

AGENDA

**Natural Resource Based Strategic Conservation Plan:
A GIS Overlay Analysis – Workshop #2
March 19, 2014 6:30 - 9pm**

Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments
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Christine Clayton – Old Lyme Land Trust
Tom Elliott – Westbrook Land Conservation Trust
Dick Harrall – Chester Land Trust
Lisa Niccolai – Lyme Land Conservation Trust, CT River Land Trust
Nancy Rambeau – Essex Land Trust
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Steve Gephard, Supervising Fisheries Biologist, CT DEEP Inland Fisheries Division
Emery Gluck, Cockaponset State Forester, CT DEEP Division of Forestry
Tom Worthley, UConn Dept. of Extension, Forestry

By the end of this workshop series, let's leave with:

- A list of eight GIS data layers to be used as the primary criteria for analyzing land acquisition priorities;
- Relative weights for data-layer values to be used in the model Margot will create and
- A list of next steps on a timeline to implement this priority-setting process.

By 9pm tonight, let's leave with:

- Agreement on a revised Mission Statement
- Incorporation of state Green Plan priorities
- Eight data layers provisionally selected as essential for the model and
 - If necessary, additional data layers still under consideration for promotion.
- Weighting criteria for several data layers (the most clear-cut ones)

6:00 Light refreshments

6:30 Welcome by Margot and John Monroe

6:40 Mission Statement Revisions

Summarize suggested revisions
Do we have agreement on the changes?

7:15 CT Green Plan

So far, are we capturing what the state identifies as important?
Do we need to add other considerations to our data layers?

7:30 Data Layer Selection

A quick poll: How close are we to agreeing on the eight layers?
What's missing?
Which ones demand more attention, clarification or definition?

8:15 Data Layer Weighting

Are we all clear on what weighting means?
Complexity and Simplicity
Advantages and hazards
Which data layers seem to be the most clear-cut?
Assign weights to the easiest layers first

- Habitat
- Diversity database
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8:50 Wrap-ups

Recap & preview of Workshop #3
Plus/Delta Review

- Plus: *What worked well tonight?*
- Delta: *Next time we meet, it will be better if....what?*

9:00 Adjourn