



**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*

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

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