VOICES FROM THE FIELD: WHAT IS A LAND TRUST NOW?

Whether all-volunteer or staffed, land trusts across the state are recognizing that to stay vibrant, resilient, and effective for generations to come, they need to further engage in what’s happening in their communities and beyond.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10
CLIMATE ROUNDTABLE
NOON - 1:30 PM

Land trusts have a significant opportunity to contribute to “natural climate solutions” as they plan for the future of the forests, wetlands, farmlands, and other lands they steward. This roundtable will discuss current options for land trusts to mitigate, adapt, and build resiliency, and consider the gaps in tools, information and funding necessary to continue this work in perpetuity.

AGENDA

12:00 pm – Opening Remarks & Land Acknowledgement
12:10 pm – Panel Discussion
1:00 pm – Audience Q&A
1:15 pm – Panelist Closing Remarks

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Facilitated by: Tim Abbott

**Regional Land Conservation & Greenprint Director, Housatonic Valley Association**
Tim is a former chair of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council Steering committee and has been a conservation leader in New England since 1998. He is the Regional Land Conservation Director with Housatonic Valley Association and has directed the Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborativesince 2006. He held prior leadership positions with The Nature Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land.

Anthony Irving

**Principal, Ecological and Environmental Consulting Services, Inc.**
Anthony is a graduate of the Yale School of the Environment. In addition to his work as an environmental consultant, he currently he serves in various capacities with the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee, the Town of Lyme Open Space Committee, and the Lyme Land Conservation Trust.

Kip Kolesinskas

**Consulting Conservation Scientist, Connecticut Farmland Trust**
Kip’s current projects include assisting agencies, NGOs, and private individuals with farmland protection and restoration, land access and affordability for new and beginning farmers, and climate change adaptation strategies. Kip serves on the Governor’s Council on Climate Change Working and Natural Lands Group, the Working Lands Alliance, and the CT Council on Environmental Quality.

Catherine Rawson

**Executive Director, Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy (NCLC)**
Catherine is the executive director of NCLC, chair of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, commissioner of the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, council member of the Land Trust Alliance Conservation Defense Advisory Council, and a Greenprint Steering Committee member. She holds a J.D. from Vermont Law School and a Masters from Yale School of the Environment.

Herb Virgo

**Founder and Executive Director, Keney Park Sustainability Project (KPSP)**
Herb is the Executive Director of KPSP and is a member of the city’s Climate Stewardship Council. He is also a certified Forest Practitioner and a certified Tree Warden. Herb serves on the Connecticut Urban Forest Council and the Governor's Council on Climate Change Working and Natural Lands Working Group. Additionally, he has received accolades from KNOX, Inc. the CT Outdoor & Environmental Education Association, and the Hartford Community Food security Award.