

Communicating Conservation: Building the Message for the 21st Century

Schedule

Register here.

Session Descriptions

Speaker Bios

Thursday, March 24

2:00 p.m. / 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sponsor Talks (suggested logon time: 1:55 p.m. or 2:25 p.m.)

- Mass Audubon (2:00 3:00): Stories of Nature's Restoration
- Vineyard Wind (2:00 3:00): Leading on Offshore Wind Energy: Project Updates from Vineyard Wind & Avangrid Renewables
- LandVest (2:30 3:30): How Exactly Does LandVest Help Conservation in Massachusetts?
- The Trustees (2:30 3:30): Responding to a Changing Coast: Strategies for Climate Resilience

3:50 p.m.	Suggested logon time (to allow for technical logistics)
4:00 - 5:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions

- How To Do Climate-Smart Forest Management...and Get Paid for It!
- Division of Conservation Services Grant Programs and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Land Trusts & Climate Change: Practical Pointers
- How to Run a Land Trust Responsibly: Standards and Practices
- Raise More Money, Reach More Hearts: Appeal Letters
- Open Space Network: Critical Role of Open Space Committees & Volunteers
- Using MAPPR and Other GIS Resources to Identify Land Conservation Priorities

6:50 p.m.	Suggested logon time (to allow for technical logistics)
7:00 - 8:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions

- Landing Your Communications Strategy
- Working with Municipalities to Find Common Ground in a Changing Climate
- Incorporating Affordability for Farmers into Farmland Conservation
- Forest Stewardship Program: New Priorities & Technical Support to Landowners
- Whose Story Do You Tell? Considering the Land's History.
- Preserving Perpetuity and Reducing Headaches: CR Drafting Basics
- Will Being Outdoors Make You Smarter, Healthier and Happier?

Friday, March 25

9:50 a.m. 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.	Suggested logon time (to allow for technical logistics) Conference Welcome and Keynote Conference Welcome from Buzz Constable and Robb Johnson
	"Reconsidering Conservation - Building an Inclusive Message for the 21st Century" Keynote presentation by Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Energy, Environment and Open Spaces for the City of Boston
2:00 p.m.	Also advocate, pastor, facilitator, and farmer. Concurrent Outdoor Walk-n-Talks (Space is limited – separate registration required! No additional cost.)

In the event of inclement weather, walks may be cancelled or rescheduled to Saturday, March 26 at 2 p.m., at the discretion of the host. The host will contact registrants with directions to the walk and any weather-related updates. Attestation that you are fully vaccinated for Covid-19 or have had a recent negative test will be required at registration. In advance of the event, hosts may request additional COVID precautions such as masks or social distancing.

Area	Walk Title	Time (p.m.)	Capacity
South Egremont /	Engaging Youth in the Community at April Hill	2 - 3:30	open
Berkshires	Education and Conservation Center		
Northampton /	Restoration and Climate Adaptation in	2 - 4:30	25
Connecticut Valley	Northampton		
Longmeadow /	Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge - A Collaboration	2 - 4	25
Connecticut Valley	to Protect and Restore Floodplain Habitat		
Brookfield / Central	Demonstrating Forest Management: Synergies	2 - 4:30	25
	and Tradeoffs		
Hubbardston /	Sharing the Story of a Timber Harvest on	2 - 4	25
Central	Conservation Land		
Pembroke /	Collaborative Signage with Indigenous Community	2 - 4:30	15
Southeast	Members at Indian Head River Preserve		
Littleton / MetroWest	Multi-faceted Invasive Plant Control	2 - 4	16
Brewster / The Cape	A Community Approach to Conservation	2 - 4:30	20
Moraine Farm,	Conservation & Agriculture in an Olmsted-	2 - 4	25
Beverly / Northeast	Designed Landscape		

Saturday, March 26

8:55 a.m.	Suggested logon time
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions

- Strategies for Community Engagement in Urban Watershed Restoration
- Land Trusts as Partners in Building Pollinator Corridors
- Emerging, Advanced Conservation Finance Tools
- Communicating the Value of Land Conservation to Municipal Decision-Makers

- Troubleshooting Land Negotiations
- Growing Interest in Farmland Conservation
- How Sea Level Rise is Impacting Our Coastal Salt Marshes and What We Can Do About It

10:25 a.m.	Suggested logon time
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions

- Communicating Conservation through Poetry
- Hot Legal Topics
- What Donors Want
- BioMap3: A Modern Vision for a Changing Massachusetts
- Nurturing Trail Volunteers
- Identifying and Managing Invasive Insects
- Protecting Bear Hole: Challenges and Lessons Learned Conserving 1400 acres

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