



# Introduction to Land Protection Module Reading List

## Why land protection?

- Brewer, Richard. *Conservancy: The Land Trust Movement in America*. Hanover, NH. University Press of New England. 2003.
  - Chapter 1 – History
  - Chapter 2 – Sprawl
- Farming on the Edge. American Farmland Trust. 2002.  
[https://www.farmlandinfo.org/sites/default/files/Farming\\_on\\_the\\_Edge\\_2002\\_1.pdf](https://www.farmlandinfo.org/sites/default/files/Farming_on_the_Edge_2002_1.pdf) .
- Susan M. Stein, Ronald E. McRoberts, Ralph J. Alig, Mark D. Nelson, David M. Theobald, Mike Eley, Mike Dechter, and Mary Carr. *Forests on the Edge*. PNW-GTR-636. 2005.  
<https://www.fs.fed.us/openspace/fote/fote-6-9-05.pdf>.

## Understanding Landowners

- Who Owns America's Trees, Woods, and Forests. NRS-INF-31-15. 2015.  
[https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/inf/nrs\\_inf\\_31\\_15-NWOS-whoowns.pdf](https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/inf/nrs_inf_31_15-NWOS-whoowns.pdf)
- Howard Mansfield. *My Roots are Deeper than Your Pockets*. Forest Notes. Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. 2013. (I have a PDF that I can send upon request)
- Markowski-Lindsay M, P Catanzaro, K. Bell, D. Kittredge, E. Markowitz, J. Leahy, B. Butler, A. Milman, and S. Allred. In *Forest and Intact: Designating Future use of Family-Forest Owned Land*. *Journal of Forestry* 116 (4):357-366. <http://www.familyforestresearchcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/markowski-lindsay-et-al-2018.pdf>
- Kittredge, David B., M.G. Rickenbach, T.G. Knoot, E. Snellings, and A. Erazo. 2013. *It's the Network: How Personal Connections Shape Decisions about Private Forest Use*. *Northern Journal of Applied Forestry* 30(2). <http://www.familyforestresearchcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/45its-the-network-njaf-dbk.pdf>

## Conservation Organizations

- Conservancy:
  - Chapter 4 – Who will save the land?
  - Ch. 14 – A Diversity of Local Land Trusts
- Conservation Organization Mission Statements (This is a document I put together of a sample of national, state, regional and conservation agencies and land trusts' mission statements. It allows students to see the commonalities and difference of the missions of various conservation organizations. I then use the missions to set up land prioritization. I'm happy to share document, but it's Massachusetts-centric)

## Land Trust Alliance

- National Land Trust Census Report. 2015. Land Trust Alliance.  
<http://s3.amazonaws.com/landtrustalliance.org/2015NationalLandTrustCensusReport.pdf>
- Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices. Revised 2017. Land Trust Alliance.  
[https://s3.amazonaws.com/landtrustalliance.org/publication/files/LandTrustStandardsandPractices2017\\_0.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/landtrustalliance.org/publication/files/LandTrustStandardsandPractices2017_0.pdf)

## Land Prioritization

- Conservancy:
  - Chapter 5 – Choosing Land to Save
- I also post a number of links to Massachusetts land prioritization tools for students to explore:
  - Conservation Assessment and Prioritization System (CAPS): <http://umasscaps.org/>
  - Natural Heritage BioMap2: <http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/dfg/biomap2.htm>
  - TNC Resilient and Connected Landscapes:  
<https://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationByGeography/NorthAmerica/UnitedStates/edc/reportsdata/terrestrial/resilience/Pages/default.aspx>
  - Connect the Connecticut: <https://connecttheconnecticut.org/>
  - MAPPR Tool 2.0: <https://www.massaudubon.org/our-conservation-work/advocacy/shaping-the-future-of-your-community/current-projects/mappr-project/mappr-tool>

## Land Protection Tools

- Small, Steven. Preserving Family Lands: Book II – Conservation Easements chapter
- Trust for Public Land. Doing Deals: Introduction and Assembling the Information chapter
- Diehl, Janet and T. Barrett. The Conservation Easement Handbook. Chapters 1 and 5
- Sample CE/CR from a local land trust and the state's model CE/CR
- Protecting Your Legacy: A Massachusetts guide to conservation-based estate planning:  
<http://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.org/files/pdf-doc-ppt/Protecting-Your-Legacy.pdf>  
(NOTE: There are state specific version of Protecting Your Legacy for VT, NH, & ME)

## Due Diligence

- Trust for Public Land. Doing Deals: Chapter 12 – Title, Chapter 13 – Survey, Chapter 14 – Environmental Assessment, Chapter 15 – Appraisals
- An actual land appraisal from a land protection deal

## Funding Land Protection

- Land and Water Conservation Fund: <https://www.doi.gov/lwcf>
- USDA Forest Legacy Program: <https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/forest-legacy>
- Wildlands and Woodlands Public Conservation Funding in New England Report: <https://www.wildlandsandwoodlands.org/public-funding-report>

## Policy Incentives

- Using the Conservation Tax Incentive: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/landtrustalliance.org/ConservationEasementTaxIncentiveBrochure2016.pdf>
- Federal Income Tax Incentives: <https://www.landtrustalliance.org/topics/taxes/income-tax-incentives-land-conservation>
- Estate Tax Incentives for Land Conservation: <https://www.landtrustalliance.org/topics/taxes/estate-tax-incentives-land-conservation>
- MA Land Conservation Tax Credit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/commonwealth-conservation-land-tax-credit-cltc>

## Easement Monitoring

- Bouplon, Renee J. and B. Lind. Conservation Easement Stewardship. Land Trust Alliance. Stewardship of Conserved Land. Pages 1 – 29. 2008.
- An example Baseline Documentation Report (BDR)
- An example annual monitoring visit form

## Stewardship of Conserved Land

- Increasing forest resiliency for an uncertain future: <http://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.net/files/Forest-Resiliency.pdf>
- Forest Carbon: An essential natural solution for climate change: [http://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.org/files/Forest-Carbon-web\\_1.pdf](http://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.org/files/Forest-Carbon-web_1.pdf)

- Best Management Practices for Nesting Grassland Birds: [https://www.massaudubon.org/content/download/19413/274073/file/Best-Management-Practices\\_Grasslands.pdf](https://www.massaudubon.org/content/download/19413/274073/file/Best-Management-Practices_Grasslands.pdf)
- Picking Our battles: A Guide to Planning Successful Invasive Plant Management Projects: <https://wildlife.state.nh.us/invasives/documents/picking-battles.pdf>
- Foresters and the Care of Your Land: [http://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.org/files/pdf-doc-ppt/foresters\\_care\\_your\\_land\\_web.pdf](http://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.org/files/pdf-doc-ppt/foresters_care_your_land_web.pdf)

## Community Conservation

- Sims, Katharine R. E., J.R. Thompson, S.R. Meyer, C. Nolte, and J.S. Plisinski. 2019. Assessing the Local Economic Impacts of Land Protection. *Conservation Biology* 0 (0) 1-10. [https://harvardforest.fas.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/Sims\\_et\\_al-2019-Conservation\\_Biology%20%281%29.pdf](https://harvardforest.fas.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/Sims_et_al-2019-Conservation_Biology%20%281%29.pdf)
- Economic Contributions of Land Conserved by the USDA Forest Service's Forest legacy Program: <http://www.familyforestresearchcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/FLP-Economic-Contributions-Report-Summary.pdf>
- Fiscal impacts of Land Use in Massachusetts: Up-to date Cost of Community Services Analysis for 4 Massachusetts Communities. <https://masswoods.org/sites/masswoods.org/files/pdf-doc-ppt/cost%20of%20community%20services%20for%20four%20towns.pdf>
- American Farmland Trust. 1992. Does Farmland Protection Pay? The Cost of Community Services in Three Massachusetts Towns. Northampton, MA: American Farmland Trust
- Kotchen, M.J. and Schlute, S.L. 2009. A Meta-Analysis of Cost of Community Services Studies. *International Regional Science Review* 32(3):376-399
- Trust for Public Land. The Return on Investment in Parks and Open Space in Massachusetts. 2013. <https://www.tpl.org/return-investment-parks-and-open-space-massachusetts#sm.0000s310tiaowd0jwht2gfqtmrci6>
- The Regional Conservation Partnership Handbook: <https://highstead.net/pdfs/RCP%20Handbook.pdf>

## Conservation at the Landscape Level

- Wildlands and Woodlands: A Vision for the New England Landscape: <https://www.wildlandsandwoodlands.org/sites/default/files/Wildlands%20and%20Woodlands%20New%20England.pdf>
- New England Landscape Futures Explorer: <https://www.newenglandlandscapes.org/>