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## Land Trust of Virginia Receives Annual Award

*Honored by Scenic Virginia*

**Middleburg, VA, Sept. 17, 2017** -- The Land Trust of Virginia is the 2017 recipient of Scenic Virginia's prestigious annual *Scenic Vistas and Lands Preservation Award*. LTV Board, Advisory Council and staff members were in attendance to accept the award at the Scenic Awards Gala Reception and Ceremony held at the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Now in its 15th year, the Annual Scenic Awards program is the Commonwealth's premier event for honoring excellence in the field of scenic preservation, with a special emphasis on projects that can be replicated in other areas of the state. Its purpose is to remind Virginians how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful place as it honors the wonderful results of hard work, partnerships, and creative solutions to preserve, protect and enhance this beauty. Scenic Virginia believes that beautiful landscapes are good for business and essential for the soul, and that our scenic assets are essential to the cultural and economic health of our Commonwealth.

The protection of those scenic assets is at the heart of the work of the Land Trust of Virginia. In fact, scenic open space is one of the conservation values LTV ensures is protected when working with landowners on their donations of conservation easements.

"For 25 years LTV has been working to conserve land in Virginia. Our work has played a part in preserving the pastoral landscapes and vistas that nourish all of us," commented LTV Board Chairman Chris Dematatis. "It is an honor to be recognized for our efforts and it is a tribute to the hard work of the many professionals and volunteers that have built LTV into the organization that it is today. On behalf of our Board, our staff and our many supporters, we want to thank Scenic Virginia for this award."



Accepting the Scenic Virginia Award from their Board Member David R. Kenerson, Jr. (on the left) are members of LTV's Board and Staff including (left to right) James E. Rich, Christopher C. Dematatis, *Chairman*, Sally B. Price, *Executive Director*, and Yakir Lubowsky, *Chairman's Advisory Council*.

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The Land Trust of Virginia is a private land trust that partners with landowners who voluntarily protect and preserve properties with significant scenic, ecological and historic value. LTV holds 153 easements protecting a total of 16,265 acres across 12 counties in Virginia.