



Regional Conservation Partnership (RCP) Network and
Academics for Land Protection in New England (ALPINE)

Massachusetts Regional Conservation Forum

February 8, 2019, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Lunch Provided

Tishman Commons in the Lulu Chow Wang Student Center, Wellesley College
106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02481

Meeting Agenda

9:00 am	Registration
9:30 am	Welcome – Suzanne Langridge, Director of the Wellesley College Paulson Ecology of Place Initiative
9:35 am	Introductions and review of the draft agenda and purpose for the Massachusetts Regional Conservation Forum – Marianne Jorgensen, Coordinator, ALPINE
9:45 am	Overview of the RCP Network and ALPINE – Bill Labich, Senior Conservationist, Highstead and Coordinator, RCP Network, and Jim Levitt, Director of the Center for Conservation Innovation, Harvard Forest
10:00 am	Current examples of conservation-academe collaboration – Marianne Jorgensen, ALPINE, to moderate <i>David Foster, Director of the Harvard Forest, Harvard University</i> <i>Paul Catanzaro, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts</i>
10:45 am	Break
11:15 am	Advancing RCP and land trust-related conservation and an open discussion of the challenges and solutions – How are RCPs and land trusts, and colleges and universities are already partnering – Bill Labich, RCP Network, to moderate <i>Sarah Wells, Director of Land Protection, Mount Grace Land Trust, North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership</i> <i>Simon Rucker, Executive Director, Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust, High Peaks Initiative</i> <i>Kari Blood – Communications and Outreach Manager, Kestrel Land Trust</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch and Networking
1:00 pm	Table Discussion #1: RCP/ALPINE Collaboration: What are the ways RCPs can work with faculty, students, and alums for mutual benefit including land protection? What are the challenges? And, how can ALPINE and the RCP Network facilitate impactful collaboration? Bill Labich, Jim Levitt, and Marianne Jorgensen, to facilitate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 min breakout discussions and 10 minutes to identify and discuss main takeaways in small groups • 15 min big group sharing, discussion, and noting themes

1:45 pm	Break
2:00 pm	<p>Table Discussion #2: Discuss your next steps in developing and strengthening your working relationships with specific RCPs and academic partners – Bill Labich, Jim Levitt, and Marianne Jorgensen, to facilitate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on themes we discussed in the previous session, what are examples of specific projects that could be mutually beneficial that you're interested in pursuing, the challenges you'll face, and the next steps • 45 min to meet, discuss shared interests and problem-solve • Law of two-feet applies: You can get up and go to another table whenever you like.
2:45 pm	Next Steps – Jim Levitt and Bill Labich
3:00 pm	Adjourn/Evaluation

Park in the Visitor Parking near the West Entry off Rte. 135 (top of attached map) and then walk to the Tishman Commons in the Lulu Wang Student Center at Wellesley College.