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The mission of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC) is to elevate and strengthen land conservation in Connecticut. CLCC's vision is a future where every Connecticut community is supported and sustained by a diverse mix of conserved land, and land conservation is embraced as an essential community value.

CLCC is the only statewide service provider and voice for all Connecticut land trusts. CLCC is a leader in advocacy and policy, education and training, and technical assistance to empower Connecticut's ~130 land trusts and ensure the long-term viability of land conservation efforts in the state.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Awakening the Sleeping Giant: Natural Climate Solutions



Natural climate solutions include protection and restoration of wild lands, and better management of working lands, and are a key yet underfunded sector for climate mitigation. Despite their importance, even in regions like the U.S. and Connecticut, where reducing fossil fuel emissions is crucial, these solutions are often overlooked. This

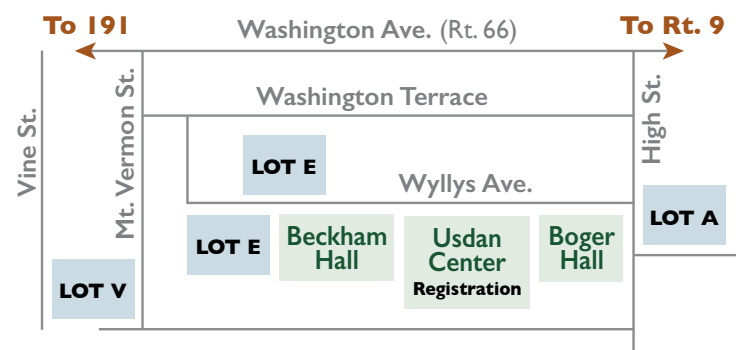
year's keynote speaker, Bronson Griscom, will discuss the global, national, and local scope of these solutions, highlighting their potential as a major climate ally and addressing the challenges and opportunities of awakening the sleeping giant climate ally at our doorstep. He brings optimism to the existential climate crisis.

Bronson Griscom is the Vice President of Natural Climate Solutions at Conservation International, where his team researches opportunities to maximize the climate and co-benefit impacts of conservation, restoration, and land management. He authored a significant 2017 study on "Natural Climate Solutions," showing their potential to contribute over 30% of the necessary emissions reductions by 2030 to limit global temperature rise.

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Usdan Center
45 Wyllys Avenue
Middletown, CT 06459

Carpooling is encouraged! Directions, parking and shuttle service information is posted on the Conference webpage.

- **Interactive Campus Map:** download at <https://www.wesleyan.edu/about/directions/campusmap.html>
- **Attendee Parking:** Vine Street Parking Lot (Lot V) next to tennis courts and Lot A on College Street. Shuttle service from Lot V to the Usdan Center will be available from 7:45am-10am. Return service will be available at the end of the day.
- **Presenter and Volunteers' Parking:** Wyllys Avenue E Lots
- **If you need special parking accommodations,** please contact Cristina Hayden at chayden@ctconservation.org



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40th Annual Connecticut
Land Conservation
Conference

Please join us for the state’s largest land conservation gathering and CLCC’s premier annual event, featuring a full day of educational workshops and peer-to-peer networking followed by an informal reception with friends and colleagues from across the state.

Learning, sharing, and growing
our skills and knowledge!

CONFERENCE AGENDA	
8:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 am	Plenary Session WELCOME ADDRESS Amy B. Paterson, <i>Executive Director, CLCC</i> KEYNOTE SPEAKER Bronson Griscom, <i>Vice President of Natural Climate Solutions, Conservation International</i> PANEL DISCUSSION <i>See website for panelists</i>
11:00 am	Break
11:15 am	Workshop Session A
12:30 pm	Lunch and Meet-ups
1:45 pm	Workshop Session B
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm	Workshop Session C
4:30 pm	Break
4:45 pm	Workshop Session D
5:30 pm	Reception

Choose 4 Workshops (1 from Session A, B, C, and D) Workshop Descriptions at ctconservation.org							
Session A: 11:15 am–12:30 pm		Session B: 1:45 – 3:00 pm		Session C: 3:15 – 4:30 pm		Session D: 4:45 – 5:30 pm	
TRACK 1 : Land Protection & Conservation Funding							
A.1	Agricultural Conservation Funding Opportunities	B.1	Accessing Federal Funding through Collaboration	C.1	Advanced Topics in Land Conservation	D.1	Model Conservation Easement
A.2	Land Trust Law School	B.2	Lassoing the Transformative Power of Strategic Conservation Planning	C.2	State Land Acquisition Funding Source Lightning Round	D.2	Miyawaki Forests in Bridgeport: The First in CT
A.3	Protecting Drinking Water Sources	B.3	Nuts and Bolts of Land Transactions (101 Series)	C.3	Proposal Lab: NFWF Funding Opportunities for CT Land Trusts		
TRACK 2 : Stewardship & Natural Climate Solutions							
A.4	Tools for Protecting and Restoring Riparian Areas	B.4	Pollinators and their Neighborhoods	C.4	Protecting Wildlife in your Woodlands	D.3	Agroforestry for Land Trusts and Landowners in CT
A.5	Climate-Smart Forestry Across CT's Urban to Rural Landscape Gradient	B.5	Implementing Climate-Smart Stewardship on Your Land	C.5	Controlling Beech Leaf Disease on Land Trust Properties	D.4	The Land Has a Story to Tell
				C.6	Improving Stewardship with Satellite and Aerial Technology: Explore the Alliance Toolkit	D.5	Understanding Old-Growth Forest Characteristics
TRACK 3 : Accessing & Engaging with Land							
A.6	Property Features Mapping with the Avenza App	B.6	Making the Most of Your Municipal & Land Trust Farmland with CT Farmlink	C.7	From Tragedy to Triumph: Healing Ourselves, Our Soil, and Our Communities	D.6	CT Trail Finder
A.7	Forest Therapy to Promote Wellness and Build Community	B.7	Black AF Farming: Sociocultural Perceptions of Black Farmers Navigating the Idealistic and Reality	C.8	New Parks in New England	D.7	A Recreational Trails-Based Approach to Mapping and Managing Invasive Plants in Protected Areas
TRACK 4 : Community Conservation & Communications							
A.8	Collaboration Not Competition: Community Land Trusts Can Help!	B.8	Opening Spaces: Using the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Other Mandates to Create More Accessible Outdoor Experiences for People with Disabilities	C.9	Affordable Housing & Conservation: Collaboration Benefits & Examples	D.8	Small Scale Native Plant Propagation: How Land Trusts can Start Growing Their Own Native Plants for Restoration and Community Engagement
A.9	Outdoors for All: Equity and Access Advocacy	B.9	Using Print and Digital Media to Build Awareness and Connection to Your Land Trust	C.10	Conserving Northwest CT: Today and Tomorrow	D.9	The Power of Local Educational Partnerships to Enhance Bird Data on Land Trust Properties
TRACK 5 : Policy & Advocacy							
A.10	The Adverse Consequences of Light Pollution	B.10	State Plan Lightning Round	C.11	Leading the Way, Environmental Activists Speak Out	D.10	Envisioning a Flourishing Future: Introduction to Rights of Nature
A.11	Prioritizing Natural Climate Solutions in CT	B.11	CT General Assembly 2024 Update	C.12	Nature for Resilient CT	D.11	Improving Access to the Outdoors with Sustainable CT
TRACK 6 : Organizational Strength & Fundraising							
A.12	De-Mystifying the Capital Campaign	B.12	Stewardship Tips and Trends from Terrafirma	C.13	Building a Donor-Centric Major Giving Program	D.12	Grantwriting 101: Show Me the Green
A.13	Strengthening Your Land Trust Board of Directors	B.13	Building Your Roadmap: Considerations for Strategic Planning	C.14	Succession Planning and Collaboration: You Don't Have To Go Alone	D.13	Fundraising Q&A
A.14	Shifting Board Culture in Favor of Fundraising	B.14	How to Raise More Money – a 101 Approach			D.14	Organizational Checkup

The **101 Series** is an entry-level workshop for those new to land conservation work, or needing a refresher.

Online Registration is Easy!

Via Credit Card or Check

www.ctconservation.org/conference

(Check One)

☐ \$65 Board and Staff of CLCC Member Land Trusts

☐ \$85 Non-Members

☐ \$25 Students

Add \$15 for registrations mailed after March 1.

Scholarships are available. Contact Cristina at chayden@ctconservation.org

Send check payable to: “CLCC” with memo “2024 Conference” and completed registration form to:

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Select 4 Workshops (1 from Sessions A, B, C, and D)

Session A

Session B

Session C

Session D

Visit www.ctconservation.org/conference for full workshop titles and descriptions, conference updates, to download a PDF of this brochure, and more.

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“CLCC’s annual conference is like Woodstock for Connecticut’s land conservation community. It’s an opportunity to foster connections, get inspired, and celebrate our collective accomplishments.”

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