



Models of Land Trust Collaboration

Learning Collaborative, May & June 2021

Self-Assessment

This brief self-assessment is for your use and will not be collected. It's intended to help frame your thinking as we embark on our three-session learning collaborative, and may inform some of your contributions to the discussion. Feel free to share it with others if helpful.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
I am aware of strategic partnerships involving organizations like mine that could be considered successful and beneficial .					
I am aware of strategic partnerships involving organizations like mine that could be considered more trouble than they were worth, or even a failure .					
Over the next ten years, my organization is likely to have the resources and capacities needed to maintain the impact we seek to have.					
Over the next ten years, my organization is likely to have the resources and capacities needed to grow the impact we seek to have.					
We fill a need that isn't met by government or other non-profits. (i.e. If we were to close our doors, some or all of what we do would go undone.)					
Our core purpose is clear and valued by the communities we serve. (i.e. If we were to close our doors, the communities we serve would miss what we do).					
If our purposes overlap with those of other non-profits or government, there is still unique value to the specific work we do.					
If our purposes overlap with those of other non-profits or government, our results and reputation are stronger than theirs.					
It's important for my organization to preserve a strong brand and identity that is independent from other organizations.					
Trends and changes in the communities we serve are increasing the importance and relevance of our work.					
Trends and changes in the communities we serve are decreasing the importance and relevance of our work.					
Trends and changes in other non-profits or government entities that overlap with our purposes are increasing the importance and relevance of our work.					

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Trends and changes in other non-profits or government entities that overlap with our purposes are decreasing the importance and relevance of our work.					
Increased investment in strategic collaboration would strengthen our appeal for donors and funders.					
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Strategic collaboration with a specific organization whose purposes overlap ours would divert time, energy and resources, reducing our conservation impact .					
Strategic collaboration with a specific organization whose purposes overlap ours could enable us to increase our organization's geographic scope, range of services or efficiency, increasing our conservation impact .					
Though there are specific organizations whose purposes overlap ours, conflicting cultures, personalities or histories would be significant barriers to collaboration.					
I think that most members of my Board of Directors/Trustees would answer the above questions similarly to how I answered them.					
Members of my Board of Directors/Trustees are presently open to considering strategic collaboration.					

Which, if any, organizations are working in a space similar to ours might be good strategic partners, and why?

What are some of the key issues we would need to address in considering collaboration with these organizations?