

2025 Maine Land Conservation Conference

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CONFERENCE AGENDA - WEDNESDAY

7:30 - 8:30 am **Land Fair Exhibits and Breakfast** – *Auditorium*

8:30 - 10:00 am **Plenary Session** – *Augusta/Capital/Pine North Wing, 2nd floor*

- **Opening Remarks and Announcements**

Hannah Pingree, Director of the Governor’s Office on Policy, Innovation, and the Future and a panel of experts will discuss the updated Maine Won’t Wait climate action plan and how Maine will reach the ambitious goals laid out in the plan.

- **Announcement of Espy Land Heritage Award**

10:00 - 10:30 am **Land Fair** – *Auditorium*

10:30 - 12:00 pm **Workshop Session A**

A1 2024 Maine Land Trust Census: What Can it Tell Us About the Future of Land Conservation in Maine? – *Washington/York Room, 2nd floor*

A2 Tributary Land Return: Working Together to Return Land to Wabanaki Care – *Kennebec/Penobscot Room, 1st floor*

A3 Alternative Land Acquisition Strategies to Achieved Community and Conservation Outcomes – *Fort Western Room, 1st floor*

A4 Toward a Maine Landscape Conservation Blueprint: Lessons Learned from Conservation Planning across Maine – *Androscoggin/Aroostook/Cumberland Room, 1st floor*

A5 The Conundrum of Invasive Species and Climate Change –How One Fuels the Other and Vice Versa – *Piscataquis/Sagadahoc Room, 2nd floor*

A6 Assessing Coastal Flood Risk with Communities – *Arnold Room, 1st floor*

A7 A Blueprint for Better Boards: Three Strategies for Board Recruitment – *Lincoln/Oxford Room, 1st floor*

12:00 - 1:30 pm **Lunch and Land Fair** – *Auditorium*

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- 1:30 - 3:00 pm** **Workshop Session B**
- B1** Hope for Healthy Planet: MIT ENROADS Climate Solutions Simulator –
Howard Room, 1st floor
- B2** Listening as Land Conservation – *Piscataquis/Sagadahoc Room, 2nd floor*
- B3** Scoping, Siting, and Funding Resiliency and Restoration Projects – *Arnold Room, 1st floor*
- B4** Long-Term Thinking in a Short-Term World: Implementing Lessons from Long-Term Conservation Easement Stewardship to Improve Land Transactions – *Washington/York Room, 2nd floor*
- B5** Actively Managing Forests for Climate Resilience – *Kennebec/Penobscot Room, 1st floor*
- B6** Restoration: Land Trusts Leading Projects that Increase Community and Habitat Resilience – *Fort Western Room, 1st floor*
- B7** Building a Resilient Financial Future to Conserve More Land –
Androscoggin/Aroostook/Cumberland Room, 1st floor
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- 3:00 - 3:30 pm** **Refreshment Break & Networking** – *North Wing, 2nd floor*
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm** **Youth Climate Action: Voices of Today to Inform Tomorrow with introduction by Kate Dempsey** –
Augusta/Capital/Pine North Wing, 2nd floor
- 4:30 pm** **Adjourn**

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