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Bear-Paw Regional Greenways Applies for Land Trust Alliance Accreditation

DEERFIELD N.H., August 23, 2017 – Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, a non-profit regional land trust based in Deerfield, NH, is pleased to announce it is applying for accreditation with the Land Trust Alliance (LTA). The LTA accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. 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. The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Bear-Paw complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards, see www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices.

To learn more about the accreditation program, please visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments can be submitted on the website. They can also be emailed to info@landtrustaccreditation.org, faxed to 518-587-3183, or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments, 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on Bear-Paw's application will be most useful by November 6, 2017.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is a non-profit land trust with a mission to conserve a network of lands that permanently protects the region's water, wildlife habitat, forests, and farmland. Bear-Paw now holds easements or land protecting 65 properties and 8,177 acres in its eleven-town region. Established by resident volunteers, Bear-Paw works to conserve open space in Allenstown, Barnstead, Candia, Deerfield, Epsom, Hooksett, Northwood, Nottingham, Pittsfield, Raymond, and Strafford through outreach, education, and the completion of land protection projects.

For information about Bear-Paw events, how to become a member, land protection options for landowners or volunteering with the land trust, please contact Daniel Kern at Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, Post Office Box 19, Deerfield, NH 03037, 603 463-9400, or info@bear-paw.org. You can also visit their website at www.bear-paw.org.

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