



**ALPINE Meeting Agenda**  
**Friday, March 2, 2018, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Campus Center**  
**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

**8:30 – 10:30 Continental breakfast served**

**9:00 -10:00 Introduction**

Welcome, Curtice Griffin, *Director, School of Earth & Sustainability*

*Head, Dept. of Environmental Conservation, University of Massachusetts*

Introduction and Meeting Purpose, *Jim Levitt, Manager, Land Conservation Programs, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy*

Overview of the Wildlands and Woodlands report, *David Foster, Director, Harvard Forest*

**10:00 – 10:45 Student-focused Initiatives**

a. 2017 goals and achievements, *Jim Levitt*

b. ALPINE Summer Institute, *Jim Levitt and Katie Michels, 2017 Summer Institute participant*

c. Development of student group network, working with Harvard College Conservation Society, *Jim Levitt*

d. Using internships to advance land protection, *Spencer Meyer, Senior Conservationist, Highstead*

**10:45 – 11:00 Break**

**11:00 – 11:45 Faculty and Staff focused Initiatives**

a. 2017 goals and achievements, *Marianne Jorgensen, Coordinator ALPINE*

b. (i) New survey of New England faculty teaching land protection, (ii) Launching a conservation certificate course at UMass Amherst, (iii) survey of motivations for and attitudes towards land protection., *Paul Catanzaro, Extension Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts*

c. New England Towns Database Project 1990-present, *Kate Sims, Associate Professor of Economics, Amherst College; Jonathan Thompson, Senior Ecologist, Harvard Forest*

**11:45 – 12:30 Administration and Alumni Focused Initiatives**

a. 2017 goals and achievements – *David Foster*

b. Examples of institutional conservation initiatives: Middlebury College (carbon neutrality), *Mark Lapin, Assistant Professor in Environmental Studies, Middlebury College*

c. (i) History and conservation of the natural areas system at University of Vermont (ii) Consideration of graduate degree program in land conservation, *Rick Paradis, University of Vermont Natural Areas Center Director*

**12:30 – 1:15 Lunch**

**1:15 – 1:45 RCP Focused Initiatives**

- a. 2017 goals and achievements, *Bill Labich, Senior Conservationist, Highstead*
- b. Examples of university/RCP/Land Trust collaboration: ALPINE/RCP forums, *Bill Labich*

*BREAKOUT SESSIONS*

**1:45 – 2:30 Discuss 2018 Goals**

*Each task force:* What great ideas and activities did we not cover? what should we cover in the next year? How do we get each school to write a case study in land protection?

Faculty Group: what tools/materials would be most useful for faculty to encourage the teaching of land protection? What should be on the website? How do we locate other materials?, *Marianne Jorgensen*

RCP Group: ideas on the Forums, how to facilitate faculty/RCP relationships, *Bill Labich*

Alumni and Administration Group: what resources will be useful to help in facilitating dialog with administration to protect land. *David Foster*

Students Group: Discussion and activities of student network, *Jim Levitt*

**2:30 - 3:00 Reconvene in Plenary, Report Out New Goals, Wrap Up**

**3:00 – 3:30 Optional Visit to New Design Building on UMass Campus led by Alex Schreyer, Director of the Building and Construction Technology (BCT) program at University of Massachusetts**

For a preview, see <http://www.woodworks.org/wp-content/uploads/UMass-Amherst-Olver-Design-Building-WoodWorks-Case-Study.pdf>

Named 2018 U.S. Building of the Year in a national poll conducted by American-Architects:  
<https://www.umass.edu/newsoffice/article/john-w-olver-design-building-named>