

Notes re possible agenda:

INTRO/WELCOME -- Slideshow and Thankyou

Checkerboard Challenge recap and present “bookends” (parameters):

Conservation Easement, HCP, Multi-use, Forest Production/Econ, Public Participation

Goals/Objectives for the day

Reports Out – MT, NH-ME, and OR

What does Success Look Like? (Divide into 3 groups or 3 or 4)

Decision!

Determining Steering Committee Structure/Priorities

--Use Garrett’s “Imperfect” Framework, for feedback/reactions

Materials:

Slide Show
Powerpoint
Flip pads
pens

More notes re structure/priorities:

STEERING COMMITTEE:

SUBCOMMITTEES (?) FOR:

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT

CONCURRENT WITH TNC WORK ON GRANT PROPOSALS

IDENTIFY CHAMPIONS – POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE

CREATING NEW ENTITY – DESIGNED TO OWN AND MANAGE COMMUNITY FOREST

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

PUBLIC OUTREACH

DEVELOPING MANAGEMENT PLAN FRAMEWORK (TO BE FILLED IN THROUGH PUBLIC PROCESS)

OBJECTIVES/PRIORITIES:

Land Acquisition

Community Involvement

Governance Structure

Management Plan

An Untapped Resource

“There is unrealized potential between land trusts and the community forest movement,” says Martha Lyman. “The community forest movement offers new constituencies to the land trust movement, and land trusts represent a largely untapped resource for community forest projects.”

She explains how “land trusts could be working with a community to help it acquire the land and then provide technical support, stewardship counsel, a management plan and long-term monitoring.

“Community forests provide great opportunities, especially in economically distressed regions, to create ‘win-wins’ for the environment, the economy and the community,” says Mikki Sager. “Land trusts have the conservation expertise, the listening skills and the creativity to help landowners — and communities — meet the needs of the land and water resources for the long term.”

“Frankly, survival of land conservation in Vermont and across the nation is dependent upon a broad cross-section of citizens appreciating, benefitting, understanding and having a connection to the land,” says Livingston. “It’s our responsibility to work very hard to expand the opportunities to make that connection.”

2019 COMMUNITY FOREST TOUR – DESIRED OBJECTIVES AND ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES:

1. Feedback from private landowners on CF boards re how to protect private lands from public access/recreation abuses
2. Feedback from municipal CFs re management/contracting; effectiveness of public process; enforcement costs; etc.
3. Feedback re mgmt. collaboration by private landowners and public agencies – role determination: MOUs, Interlocal Agreements, Council Resolution?

4. Feedback re first steps taken and critical steps (e.g., any particular steps/events that really accelerated or turbo-charged community forest creation or development)
5. Feedback re successful means of outreach: community surveys, design charettes, tips for achieving maximum inclusion/participation in rural communities.
6. Feedback re public and private funding/financing used to acquire and manage CF lands – strategies that worked well, and strategies that did not

Brainstorming re outreach and forest uses/benefits:

Forestry

Harvest (general or specialty products)

Small, local mill(s)

Geo stamp

Restoration – thinning/fire

Non-Forest Timber Products

Fish/Wildlife Habitat Protection – Connectivity

Recreation

Motorized

Non-motorized

Summer

Winter

Outfitters

Hut system

Trail building/maintenance

Environmental/Forest Education – Outdoor Lab/Science Classroom

Kittitas Environmental Education Network?; local schools?

Youth Camps?

Youth Involvement in Forestry and/or Recreation Activities –

Tribal Interests

Hunting Groups (what about women and families in hunting?)

Fishing

Lessons learned:

Conflict is inevitable

Excluding certain groups only creates more conflict

Invite everybody but set high standards/expectations for collaboration

Public process: transparent

Encourage public to attend meetings, even when things are going well!

Local Taxes must be paid – schools and services supported (even if it's through PILT/DILT using private dollars)

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(Sideboards)

Talk about making healthy forests the top priority in Mgmt Plan

Use CCF Mgmt Plan as a sort of “baseline” plan – kind of as guidelines?

Talk about taxes – PILT

Big doubts re finding enough money to buy CCF lands

Emphasize ability to control public access through planning for it in advance – enforcement, too

Don't use the words “conservation” or “community”