Roundtable Agenda

8:30 am  Refreshments Available

9:00 am  Welcome, Statement of Goals, and Introductions
  Spencer Meyer, Senior Conservationist, Highstead

9:20 am  Fueling New England’s Remarkable Capacity for Conservation
  David Foster, Director, Harvard Forest

9:45 am  Introduction of Conservation Finance Themes
  Spencer Meyer

9:50 am  Natural Infrastructure Investments
  Case Study
  Climate Ready Boston: An Opportunity to Transform the Boston Landscape
  Bud Ris, Senior Advisor, Green Ribbon Commission and Barr Foundation

  Pitches
  Conservation’s share of $90 trillion in Infrastructure Investments
  James Levitt, Director of the Program on Conservation Innovation, Harvard Forest and
  Manager of Land Conservation Programs, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
  Would $165 Million Help Advance your Watershed Protection Goals?
  Peter Stangel, Senior Vice President, US Endowment for Forestry and Communities
  Buy-outs for Nature - Aligning Investments in Coastal Resilience and Adaptation
  Sacha Spector, Program Director for the Environment, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

  Reflection
  Peter Howell, Executive Vice President for Conservation Capital, Open Space Institute

10:45 am  Networking Break with Refreshments

11:00 am  New Public Finance Programs
  Case Studies
  Bridging the Partisan Divide: Passing New Federal Tax Incentives for Conservation
  Rand Wentworth, Louis Bacon Senior Fellow in Environmental Leadership, Harvard
  Kennedy School
  Why Has the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act Been So Successful?
  (And Could It Happen Again?)
  Ernest Cook, Senior Vice President for Conservation Finance, The Trust for Public Land

  Pitches
  Bringing the Legacy Amendment to Massachusetts
  Jen Ryan, Director of Policy, The Trustees
Integrating Private Capital into USDA’s Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Kari Cohen, Director of Conservation Innovation Team, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Reflection

Leigh Youngblood, Executive Director, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust

12:00 pm Casual Lunch in HUCE Lounge

12:45 pm Healthy Communities, Healthy People

Pitches

Can Medicaid Pay for Trees? Thinking of Conservation as a Healthcare Provider

Bobby Cochran, Executive Director, Willamette Partnership

Compensatory Mitigation to Protect the Pollution Prevention Power of Forests

Kathy Fallon Lambert, Science and Policy Program Director, Harvard Forest

Case Study

A Family’s Investment in Land Conservation as a Bridge to Rural Prosperity

Lucas St. Clair, President, Elliotsville Plantation, Inc.

Reflection

Jane Difley, President, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

1:30 pm Natural Resources Investments

Case Studies

Corporate Supply Chain Sustainability and Forest Conservation

Tom Duffus, Vice President, The Conservation Fund

De-Risking Investment in Sustainable Farms: Partner with Good Farmers!

Jacob Israelow, Managing Director, Dirt Capital Partners

Pitches

Cracking the Code: Forest Carbon Aggregation in Vermont

Nick Richardson, Vice President for Enterprise and Finance, Vermont Land Trust

Other people’s money: Capturing Natural Resource Damage Payments and Other Environmental Fines

Peter Stein, Managing Director, Lyme Timber

Reflection

Karin Tilberg, Deputy Executive Director, Forest Society of Maine

2:30 pm Conservation Finance Hackathon

Participants will self-select among the four themes. The goal for these break-out sessions is to gauge the potential, feasibility, and interest of the cases and pitches presented earlier. The theme leaders will moderate discussion aimed to answer the following questions:

1. Do the ideas presented have potential to generate significant new finance for land protection at the local, state or regional level?

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2. Can the idea be implemented within five years?
3. Will the idea require major policy changes, and if so, what groundwork would need to be done?
4. Which organizations are best positioned to advance the idea?

- Natural Infrastructure Investments – Led by James Levitt (Library)
- New Public Finance Programs – Led by David Foster (Room 440)
- Healthy Communities, Healthy People – Led by Bill Labich (Room 433-I)
- Natural Resources Investments – Led by Spencer Meyer (Room 429)

3:15 pm Break with Refreshments
3:30 pm Hackathon Debrief
   Theme leaders
3:50 pm Capturing Momentum: Next Steps for a Regional Agenda
   Spencer Meyer
4:00 pm Closing Remarks
   Jim Levitt
4:15 pm Adjourn and Travel to Reception

**Reception and Dinner**

The reception will begin at 4:30 at Catalyst in Kendall Square, about a 10-minute drive away.

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