



Land Trust Alliance  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Parents and Teachers' Guide



# ABOUT THE LAND TRUST ALLIANCE OF BC

The Land Trust Alliance of BC (LTABC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the Stewardship and conservation of BC's natural and cultural heritage. Currently, the LTABC has:

- 33 land trust members in BC
- 20 associate members





# OUR HISTORY

- Founded 1997.
- Created the Protected Lands Catalogue
- On-line Standards & Practices
- Research projects and educational and resource programs.



# LAND TRUSTS

- A land trust, or conservancy, is a non-profit, charitable organization committed to the long-term protection of natural and/or cultural heritage.
- A land trust may:
  - own land itself,
  - or it may enter into conservation covenants with property owners to protect or restore natural or heritage features on the owner's land.





# LAND TRUSTS FACTS

- Some land trusts in BC date back to the late 1930's.
- Land trusts have helped conserve more than 1,500 properties and over 1.4 million acres of land in BC.
- More than 2,400 volunteers contribute 30,000 hours to land trust each year.



# OUR MISSION:

To foster the land trust community, which protects and stewards British Columbia's natural and cultural heritage.





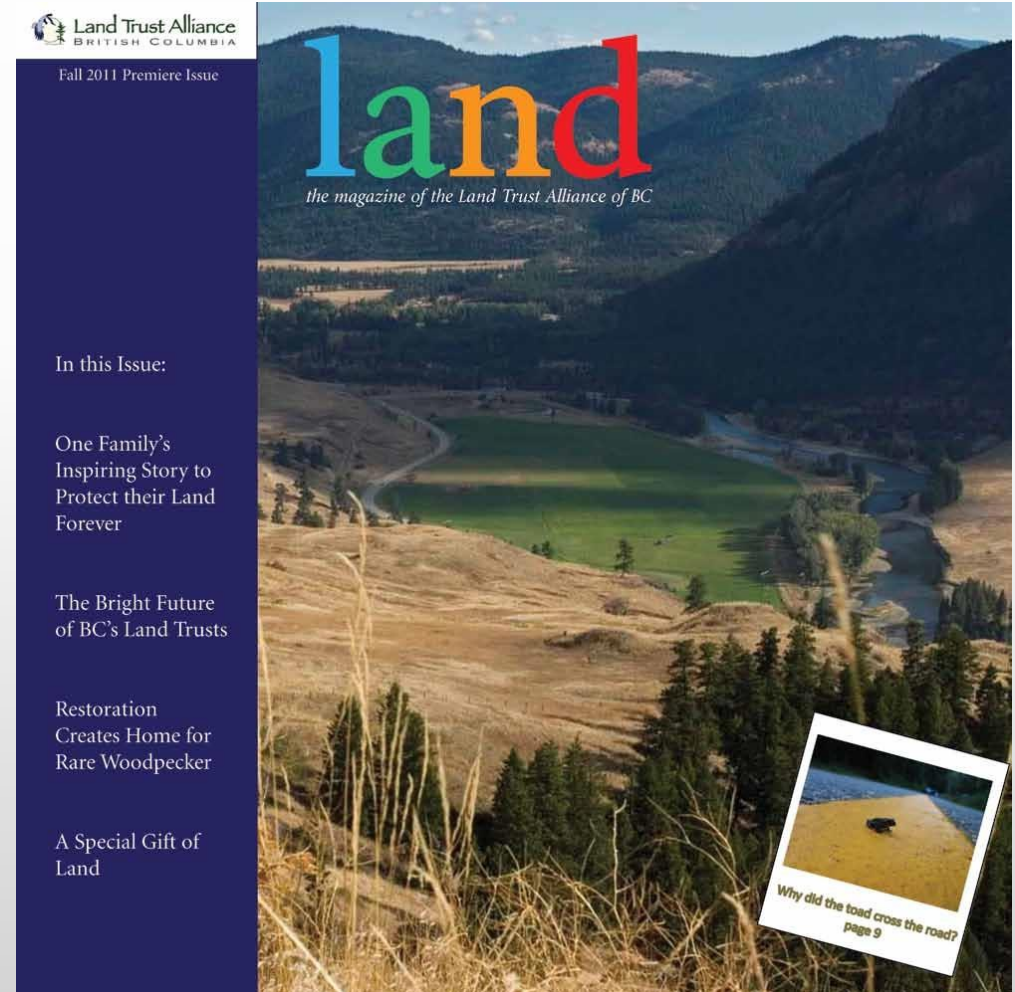
# OUR GOALS

- **GOAL 1:** Operate an effective organization
- **GOAL 2:** Encourage and assist members to achieve excellence
- **GOAL 3:** Build the capacity of BC's Land Trust community by increasing resources, efficiency, and innovation.
- **GOAL 4:** Raise awareness about LTABC, the Land Trust community, and the importance of land conservation to British Columbians.



# OUR PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

- **SERVICES:** group insurance program, small grants.
- **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:** Standards & Practices.
- **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:** published resources on tax incentives, covenants, etc.
- **EDUCATION:** training associated with land conservation
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Facebook, blog/website, e-newsletter, and annual magazine (LAND).





# PROTECT YOUR LAND

Common ways to protect private land in BC:

- **CONSERVATION COVENANT:** a legal agreement between a landowner and authorized land trusts, which remains attached to the title of the lands in perpetuity, and defines allowable and restricted uses for the property.
- **LAND DONATIONS & LAND PURCHASES:** Lands can also be donated to, or purchased by a land trust. Some transfer come with various tax incentives for landowners.



# HOW TO DONATE

There are several ways you can help make a difference today:

## DONATIONS TO A LAND TRUST/CONSERVANCY

- Browse our membership directory and donate to a specific BC land trust/conservancy: <http://ltabc.ca/member-directory>

## DONATIONS TO THE LAND TRUST ALLIANCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Call our office to make a donation – accept VISA, MC, and AMEX
- Through Canada Helps





# HOW TO VOLUNTEER

There are several ways to get involved with the LTABC and its affiliated organizations.

- Browse our membership directory for volunteer opportunities with your local land trust:  
<http://ltabc.ca/member-directory>
- To volunteer with the LTABC, like us on Facebook, or sign up for our monthly e-newsletter to find out about volunteer opportunities.







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