

2026 Maine Land Conservation Conference

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CONFERENCE AGENDA – WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 – 8:30 am **Breakfast and Land Fair** – *Hammond Lumber Auditorium*
- 8:30 – 9:50 am **Plenary Session** – *Augusta/Capital/Pine North Wing, 2nd floor*
- Opening Remarks and Announcements
 - This year our plenary session will feature **Forrest King-Cortes, Director of Community-Centered Conservation** at the Land Trust Alliance. Forrest and his co-presenters, Ciona Ulbrich of Maine Coast Heritage Trust and Matt Markot of Loon Echo Land Trust, will **discuss the evolution of conservation** and how land trusts around the country and in Maine continue to change to meet the needs of local communities – their people, plants, wildlife, and environment.
 - Presentation of the 2026 Espy Land Heritage Award
- 9:50 – 10:30 am **Break and Land Fair** – *Hammond Lumber Auditorium*
- 10:30 – 12:00 pm **Workshop Session A**
- A1 **Community Forests: A Tool for Strengthening Community Cohesion and Civic Engagement** – *Piscataquis/Sagadahoc Room, 2nd floor*
- A2 **Crafting a Compelling Conservation Story** – *Fort Western Room, 1st floor*
- A3 **The Crisis of Public Funding and What it Means for Nonprofits** – *Washington/York Room, 1st floor*
- A4 **Funding Stewardship: Is it Time for Your Land Trust to Embrace Transfer Fees?** – *Lincoln/Oxford Room, 1st floor*
- A5 **Re-examining Your Mission, Vision & Values as the Building Blocks to Strategic Planning** – *Arnold Room, 1st floor*
- A6 **75,000 Hours of Trail Work in One Year: Lessons in Trail Maintenance and Construction from AMC’s Professional Trail Crews and Volunteer Trails Programs** – *Kennebec/Penobscot Room, 1st floor*
- A7 **From Landscape to Local: Web Tools for Conservation Planning in Maine** – *Androscoggin/Aroostook/Cumberland Room, 1st floor*
- A8 **Wabanaki and Salt Marsh Restoration**– *Howard Room, 1st floor*

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- 12:00 – 1:30 pm **Lunch and Land Fair** – *Hammond Lumber Auditorium*
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm **Workshop Session B**
- B1** **Cultivating Connection: The Power of Gathering Spaces & The Impact of Belonging** – *Washington/York Room, 2nd floor*
- B2** **Digging Deeper into Your Land** – *Arnold Room, 1st floor*
- B3** **Bridging the Gap: Exploring Financing for Rapid Response Land Conservation** – *Howard Room, 1st floor*
- B4** **Climate Adaptation Planning for Land Conservation: A Tool for Building Resilience** – *Androscoggin/Aroostook/Cumberland Room, 1st floor*
- B5** **Organization Charting: Mapping Relationships for Positive Change** – *Piscataquis/Sagadahoc Room, 2nd floor*
- B6** **A Systems Thinking Approach to Invasive Plants** – *Fort Western Room, 1st floor*
- B7** **Everyone Can Play a Role in Planning for and Mitigating Wildfire Risk** – *Lincoln/Oxford Room, 1st floor*
- B8** **Co-stewardship of Wabanaki Cultural Sites on Conservation Lands** – *Kennebec/Penobscot Room, 1st floor*
- 3:00 – 3:30 pm **Refreshment Break & Networking** – *North Wing, 2nd floor*
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm **Closing Session with graphic notetaker Karyn Knight Detering** – *Augusta/Capital/Pine North Wing, 2nd floor*
- 4:30 pm **Adjourn**

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