

Applying the Land Trust Alliance's
Land Trust Standards and Practices
to Municipal Conservation Commissions

The Land Trust Alliance first drafted the *Land Trust Standards and Practices* (the “Standards”) in 1989 and completed comprehensive updates in 1993, 2001, 2004 and most recently, 2017.

Originally intended to provide guidance to non-profit land trusts, the *Standards* are now widely recognized as the legal, ethical and technical guidelines for conducting responsible land conservation transactions and land and easement stewardship activities, and are a valuable tool for governmental and other organizations as well.

The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) requires all applicants to adopt the applicable sections of the *Standards* as guiding principles for land conservation and stewardship operations, and to commit to implementing those standards over time.

LCHIP encourages each applicant to review the full *Standards* to determine which of the standards are applicable to its land conservation and stewardship activities.

-----*Sample Resolution*-----

**MUNICIPAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT
APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE LAND TRUST STANDARDS AND PRACTICES**

WHEREAS, the [Municipality] Conservation Commission has reviewed Land Trust Standards and Practices (“the *Standards*”), first published by the Land Trust Alliance in 1989, and with the most recent revision effective February 3, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the [Municipality] Conservation Commission agrees that the *Standards* include certain ethical and technical guidelines applicable to the responsible land conservation and stewardship activities of a municipal conservation commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [Municipality] Conservation Commission hereby adopts and commits to implementing the sections of the *Standards* applicable to municipal conservation commissions [may add “as listed below”] as guidelines for its land conservation and stewardship activities.

Date of Resolution

Authorized Signature (s)

*When reviewing the Standards, LCHIP recommends substituting the word “commission” or “municipality” for “land trust” or “Board”.