

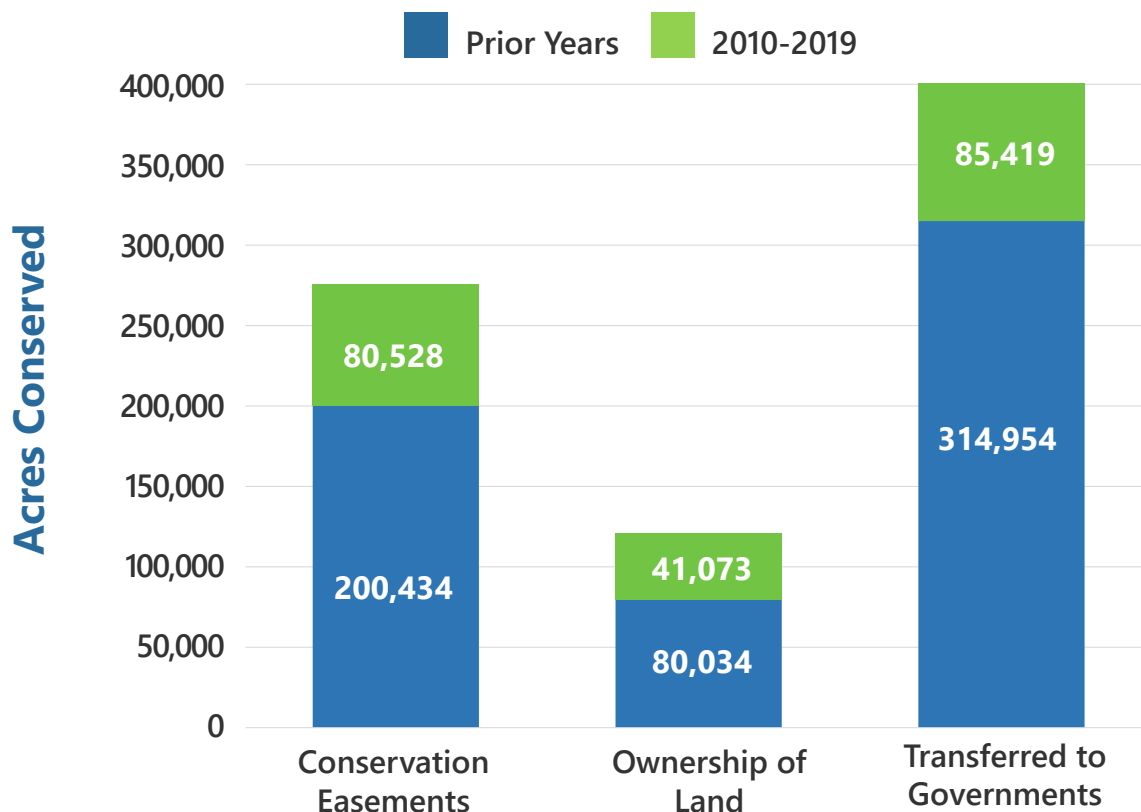
Pennsylvania Land Trust Association 2019 Census Report

The 2019 biennial census found that between 2010 and 2019, land trusts in Pennsylvania:

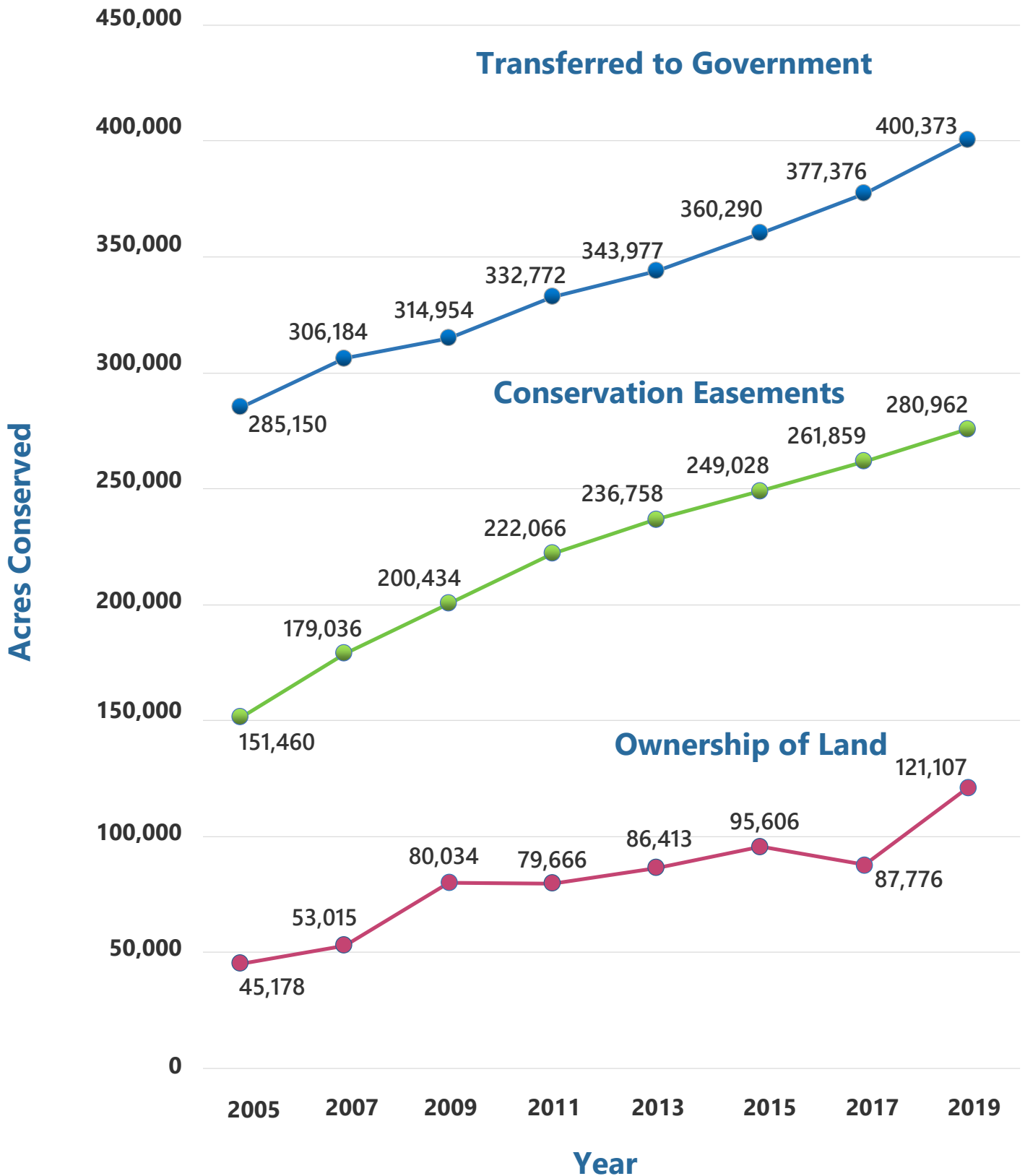
- Expanded the lands they have conserved by 35%;
- Conserved 207,000 acres of land (323 sq. mi. - roughly the size of Lehigh County);
- On average, conserved 57 acres every day;
- Increased their acreage protected with perpetual conservation easements by 40%;
- Increased their acreage owned by 51%;
- Increased by 27% the land transferred to governments for parks, game lands, and other public conservation purposes;
- More than 100,000 Pennsylvanians contribute to land trusts;
- Sixty-nine land trusts have a median of 368 contributors.

Eighty-four land trusts have completed conservation real estate transactions in Pennsylvania.

Areas Conserved by Land Trusts in Pennsylvania in the Past Decade Compared to All Prior Years



802,400 Acres Conserved by Land Trusts in Pennsylvania



Land Owned

Sixty-four conservation organizations own 121,107 acres in Pennsylvania.

Rank	Organization	Total
1	The Conservation Fund	34,800
2	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	14,336
3	Natural Lands (incl. Montgomery County Lands Trust)	13,432
4	The Nature Conservancy	12,531
5	Lancaster Conservancy	6,286
6	Earth Conservancy	6,200
7	Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art	2,840
8	Wildlands Conservancy	2,748
9	Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association	2,567
10	Allegheny Land Trust	2,136
11	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	1,919
12	Foundation for Sustainable Forests	1,653
13	North Branch Land Trust	1,596
14	Heritage Conservancy	1,568
15	French Creek Valley Conservancy	1,069
16	French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	889
17	Mount Nittany Conservancy	765
18	Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust	725
19	Armstrong Trails	712
20	Wissahickon Trails	673
21	Roaring Run Watershed Association*	653
22	Somerset County Conservancy	573
23	Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation	550
24	Hollow Oak Land Trust	548
25	Westmoreland Conservancy	525
26	Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County	512
27	Countryside Conservancy	510
28	Wild Waterways Conservancy	507
29	Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania	507
30	Armstrong County Conservancy Chairtable Trust	501

Rank	Organization	Total
31	The Buck Hill Conservation Foundation	480
32	Friends of Salt Springs Park	437
33	Edward L. Rose Conservancy	435
34	Berks Nature	423
35	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy	400
36	Open Land Conservancy of Chester County	380
37	Montour Trail Council	372
38	Allegheny Valley Trails Association	335
39	Loyalhanna Watershed Association	300
40	Conemaugh Valley Conservancy	297
41	Willistown Conservation Trust	266
42	American Battlefield Trust*	244
43	Mokoma Conservancy	243
44	Allegheny Valley Conservancy	231
45	Manada Conservancy	222
46	Lake Erie Region Conservancy	208
47	Lackawanna Valley Conservancy	155
48	Audubon Pennsylvania*	142
49	London Britain Township Land Trust	100
50	Seneca Highlands Conservancy, Inc.	93
51	Scott Conservancy*	77
52	Delaware Highlands Conservancy	73
53	North American Land Trust	56
54	Independence Conservancy	47
55	ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania	44
56	Fox Chapel Area Land Trust	43
57	Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust	37
58	Merrill Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy	33
59	Mid-Atlantic Karst Conservancy	29
60	Appalachian Trail Conservancy	29
61	Gettysburg Foundation*	19
62	Evergreen Conservancy	10
63	Neighborhood Gardens Trust	8
64	Land Conservancy of Adams County	6

* Denotes reporting from 2014

Land Protected by Conservation Easements

Sixty-four conservation organizations have protected 280,962 acres of land in Pennsylvania through perpetual conservation easements.

Rank	Organization	Total
1	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	38,471
2	Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art	35,616
3	The Nature Conservancy	31,826
4	Lancaster Farmland Trust	31,131
5	Natural Lands (incl. Montgomery County Lands Trust)	22,492
6	Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York Co.	11,865
7	Land Conservancy of Adams County	11,558
8	North Branch Land Trust	11,422
9	Delaware Highlands Conservancy	8,974
10	Berks Nature	8,731
11	Heritage Conservancy	7,667
12	Wildlands Conservancy	7,659
13	French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	7,079
14	Land Trust of Bucks County	5,280
15	Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy	5,177
16	Tinicum Conservancy	4,582
17	North American Land Trust	3,403
18	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy	3,100
19	ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania	3,075
20	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	2,899
21	Willistown Conservation Trust	2,522
22	Manada Conservancy	2,102
23	Merrill Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy	1,440
24	Centre County Farmland Trust	1,400
25	French Creek Valley Conservancy	1,148
26	The Lebanon Valley Conservancy	979
27	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	965
28	Countryside Conservancy	920
29	Lancaster Conservancy	888
30	Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County	843
31	Allegheny Valley Conservancy	632

Rank	Organization	Total
32	Wissahickon Trails	615
33	Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation	550
34	Edward L Rose Conservancy	533
35	The Buck Hill Conservation Foundation	523
36	Earth Conservancy	300
37	Gettysburg Foundation*	298
38	Allegheny Land Trust	262
39	The Wallace Trust	180
40	Pennsbury Land Trust	180
41	Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania	150
42	Friends of Salt Springs Park	143
43	Lake Erie Region Conservancy	142
44	Hollow Oak Land Trust	130
45	Allegheny Valley Trails Association	130
46	Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust	127
47	Appalachian Trail Conservancy	126
48	Chestnut Hill Conservancy	104
49	Lower Merion Conservancy	97
50	Open Land Conservancy of Chester Co.	93
51	Independence Conservancy	52
52	Foundation for Sustainable Forests	51
53	Loyalhanna Watershed Association	45
54	Evergreen Conservancy	45
55	London Britain Township Land Trust	44
56	Lackawanna Valley Conservancy	44
57	Sandy Creek Conservancy*	35
58	Fox Chapel Area Land Trust	34
59	West Pikeland Area Land Trust*	25
60	Montour Trail Council	22
61	Schuylkill County Conservancy	14
62	Radnor Conservancy	14
63	Wild Waterways Conservancy	6
64	Pine Creek Land Conservation Trust	1

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Land Transferred to Government

Thirty-four conservation organizations have transferred 400,373 acres to governmental entities (e.g., DCNR, Pennsylvania Game Commission, counties, and municipalities).

Rank	Organization	Total
1	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	199,155
2	The Conservation Fund	100,000
3	Wildlands Conservancy	37,984
4	The Nature Conservancy	13,983
5	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	9,439
6	Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy	6,240
7	North Branch Land Trust	6,015
8	Earth Conservancy	5,000
9	Delaware Highlands Conservancy	4,874
10	The Trust for Public Land	3,709
11	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy	3,600
12	Seneca Highlands Conservancy, Inc.	3,000
13	Natural Lands (incl. Montgomery County Lands Trust)	1,688
14	French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	1,183
15	ClearWater Conservancy	919
16	Berks Nature	792
17	Armstrong County Conservancy Charitable Trust	700

Rank	Organization	Total
18	Farm & Natural Lands Truts of York Co.	361
19	Wild Waterways Conservancy	300
20	Westmoreland Land Trust	270
21	Lake Erie Region Conservancy	263
22	Lancaster Conservancy	257
23	French Creek Valley Conservancy	100
24	Montour Trail Council	96
25	Allegheny Land Trust	83
26	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	81
27	Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association	78
28	Land Conservancy of Adams County	41
29	Merrill Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy	36
30	Countryside Conservancy	34
31	The Wallace Trust	30
32	Wissahickon Trails	27
33	Lackawanna Valley Conservancy	25
34	Armstrong Trails	12

Number of Perpetual Trail Easements

Seventeen conservation organizations hold 142 trail easements in PA.

Rank	Organization	Total
1	Natural Lands (incl. Montgomery County Lands Trust)	39
2	Montour Trail Council	29
3	Wissahickon Trails	27
4	Countryside Conservancy	10
5	French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	7
6	Willistown Conservation Trust	6
7	Pocono Heritage Land Trust	6
8	Westmoreland Conservancy	3
9	Central Pennsylvania Conservancy	3
10	Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art	2

Rank	Organization	Total
11	Lancaster Conservancy	2
12	North American Land Trust	2
13	French Creek Valley Conservancy	2
14	Earth Conservancy	1
15	Hollow Oak Land Trust	1
16	Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County	1
17	Tinicum Conservancy	1

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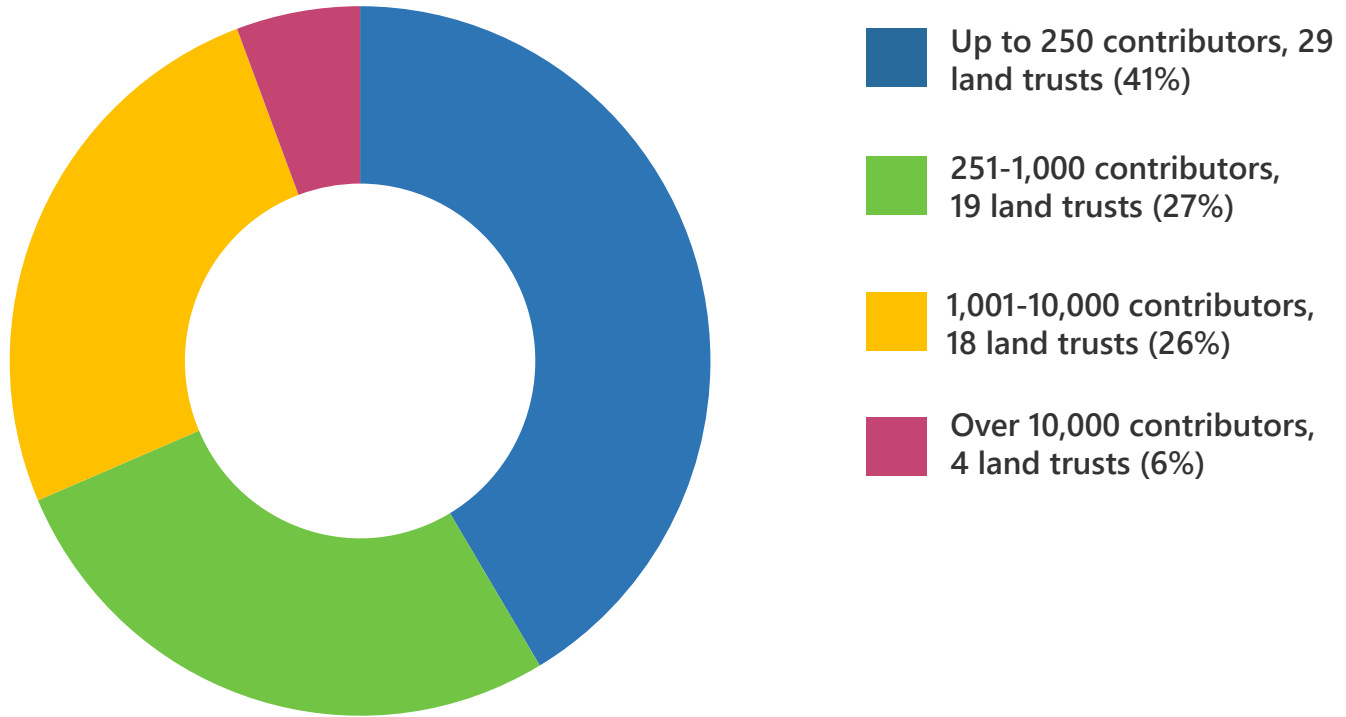
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2	Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art	462
3	Natural Lands (incl. Montgomery County Lands Trust)	346
4	Heritage Conservancy	233
5	French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust	174
6	Land Conservancy of Adams County	169
7	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	166
8	Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York Co.	142
9	Berks Nature	132
10	Land Trust of Bucks County	119
11	Tinicum Conservancy	115
12	Willistown Conservation Trust	84
13	Wildlands Conservancy	72
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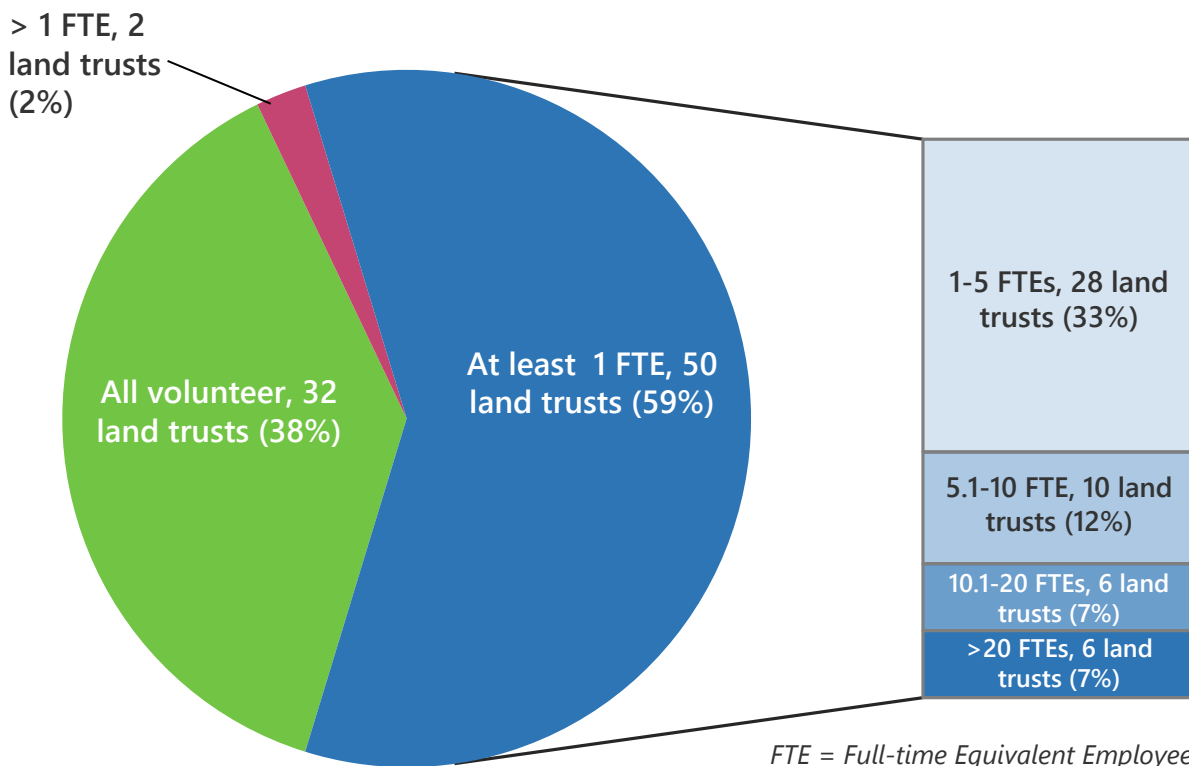
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Dear Friend of Conservation,

Pennsylvania land trusts have wrapped up a tremendous decade. They expanded on the lands they previously conserved by 34 percent! Fully 25% of all the conservation ever accomplished by PA land trusts occurred in the past 10 years.

These numbers are extraordinary and a testament to the tremendous work being done by organizations, big and small, across our Commonwealth. Land trusts achieved this while building stronger stewardship programs, completing transactions with higher levels of complexity, and improving their sustainability.

The board directors, committee members, and staff of the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association are proud to have played a substantial role in moving conservation forward: ensuring hundreds of millions in state conservation investments, improving state

laws to support conservation work, and guarding against legislative and legal efforts to undermine conservation achievements; painstakingly building a rock solid set of two dozen model legal documents and developing 130 wholly original, practical technical guides; providing technical assistance, training, and networking opportunities; and more.

Thank you for your part in making a great decade for conservation. Let's each in our own way and working together do even better in this next decade!

Thank you and stay well,



Andrew M. Loza
Executive Director

