



## 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?

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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