

Summary 11/14/2012  
7PM  
Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) Office  
145 Dennison Rd., Essex, CT  
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Attendees:

Kristen Elliott Leas – Westbrook Land Conservation Trust  
Tom Elliott – Westbrook Land Conservation Trust  
Mark Leas – Westbrook Land Conservation Trust  
David Brown – Middlesex Land Trust  
Humphrey Tyler – Lyme Land Trust  
Nancy Rambeau – Essex Land Trust  
Melvin Woody – Ct River Land Trust  
Stanford Brainard – Lynde Point Land Trust  
Gregg Mirando – Clinton Land Trust  
Gail Reynolds – Haddam Land Trust  
David Bingham – Salem Land Trust  
Laurie Giannotti – Haddam, CT  
David Brown – Middlesex Land Trust  
Harvey Thomas – East Haddam Land Trust

Group discussion concerned if/how the group could work together to share services to reduce operating costs for individual land trusts and the future direction of the group. Although time did not allow for all present to give an initial response to the topic and the discussion will continue at the next meeting to be held January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, topics for further discussion included:

- Bulk purchasing of office supplies;
- Sharing of Equipment;
- Some type of collective effort to organize and train volunteers;
- Collective hiring of staff or consultant to create baseline studies and/or management plans;
- Workshops to teach land trusts how to create a management plan;
- Creation of a fundraising subcommittee;
- Fundraising for projects of regional significance, maybe through each land trust contributing or designating a small percentage to be saved for important regionally significant parcels when they become available;
- Collective professional management of individual membership databases;
- Collective land trust community outreach events; and
- Regional Cooperative Strategic Conservation Planning.

Land Trust representatives were asked to begin /continue conversations with their boards concerning regional coordination/cooperation towards further regional efforts to share services, fundraise, and pursue regionally significant conservation projects.