

Saving Special Places 2015

Session 1 Workshops

10:15 – 11:45

1 A: Conservation Easement Basics--Required Parts of CE Deed

Designed for newcomers to the intricacies of Conservation Easements, this workshop will help you understand the format and content of a typical CE, what sections are required and why, and how much flexibility you have in negotiating and drafting key terms. We'll discuss relevant state laws, IRS rules for the charitable contribution of a CE, and the separate interests of the Landowner and the Easement Holder in how the CE is set up.

Tom Howe | *Society for the Protection of NH Forests* | <http://www.forestsociety.org/>

1 B: Conserving Farmland, Securing Access for and Supporting Farmers

This workshop will focus discussion on examples and methods to conserve farmland and facilitate active sustainable farming on the farmland. The panel includes individuals with significant experience in farmland conservation methods, lease options, farm viability support, connecting farmers and farmland owners and providing support to benefit the holistic relationship between the land and those that steward it.

Ian McSweeney | *Russell Farm and Forest Foundation* | <http://www.russellfound.org/>
Holly Rippon-Butler | *National Young Farmers Coalition* | <http://www.youngfarmers.org/>
Jamie Pottorn | *Mount Grace Land Trust* | <http://www.mountgrace.org/>
Duane Hyde | *Southeast Land Trust* | <http://seltnh.org/>

1 C: NH's Conservation & Public Lands Network - What's Missing?

What are the strengths and limitations of New Hampshire's network of conservation and public lands? And how can our State best support long-term conservation of its' most significant natural resources - clean water, productive forests & farms, wildlife habitat, and recreation? We will discuss the findings and recommendations of a new analysis undertaken by The Nature Conservancy and Society for the Protection of NH Forests, prepared to inform the NH Legislature's SB388 Study Committee.

Mark Zankel | *The Nature Conservancy* | <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/newhampshire/>
Dan Sundquist | *Greenfire GIS* | [dsundquist@tds.net/](mailto:dsundquist@tds.net)

1 D: All About Land Surveys for Conservation Projects

This workshop is geared towards anyone who has to hire a surveyor for a conservation project. We'll cover the following: standards of practice for surveyors; how to contract for survey services; what to include in the scope of work; what should be shown on a survey plan; how GPS & GIS are changing the profession; interactions with other professionals; and more. Please come with your questions as we'll leave time for Q&A.

Doug Burnell | *HEB Engineers* | <http://www.hebengineers.com/>
Rebecca Washburn | *Land Trust Alliance* | <http://www.landtrustalliance.org/>
Ann McBride | *Monadnock Conservancy* | <http://monadnockconservancy.org/>

1 E: Monitoring Climate Change at the Local Level

The impacts of climate change are being experienced at the local level. Land trusts and watershed organizations provide an important role in the stewardship of our natural resources. The Kezar Lake Watershed Association and Greater Lovell Land Trust have developed a Climate Change Observatory in the White Mountains region of western Maine. This interactive presentation and workshop will describe how to develop climate change monitoring protocols by tapping into your community's "values".

Forrest Bell | *FB Environmental* | <http://www.fbenvironmental.com/>

Ray Senecal | *Kezar Lake Watershed Association* | <http://www.kezarlake.org/>

1 F: Adverse Possession: When Trespass Leads to Ownership

Under the doctrine of adverse possession, a person can become the owner of someone else's land without buying it. We will discuss how adverse possession works as well as some protective actions a landowner or easement holder can take to thwart a potential claim of adverse possession. Rather than being an antiquated legal doctrine, adverse possession frequently comes up in the practice of a land use lawyer. This interactive workshop will also cover prescriptive easements.

Jason Reimers | *BCM Environmental Law* | <http://www.nhlandlaw.com/>

1 G: Timber Harvesting Rights and Responsibilities for Conservation Easements

Timber harvesting rights and responsibilities for conservation easements: An examination of forest management issues which should be considered by landowners when negotiating the terms and language of conservation easements. Including, but not limited to forest health matters, invasive species and natural disasters. Question and answer period with panelists will follow.

Steve Patten | *NH Timberland Owners Association* | <http://www.nhtoa.org/>

Simon Leeming | *Preti Flaherty Beliveau & Pachios PLLP* | <http://www.lawyers.com/concord/new-hampshire/>

Whitney Beals | *New England Forestry Foundation* | <http://www.newenglandforestry.org/>

Mike Powers | *Bay State Forestry* | <http://www.baystateforestry.com/>

Nate Byfield | *Logger and Landowner*

1 H: Mobile Technology for Stewardship

Are you still lugging a camera, notebook, pen, GPS, compass, various field guides, and paper survey maps when you head out to a preserve or easement to undertake stewardship activities? Come learn about applications you can use with mobile devices (smartphones and tablets) to gain efficiencies and stay organized. This session will focus primarily on the setup and use of Gaia GPS and ArcGIS Collector. Experience using mobile devices and ESRI GIS software is recommended.

Jeff Lougee | *The Nature Conservancy* |

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/newhampshire/>

1 I: Savvy Risk Management for Land Trusts

Land trusts deal with risk every day to conserve land and keep it protected. Practice 6I of Land Trust Standards and Practices asks land trusts to assess and manage their risks. We'll discuss key concepts in risk management as they apply to land trusts in advancing a land trust's mission and protecting its vital assets. You will learn how to develop a risk management plan that integrates sound risk management practices into its operations. We'll test your courage with real life stories.

Paul Doscher | *Piscataquog Land Conservancy* | <http://plcnh.org/>

Leslie Ratley-Beach | *Land Trust Alliance* | <http://www.landtrustalliance.org/>