

## AGENDA

### Natural Resource Based Strategic Conservation Plan:

#### A GIS Overlay Analysis – Workshop #3

*May 21, 2014 6:30 - 9pm*

Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments

145 Dennison Rd., Essex, CT

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David Brown – Middlesex Land Trust

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 GIS data layers to be used as the primary criteria for analyzing land acquisition priorities;
- Decision on model schema;
- 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;
- Data layers provisionally selected as essential for the model and
  - o If necessary, additional data layers still under consideration for promotion;
- Weighting criteria for most data layers;
- Preliminary decision on model schema.

**6:00 Dinner**

**6:30 Welcome by Margot and John Monroe**

Decide on date for last meeting

**6:40 Mission Statement Revisions**

Summarize suggested revisions

Do we have agreement on the changes?

**7:00 Modeling Schema**

Model 1 - Weighted Sum Tool

Model 2 – Large Natural Areas (LNA)

Model 3 – LNA Classification

**7:45 Improving LNA Connectivity**

**8:00 Data Layer Weighting and Editing - Conservation Index/Ranking Schema**

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
- .....

**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**