Land Trusts and Tribal Entities

Tribal land trusts are gaining momentum in helping to reclaim and protect sacred tribal lands in America. Below is contact information for land trusts or organizations that have experience working with Native American tribes for land conservation.

Indian Land Tenure Foundation
151 County Road B2
Little Canada, MN 55117
(651) 766-8999
www.indianlandtenure.org
The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is a nonprofit, independently governed organization which supports activities related to the acquisition, ownership and management of land by tribes and Indian individuals.

National Tribal Environmental Council
2501 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Suite A,
Albuquerque, NM 87104
(505) 242-2175
www.ntec.org
Formed in 1991, a membership organization dedicated to working with and assisting tribes in the protection and preservation of the reservation environment.

Indian Land Working Group
2401 12th St. NW, 206N
Albuquerque NM 87107
Tel: 505-247-9561
Fax: 575-668-9013
http://www.ilwg.org/
This organization was formed in 1991 and is dedicated to the restoration and recovery of the native land base.

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO)
1625 K Street NW, 11th Floor
Washington DC 20006
(202) 628-8476
www.nathpo.org
Founded in 1998, supports the preservation, maintenance and revitalization of the culture and traditions of Native peoples of the U.S.

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
1301 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 200, Washington D.C. 20036
Phone: (202) 466-7767
www.ncai.org
Has information on the recently formed Sacred Lands Protection Coalition.

The Cultural Conservancy
P.O. Box 29044
Presidio Station
San Francisco, CA 94129-0044
(415) 561-6594
www.nativeland.org
The Cultural Conservancy develops programs for education and advocacy that strengthen the skills of Native peoples in land management and conservation.

Gathering Waters (Statewide Land Trust Assistance Center)
303 Patterson St.
Madison, WI 53703
608-251-9131
www.gatheringwaters.org

We are a statewide service center for Wisconsin's land trust community, and we build the capacity of the state's private, non-profit conservation organizations through consulting, public education, and policy advocacy.

Little Traverse Conservancy
3264 Powell Road
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231) 347-0991
www.landtrust.org
Little Traverse Conservancy has a very good working relationship with the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians

Kachemak Heritage Land Trust
315 Klondike Avenue
Homer, Alaska 99603
(907) 235-5263 (LAND)
www.kachemaklandtrust.org
This land trust has developed a brochure geared to Alaskan Native landowners and has a newsletter "Landmarks."

Montana Land Reliance
324 Fuller Ave
PO Box 355
Helena, MT 59624-0355
Phone: 406-443-7027
www.mtlandreliance.org
This land trust has experience working with tribes and conservation easements.

The Nature Conservancy, Washington
217 Pine St Ste 1100
Seattle, WA 98101-1582
Phone: (206) 343-4344
http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/washington/
Since 1974, they have protected more than 500,000 acres of irreplaceable natural lands across the state of Washington. There is an article "The Ancient Majesty of Arlecho Creek" from Washington Wildlands, the newsletter of the Nature Conservancy of Washington.

Trust for Public Land
Alvin Warren
Tribal Lands Program Director
418 Montezuma Avenue
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
(505) 988-5922 x11, (505) 927-3584 (cell)
http://www.tpl.org/tier3_cdl.cfm?content_item_id=1180&folder_id=217
The Trust for Public Land has a web page for information concerning their Tribal Lands Program.

White Earth Land Recovery Project
32033 E. Round Lake Rd.
Ponsford, MN 56575
Phone (218) 573-3448; Toll-free (888) 779-3577
www.nativeharvest.com
They are the founders and organizers of the The White Earth Community Land Trust

Information Resources

The Learning Center resources are available to volunteers and staff of Land Trust Alliance member land trusts and partners and to individual members donating $250 and above.

"Custodians of the Land" – Feature article in Exchange, Vol. 23 No. 1, Winter 2004 - learningcenter.lta.org/objects/view.acs?object_id=13034

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