

GSWA is Applying for Land Trust Accreditation Renewal Public Notice to Stakeholders

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA) is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of accreditation. **A public comment period 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. GSWA recognizes the importance to have sound policies and procedures to better protect and improve the land and water resources of the Passaic River region. Becoming accredited by the Land Trust Alliance will formalize our organization's approach for land preservation to ensure the conservation and stewardship of our natural resources in the Passaic River region.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Great Swamp Watershed Association complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://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 faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on Great Swamp Watershed Association's application will be most useful by July 1st