

Tammara Van Ryn

Tammara Van Ryn joined the External Review Panel in 2005. She is the director of standards and research for the Land Trust Alliance (LTA), and oversees LTA's programs to advance excellence in land conservation. She joined LTA in the summer of 1997 as director of the New York program. In 2000 she was named eastern region director and established LTA's programs in the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, and Southeastern states. She began working on standards in 2003 and led a nation-wide public involvement process to revise Land Trust Standards and Practices in 2004. She is now designing new LTA tools to build strong land trusts, including the development of a land trust accreditation program.

In 1999 - 2001 she facilitated LTA's Working Forest Conservation Easement Learning Circle which led to a publication on how to create working forest conservation easements. She was a project manager and editor of the recently released Conservation Easement Handbook. From 2002-2004 she taught Nonprofit Management during Vermont Law School's summer session.



Prior to coming to LTA, she served as the policy director for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) for seven years. While at SPNHF she facilitated several public policy initiatives, worked extensively with the legislature, and edited *Good Forestry in the Granite State*, a sustainable forestry publication. She has practiced forestry with a private consulting firm, a sawmill, and as an agro-forestry specialist for the Peace Corps in Ecuador. She and her husband own an organic farm in upstate New York. She holds a Bachelor's in Forest Management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a Master's in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School.