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Tall Pines Conservancy Earns National Recognition

Strong Commitment to Public Trust and Conservation Excellence

Nashotah, Wisconsin – One thing that unites us as a nation is land: Americans strongly support saving the open spaces they love. Since 1999, Tall Pines Conservancy has been doing just that for the people of Lake Country in Southeastern Wisconsin. Today, our organization is proud to announce that it has renewed its land trust accreditation – proving once again that, as part of a network of over 400 accredited land trusts across the nation, it is committed to professional excellence and to maintaining the public’s trust in its conservation work.

“Renewing our accreditation shows Tall Pines Conservancy’s ongoing commitment to permanent land conservation in the Lake Country region – and beyond,” said Susan Buchanan, Executive Director. “We are a stronger organization than ever for having gone through the rigorous accreditation renewal process. Our strength means special places – such as the Mayer Family Farm and the Wandschneider Audley Creek Preserve – will be protected forever, making our community an even greater place for us and our children.”

Tall Pines Conservancy provided extensive documentation and was subject to a comprehensive third-party evaluation prior to achieving this distinction. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded renewed accreditation, signifying its confidence that Tall Pines Conservancy’s lands will be protected forever. Accredited land trusts now steward almost 20 million acres – the size of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

“It is exciting to recognize Tall Pines Conservancy’s continued commitment to national standards by renewing this national mark of distinction,” said Melissa Kalvestrand, Executive Director of the Commission. “Donors and partners can trust the more than 400 accredited land trusts across the country are united behind strong standards and have demonstrated sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship.”

Tall Pines Conservancy is one of 1,363 land trusts across the United States according to the Land Trust Alliance’s most recent National Land Trust Census. A complete list of accredited land trusts and more information about the process and benefits can be found at www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

About Tall Pines Conservancy

Founded in 1999, Tall Pines Conservancy is a nationally accredited, non-profit land trust focused on preserving the Lake Country region and beyond. We believe in protecting farmland, water and open spaces within our community to honor generations past, maintain a connection to our rural heritage and preserve these irreplaceable resources for future generations to enjoy. Tall Pines has preserved approximately 1500 acres of land by conservation easements and fee acquisition.

Visit www.tallpinesconservancy.org for more information or contact Susan Buchanan at 262-369-0500.

About the Land Trust Accreditation Commission

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission inspires excellence, promotes public trust and ensures permanence in the conservation of open lands by recognizing organizations that meet rigorous quality standards and strive for continuous improvement. The Commission, established in 2006 as an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, is governed by a volunteer board of diverse land conservation and nonprofit management experts. For more, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

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