



**Using the Power of Teamwork
to Advance Regional (Big, Innovative, Connected) Conservation**

*Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nashua, NH*

8:00 am	Registration & Refreshments
8:30 am	Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Bill Labich, RCP Network Coordinator, Highstead
8:45 am	RCP Success Stories – Charlie Hancock, North Woods Resource Group, and Sarah Wells, North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership
9:15 am	<p>Session 1 Workshops</p> <p>A. Your New or Rebooted RCP’s First Steps: Choosing Partners, Region, and Funding Sources – Moderator: Brian Hotz, Quabbin to Cardigan Partnership, Merrimac Conservation Partnership, and Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests</p> <p>B. Partnering with the Natural Resources Conservation Service on their RCP Program: Focus on the Healthy Forest Reserve Program – Moderator: Bill Labich, Highstead; and Thomas Morgart, Natural Resources Conservation Service - CT</p> <p>C. Exploring Shared Ecological Priorities Across New England – Moderator: Steven Fuller, Wildlife Management Institute and North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative</p> <p>D. Working for Water: A Conversation with the New England Watershed Managers Collaborative (NEWMAN) – Moderator: Christopher Riely, Rhode Island Woodland Partnership and Providence Water</p> <p>E. What is Community Conservation? How Does it Relate to RCPs? – Moderator: Rebecca Washburn, Land Trust Alliance</p>
10:30 am	Networking
11:00 am	Keynote Address – Jason Weller, Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service
12:00 pm	Lunch (Provided)

<p>1:00 pm</p>	<p>Session 2 Workshops</p> <p>A. Building Your RCP’s Capacity to Conserve: Maps, Meetings, and Collaboration – <i>Moderators: Tim Abbott, Director of Regional Land Conservation & Greenprint at the Housatonic Valley Association, a member of the Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative RCP; and Ed Hood, Executive Director, Opacum Land Trust, and Coordinator for the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership RCP</i></p> <p>B. Partners in Water Quality: How land trusts and water utilities are conserving forests to provide clean drinking water – <i>Moderators: Spencer Meyer, Highstead; Marcy Lyman, independent consultant; Paul Hunt, Portland Water District</i></p> <p>C. Prospects for a Shared Media Campaign for Conservation and Forest Management (Roundtable) – <i>Moderators: Jim Bonesteel, Rensselaer Plateau Working Forest Initiative and Rensselaer Plateau Alliance; and Sarah Fuller, Kennebec Woodland Partnership</i></p> <p>D. What Does a Connected and Biodiverse Regional Landscape Look Like? – <i>Moderators: Kathy Henley and John Davis, Wildlands Network</i></p> <p>E. Implementing the CT River Watershed Landscape Conservation Design (Roundtable) – <i>Moderators: Kim Lutz, Friends of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge and The Nature Conservancy, CT River Program; and Sarah Wells, North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership and Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust</i></p>
<p>2:15 pm</p>	<p>Networking</p>
<p>2:45 pm</p>	<p>Session 3 Workshops</p> <p>A. Organizing Collaborative, Multi-landowner Land Protection Projects – <i>Moderator: Jim Bonesteel, Rensselaer Plateau Working Forest Initiative and Rensselaer Plateau Alliance</i></p> <p>B. The Conservation Finance Quilt: How RCPs Can Stitch it Together – <i>Moderators: Spencer Meyer, Highstead; and Leigh Whelpton, The Conservation Finance Network</i></p> <p>C. Ingredients to Great Academic Partnerships – <i>Moderator: Marianne Jorgensen, Coordinator, ALPINE</i></p> <p>D. Resilient Regions: Combining Smart Growth and Regional Conservation Strategies for Sustainable Landscapes – <i>Moderators: Trish Garrigan, Resilient Taunton Watershed Network and EPA New England; and Heidi Ricci, Resilient Taunton Watershed Network and Mass Audubon</i></p> <p>E. Advancing the Appalachian Trail Landscape Conservation Initiative (Roundtable) – <i>Moderators: Simon Rucker, Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust; and Hawk Metheny, Appalachian Trail Conservancy</i></p>
<p>4:00 pm</p>	<p>Reconvene and share what we’ll do next – new working groups, initiatives, partnerships, and projects</p> <p>Final Word: 5-10 minutes</p>
<p>4:30 pm</p>	<p>Turn in Evaluations</p>