



October 24 to 26 | Ottawa | 24 au 26 octobre

SUMMIT 2022 PROGRAM

MONDAY 24 OCTOBER

8:30–11:30 AM

ROOM 1

PRE-EVENT by American Friends of Canadian Conservation (Hybrid & In-Person)

Cross Border Conservation Workshop: Securing Important Conservation Properties Owned by U.S. Taxpayers

U.S. taxpayers own properties that are a high priority for conservation in many provinces. This three-hour interactive workshop will provide practitioners with the knowledge to protect those Canadian lands. Productive conversations with U.S. taxpayers require you to have a basic understanding of the binational tax incentives available, and when to use them. Families are evaluating the future of their Canadian properties now, so there is a limited time to prevent lands from being sold to pay Canadian capital gains taxes. This session will also be valuable for lawyers, accountants, estate planners and real estate agents with U.S. clients. Learn about the cross-border tax issues and potential benefits to your clients who own environmentally sensitive Canadian properties.

Allen Campbell, Partner, Real Estate and Property Team, Boyne Clarke LLP, Halifax, NS

Kaz Nesbitt, Senior Manager, Income Tax Group, Grant Thornton, LLP, Peterborough, ON

Bonnie Sutherland, Executive Director, The Nova Scotia Nature Trust, Dartmouth, NS

Sandra Tassel, Program Coordinator, American Friends of Canadian Conservation, Bellingham WA USA



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MONDAY 24 OCTOBER

11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Registration

1:00–2:00 PM

ROOM 1

Opening Remarks: Working Together Towards Canada's Objectives to Protect 25% of its Lands and Inland Waters

Paul McNair, Executive Director, Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia

Brice Caillié, Executive Director, Réseau de milieux naturels protégés

Julie Boucher, Director, Conservation Partnerships, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada

KEYNOTE: A Nation for Nature: Relevance, Collaboration and Connection

The presentation will involve questions and answers, interview style, covering the topic of how the ecosystem of museums, universities, conservation NGOs, government and industry can increase their collective impact on a sustainable natural future.

Margaret (Meg) Beckel, Retired Director and Former Chair, Canadian Museum of Nature, Canadian Committee for IUCN

Renata Woodward, Chair and Acting Interim ED, Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts

2:15–3:15 PM

ROOM 1

Strategies for Funding Long-Term Stewardship

This presentation will look at funding long-term land stewardship from three provincial perspectives.

- How to estimate stewardship costs.
- Options to fund stewardship costs.
- Key challenges that land trusts face in building resiliency for the future.

Susan Walmer, CEO, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust

Jasper Lament, CEO, The Nature Trust of British Columbia

Bonnie Sutherland, Executive Director, Nova Scotia Nature Trust

ROOM 2

How to Obtain a Meeting with a Minister – And Be Sure It's Not the Last One

Through this presentation, you will explore:

- The best approaches to obtain a meeting with an elected official.
- How to prepare for your meeting.
- How to follow up with simple and accessible action points to implement in your calendar.

Diego Creimer, Nature Solutions and Government Relations Manager, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

3:30–4:30 PM

ROOM 1

Protected Areas and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures In Terrestrial Environments: Provincial Accounting Contributing to Canadian Targets

This half-session will present an update on progress towards national and international conservation targets:

- Pan-Canadian standards for Protected Area (PA) and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECM).
- Presentation of the differences and similarities between PAs and OECMs and the process for recognition.
- High-level overview of assessment criteria.
- Presentation of case studies of PAs/OECMs recognized in the Canadian context.
- Specific focus of case studies on private conservation efforts.

Samuel Geller, Physical Science Officer, Environment and Climate Change Canada

Mikayla Johnston-Clayton, Program Coordinator, Ontario Land Trust Alliance

Brice Caillié, Executive Director, Réseau de milieux naturels protégés

Danielle Morrison, GIS Specialist, The Nature Trust of British Columbia

ROOM 2

Protecting Land in an Ethical Space

This session will offer:

- To explore Indigenous legal systems, teachings and guiding principles that complement legal tools used to conserve land.
- A roundtable of Indigenous conservation practitioners and collaborators as they share their best practices and successes for Indigenous-led conservation, including Indigenous-led land trusts, co-management models, and shared uses.

Danika Littlechild, Assistant Professor, Carleton University

Clint Jacobs, President, Walpole Island Land Trust

Gary Pritchard, Conservation Ecologist and Indigenous Engagement Specialist, Curve Lake First Nations

Darran O'Leary, Lands Manager, Peskotomuhkati Nation

Stephanie Merrill, CEO, Nature Trust of New Brunswick

Tracy Cloud, Director of Trilateral Negotiations, Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Inc. (MTI)

TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER

8:30–9:00 AM

Welcome and networking

9:00–10:00 AM

ROOM 1

Think Big! The Contribution and Role of Private Land Conservation to the Next Global Biodiversity Framework

A collaborative conservation vision will be shared that accounts for Canada's 30x30 commitments, the next global biodiversity framework, and opportunities for private land conservation. Key points will include:

- What is the global biodiversity framework?
- Why is it relevant to land trusts?
- Why are land trusts critical partners in the implementation of the goals and targets leading up to 2030 and beyond?

Dawn Carr, Director of Strategic Conservation, Nature Conservancy of Canada

10:00–11:00 AM

ROOM 1

Together We Are Stronger, More Visible, and More Credible: Advancing Land Conservation Together Through Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts

ACLT, as a national membership organization and as a national voice for the land trusts, has a mission to strengthen and advance land conservation across Canada. We are driven by a theory of change that, if land trusts across Canada collaborate in the sharing of knowledge, services, and selected programs, then we will increase our capacity and influence land conservation in Canada, because of our enhanced practices and the impact of our organizations working together.

At this interactive session, you are invited to discuss:

- What has been completed up to date.
- What is our collective vision and priorities for ACLT.
- How can you get engaged.

Renata Woodward, Chair and Acting Interim ED, Alliance for Canadian Land Trusts

Paul McNair, Executive Director, Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia

11:00–11:30 AM

Break

11:30 AM–12:30 PM

ROOM 1

Covenants and Servitudes: Emerging Trends and Challenges

This presentation will highlight:

- The context surrounding covenants and servitudes used by land trusts to protect land.
- Real-case scenario following the recognition by Quebec of personal easements.
- Trends and challenges faced regarding their drafting to respond to the requirements of owners and funders.
- How to facilitate their use.

Ian Attridge, Governor, Ontario Land Trust Alliance Board of Governors

Mélanie Lelièvre, Executive Director, Appalachian Corridor

Aline Grenon, Project Coordinator, Regroupement pour la pérennité de l'île Verte

ROOM 2

Building Resiliency in the Face of Climate Change: Exploring Ways Land Trusts Can Overcome Barriers and Act

This presentation will:

- Provide an overview of Ontario Land Trust Alliance's (OLTA) Climate Action Program.
- Introduce participants to OLTA's Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Tool.
- Showcase climate change communications resources.
- Provide case studies from two Ontario land trusts to demonstrate how they used the tool to turn theory into action.
- Share learning and recommendations that came out of the climate action work.

Morgan Roblin, Conservation Science Manager, Ontario Land Trust Alliance

Daria Koscinski, Executive Director, Thames Talbot Land Trust

Jenna Quinn, Program Scientist - Research & Education - Priorities, Partnerships & Monitoring, rare Charitable Research Reserve

12:30–1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30–2:30 PM

ROOM 1

Ecological Gifts Program, a National Perspective (Bilingual Session)

Ecological Gifts Program Program overview:

- General context
 - Program history and accomplishments
 - Income Tax Act provisions
- Roles and responsibilities: ECCC, Donors, Recipients, Appraisal Review Panel
 - Standards & Practices, common questions
- EGP elements
 - Ecological sensitivity
 - Determination of Fair Market Value
 - Disposition / Change in Use of Ecological Gifts
- Diverse donations, general case scenarios and anecdotes to highlight commonalities and differences between the regions.

Laura Kucey, Ontario Ecological Gifts Program Coordinator, Environment and Climate Change Canada

Bruno Paris, Manager of Operations, Conservation Programs, Environment and Climate Change Canada

2:45–3:45 PM

ROOM 1

**Prioritization of Invasive Alien Species to Support Management Actions:
A Method Based on the Standards for Conservation**

The presentation will focus on an invasive species prioritization method based on open standards and evidence, as currently being tested at Parks Canada. It will cover the following points:

- Introduction to the conceptual model

- Use of the threat rating table with the Miradi software and with an Excel spreadsheet
- Rating of invasive species, with examples, in four steps: (1) identify conservation targets; (2) list invasive species; (3) compile the evidence; (4) assess threat according to the three criteria: extent, severity, irreversibility.
- Prioritization of occurrences and planning of interventions.

Patrick Nantel, Science advisor on Ecosystem Conservation, Parks Canada

The Urge to Purge: Terrestrial Invasive Species on Nature Preserves

This presentation will focus on terrestrial invasive plant species and removal techniques that the Nature Trust of New Brunswick has been attempting on nature preserves, and will share lessons learned with help from the Bruce Trail Conservancy, New Brunswick Invasive Species Council, and other partners.

- Examples of removal efforts of the following species and attempts to reduce other environmental impacts (i.e., use of plastic, reduction in carbon emissions);
 - Woodland angelica (*Angelica sylvestris*)
 - Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)
 - Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
 - Glossy buckthorn (*Rhamnus frangula*)
- Discussion on challenges and steps to move past these.
- Prioritization of invasive species removal on nature preserves.

Bethany Young, Stewardship Manager, The Nature Trust of New Brunswick

ROOM 2

Conservation History of the Khartoum-Simard Protected Area: 442 Hectares of Natural Environment Protected in Perpetuity

This inspirational presentation will lead you through this frenzy acquisition, from the moment it was put up for sale until it was finally protected by Appalachian Corridor (ACA).

- Acting quickly.
- Dealing with not one owner, but with 9 heirs of the family on the title of the property.
- The high ecological valued land and wealth, with a strategic location, motivated ACA and its entire network to carry out this unique project, of unequalled scope for their organization.

Melanie Lelièvre, Executive Director, Appalachian Corridor

Scaling Up Conservation in Ontario's North

This presentation will give you:

- Overview of Nature Conservancy of Canada's (NCC) Large Landscapes program and the Boreal Wildlands Project
 - Scaling up conservation, scoping opportunity.
 - Specifics on Indigenous engagement, negotiations, fundraising, stewardship.
- Lessons Learned.
- Next Steps for the Boreal Wildlands Project through
 - Efficiently managing lands at scale.
 - Future opportunities with local Indigenous communities and other partners.

Luke Ridgway, Large Landscape Program Coordinator, Nature Conservancy of Canada

4:00-5:00 PM

ROOM 1

Indigenous Land Trusts: Opportunities and Challenges in a Colonial Context

This interactive session will include:

- Examples and practices of Indigenous Land Trusts (ILTs).
- Opportunities for land back for Indigenous communities.
- Worldview, legal, funding and other challenges.
- Recent research and discussions supported by the Conservation through Reconciliation Partnership's ILT Circle and its partners.

The session will be facilitated by the ILTC co-chairs, Trish Nash and Ian Attridge, with contributions from others on the ILTC and session participants.

Patricia Nash, Co-chair, Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas Program Manager, Indigenous Land Trust Circle of the Conservation through Reconciliation Partnership, Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources

Ian Attridge, Governor, Ontario Land Trust Alliance Board of Governors

6:30 PM –

Networking Dinner

Invite your MP for dinner! We encourage you to maximize your visit in Ottawa by inviting agencies and government to share a meal and discuss conservation with us!

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

8:00–9:00 AM

Early coffee with Nature Canada: Municipal Planning in Protected Areas

This presentation will lay out the contours of Nature Canada's emerging program to ensure that municipal governments are putting forward ambitious goals to create and effectively steward protected areas.

- Program details to support local groups in their efforts to influence municipal level processes with a view to expanding levels of ambition to protected areas.
- How can local groups work together, learn from one another on this matter.

Graham Saul, Executive Director, Nature Canada

9:00–10:00 AM

ROOM 1

Meaningful Youth Engagement – The Long-Distance Fuel for Nature Conservation

This interactive session will lead delegates through an exploration of the role and functions of inclusive youth engagement in contemporary nature conservation.

- Celebration and examples sharing of current best practices.
- Orientations on how and why land trusts should consider expanding the scale of their work.
- Potential barriers to growth and innovation for individuals and organizations.

James Bartram, President, Canadian National Committee, International Union for Conservation of Nature

10:15–11:15 AM

ROOM 1

Funding Through Innovative Sources

This presentation will explore emerging opportunities to fund land trust activities.

- Leads and examples of non-traditional sources of funding for land trusts activities:
 - Diversifying public and private funding sources beyond traditional grants and donations.
 - Examples of values of land trust land, such as monetizing carbon for example, with real case projects.
 - How to expand the funding pie by sharing preserves with a broader community.
 - Other models that attract new funding without jeopardizing conservation values.

Amanda Reed, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Nature United

Funding through Carbon Reserves in Protected Forests

This presentation will highlight:

- How to measure carbon in forests.
- How the evaluation and verification process work.
- Marketing carbon offsets.
- The changes coming in measurement protocols.
- The missing dimensions (soil, wetlands, and meadows).
- The potential for the regulated market to add carbon.

Bob Barnett, Executive Director, Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy

ROOM 2

Addressing Unplanned Outdoor Recreation Use on Conservation Lands

Land trust and conservation areas are not immune to the issues that land managers' experience on public lands. These concerns will be addressed:

- Unauthorized outdoor recreation uses resulting in wildlife-human conflicts, degradation of vegetation and wildlife habitats, erosion, and garbage dumping, among all issues facing conservation sites.

- Challenges of actively managing these issues without relying on costly, resource-intensive measures.
- Well-used outdoor recreation frameworks available and structure monitoring and management approaches for problematic outdoor recreation impacts.
- Strategies for minimizing outdoor recreation impacts.

Dr. Howie Harshaw, Associate Professor, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation, University of Alberta

Addressing Unplanned Human Use of Conservation Lands: A Case from British Columbia

This presentation will :

- Review some of the human conflicts Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) has experienced in managing its habitat projects in BC, including impacts from unauthorized outdoor recreation use, garbage dumping, use for unauthorized economic or commercial purposes, and use of properties for shelter by unhoused individuals.
- Discuss some strategies and solutions for managing these impacts.

Bruce Harrison, British Columbia Head of Conservation Science & Planning, Ducks Unlimited Canada

11:15–11:30 AM

Break

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ROOM 1

The Land Trust Conservation Fund: Experiences and Lessons Learned from the Past Years to Build Tomorrow

The Land Trust Conservation Fund (under the Natural Heritage Conservation Program) is arguably the most successful federal grant program for community and regional land trusts to date. This session will:

- Highlight program details, challenges, milestones.
- Future for the program.
- Short Q&A with participants land trusts to look for input/feedback.

Jessica Burns, Program Director, Wildlife Habitat Canada

Justin Thompson, Chair, Canadian Land Trust Working Group; Executive Director, Southern Alberta Land Trust Society

MapleCross: Investing in the Canadian Nature with You

MapleCross has been in the land protection portrait for the past recent years, as fond supporters of the Canadian land trusts' mission to protect valuable land for conservation. This presentation aims at:

- Sharing the organization's mission.
- Highlighting interests in working with land trusts.
- Providing specific elements that can facilitate land trust collaboration with the organization.

Jan Oudenes, Founder, MapleCross

ROOM 2

A Prioritization Tool for “Where To Work” in Conservation

Introducing the “Where to Work” tool, designed in partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), a web-based user interface that finds optimal conservation solutions for land protection:

- Introducing NCC's national themes considered in the “Where to work” tool.
- Regional prioritization possibilities.
- Overview of potential metrics and/or approaches and datasets that represent the theme.
- Planners' recommendations for targets definitions.

Dr. Sahebeh Karimi, Postdoctoral Fellow, Carleton University

Climate Adaptive Planning Tool for British Columbia

This presents the Climate Adaptive Planning for British Columbia (CAP-BC) project:

- Its objective: developing an online, open-access web tool to provide partners with the ability to achieve climate-adapted systematic conservation planning across BC.
- Means of adapting conservation plans to the projected impacts of climate change with the CAP-BC to ensure resilience through land protection.

- Identify conservation solutions through concepts such as corridors and connectivity for species dispersal, climate refugia where species are likely to persist under climate change, and locations of ecological communities expected under future conditions, using climate change predictions.
- Conservation recommendations formulated to the project's partners, along with an accessible conservation planning tool populated with provincial datasets, to develop British Columbia's "adaptive to future climate change" network of protected areas.

Xavier Llano, PhD Student in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, University of Northern British Columbia

12:30–1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30–2:30 PM

ROOM 1

Standards, Practices, Performance – Building Confidence and Capacity in the Sector

This presentation will describe:

- The value and benefits of performance assurance programs.
- The work by the Centre for Land Conservation to put in place a voluntary performance assurance program based on the Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices.
- The purpose and key features of the program, and how to participate.

Charles Latrémouille, Consultant

Bob McLean, Executive Director, Centre for Land Conservation

ROOM 2

Ensuring Southern Quebec's Nature Connectivity in the Face of Climate Change: A Collective Affair!

This session will present a Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), Quebec lead provincial project and its key successes from two (of many) regions participating, working in collaboration with local agencies to ensure southern Quebec's nature connectivity.

- Overview of the project, its general and region-specific objectives.
- Localization of local wildlife corridors and creation of regional connectivity conservation plans
 - Presentation of the approach and tools used to engage regional ministries and agencies, as well as local organizations in the drafting of the conservation plan.
- Collaboration and consultation with multiple partners (with the open standards method and regional advisory committees).
 - Local approaches used by presenters for their voluntary conservation projects.
- Sharing benefits of working with forestry groups and other local agencies.
 - Perceptions.
 - Examples of conservation tools, workshops developed with the group and other results (ex. road ecology and wildlife crossings).

Kateri Monticone, Director, Conservation Science and Strategy, Conservation de la nature Canada

Ariane Breault, Conservation Projects Coordinator, Horizon-Nature Bas-Saint-Laurent

Marie-Lyne Després-Einspenner, Executive Director, Éco-corridors laurentiens

2:45–3:45

ROOM 1

KEYNOTE: Generation Next

Review of the day by keynote guest James Bartram, and consideration of effective strategies to advance conservation ethic locally and nationally, in ways that contribute towards global targets. Mr. Bartram will share his entrepreneurial servant leadership approach that draws inspiration from thought leaders past and present from conservation and education. Words to encourage delegates to be bold and inclusive in their aspiration and to collaborate within and beyond the sector to create virtuous cycles will certainly draw an end to this Summit on a wisdom note.

James Bartram, President, Canadian National Committee, International Union for Conservation of Nature

Closing Remarks

Renata Woodward, Chair and Acting Interim Executive Director, Alliance for Canadian Land Trusts

Brice Caillié, Executive Director, Réseau de milieux naturels protégés

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