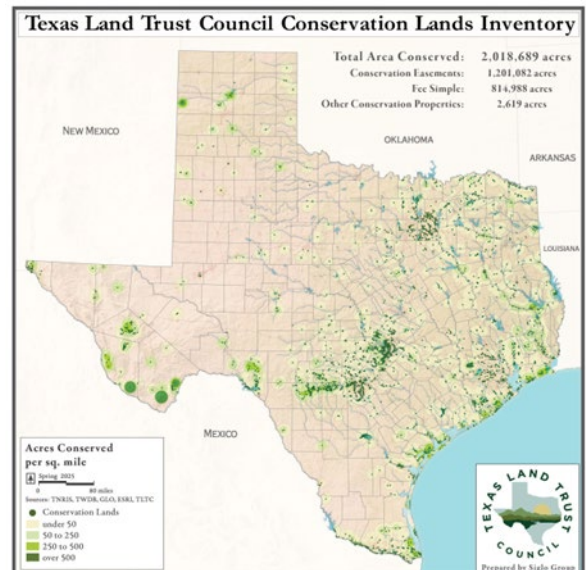
Achieving a Collective Conservation Milestone- 2 Million Acres Conserved!

In 2025, TLTC also worked to complete a major update of our Conservation Lands Inventory database. The cumulative data collected and mapped shows that Texas land trusts have worked to conserve more than 2 million acres across the state, with over 1 million of that held in partnership with private landowners via conservation easements.

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.



Dr. Katharine Hayhoe delivers her keynote address at the 2025 Texas Land Conservation Conference.



2025 Program Highlights

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 February, TLTC held our Land Conservation Advocacy Day at the Texas Capitol to gather our land trust members in a coordinated effort to educate our elected leaders on the importance of expanding state conservation funding. Our coalition held meetings with over 80 Texas House and Senate offices to engage with them on our work and how it benefits Texas.

In April, our federal Land Trust Advocacy Days were held in our nation's capital in partnership with the Land Trust Alliance. TLTC and several of our member land trusts were able to attend to engage our U.S. House and Senate leaders from Texas on important federal issues to enhance and protect conservation programs.

And in October, TLTC hosted our 14th annual Texas land trust leader's summit, the Texas Land Trust Assembly, to discuss advocacy priorities for the coming year, as well as current issues around securing additional state investments for land conservation and ways to enhance land trust capacity.

Transaction Matching Grants Program

TLTC helps to fund conservation easement projects 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's project highlight is the conservation of the 224-acre Karst Canyon Preserve in Hays County with The Watershed Association. This project surrounds the iconic Jacob's Well Natural Area, protecting wildlife habitat and sensitive aquifer recharge lands.

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.



Land trust representatives meet to discuss talking points for legislative visits during our 2025 advocacy day at the Texas Capitol.



The Karst Canyon Preserve, Hays County.

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The Texas Land Trust Council wishes to acknowledge and thank all our financial supporters this year, including our land trust and professional members, foundations, conference sponsors, and individual donors. We could not carry out our work without their generous support. Thank you.



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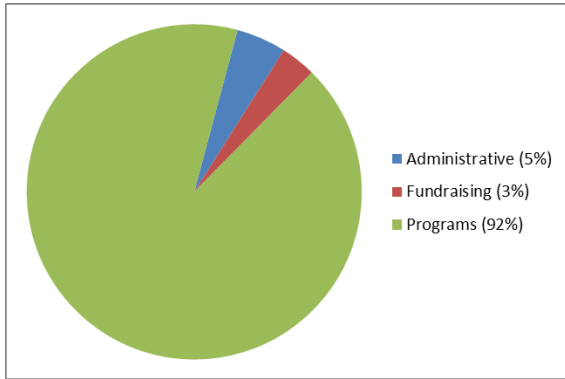
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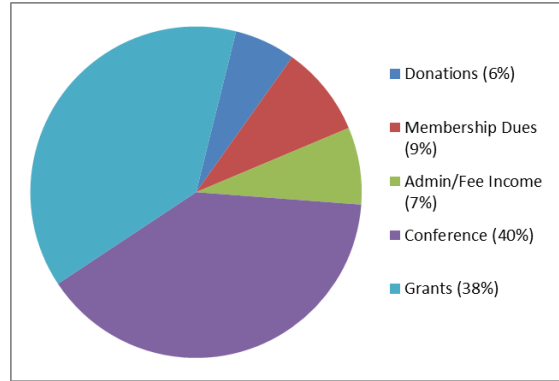
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2025 Financials

Expenses



Income



INCOME	
Donations/ Gifts	\$ 28,225
Membership Dues	\$ 41,725
Program/Fee Income	\$ 35,635
Conference	\$ 186,910
Grants	\$ 180,857
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 473,352
EXPENSES	
Administration	\$ 17,299
Fundraising	\$ 12,211
Programs	\$ 329,538
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 359,047
Interest Income	\$ 21,966
Expenditures on Transaction Grants	\$ 5,000



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