

15th Annual Land Trust – State Agency Retreat
Thursday, November 1st & Friday, November 2nd, 2018

AGENDA

Thursday, November 1st

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| 9:00 – 10:00 | Introductions (one minute or less each) |
| 10:00 – 10:40 | Recharging our Massachusetts Statewide Land Conservation Vision—
Bob Wilber & Bob O’Connor <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Retreat began with the Statewide Land Conservation Plan 15 Years Ago – significant progress on statewide accomplishments and partnerships▪ How do we recharge our Statewide Land Conservation Vision in the climate change era? |
| 10:40 - 11:30 | Group brainstorm discussion and reporting |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Break |
| 11:45 -12:45 | <i>“Keeping Land Conservation Relevant” Panel</i>

Restoring the Acushnet Sawmill Site in New Bedford—Brendan Annett, Buzzards Bay Coalition

Bringing Trees to our Brockton Residents—Conor Michaud, Wildlands Trust

Berkshire Wildlife Partnership—Markelle Smith, The Nature Conservancy |
| 12:45 – 1:30 | Lunch (bring your own) |
| 1:30 – 2:15 | Forest Management, Conversion, and Forest Carbon—Paul Catanzaro, UMass Amherst Extension |
| 2:15 – 3:00 | Group discussion and brainstorm: <i>Conservation land and property taxes – approaches and ongoing challenges</i> |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | Break |
| 3:15 – 4:00 | Brainstorm: <i>The Small Community Challenge—making conservation lands more relevant to communities and highlighting their values</i> |

- 4:00 – 4:45 Making music with bird songs—Mark Faherty, Mass Audubon
- 4:45 Logistics and focus for Friday
- 5:00 Dinner at Fisher House (Prepared by State agencies)
- Mass Land Conservation Jeopardy Game with Russ Cohen
- Night Walk (weather permitting)

Friday, November 2nd

- 7:30 – 8:15 Breakfast at Fisher House (Prepared by Land trusts)
- 8:30 – 9:15 Spiritual connections to the land—Rev. Stephen Blackmer, Kairos Earth & Church of the Woods, Canterbury NH
- *for this session, please bring a small item from nature that has some meaning to you
- 9:15 – 10:15 Legislative update and brainstorming—Emily Myron & Steve Long, The Nature Conservancy
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 11:15 A View of Acadia National Park by its Artist in Residence—Cathy Garnett
- 11:15-11:35 Massachusetts State Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan—Sarah White, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
- 11:35-12:00 Next Steps, Wrap up and Adjourn