

# LAND & WATER CONSERVATION SUMMIT

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## Workshops Matrix

	<b>Session A</b> <i>10:35 am – 11:50 am</i>	<b>Session B</b> <i>1:00 pm – 2:00 pm</i>	<b>Session C</b> <i>2:20 pm – 3:20 pm</i>
<b>1</b>	Beavers: From Control to Collaboration  <b>Atrium 1</b>	A Culture of Philanthropy: What Does it Look Like (And how can you cultivate it?)  <b>Senate Chambers</b>	Caring for Fishers is Caring for Waters: Health, Equity, and Resilience in Rhode Island's Seas  <b>Room 313</b>
<b>2</b>	Beyond Access: Building our Collective Liberation in Outdoor Spaces Intergenerationally  <b>Room 318</b>	Intersection at the Intersection: The Promenade/Kinsley Greenway  <b>Room 308</b>	Develop a Strategy for a Community-Based Conservation Organization  <b>Room 318</b>
<b>3</b>	Conservation Made Possible: NRCS Funding for RI Land Trusts  <b>Room 313</b>	Combating Litter and Marine Debris in our Rivers & Bay  <b>Performance Studio</b>	Farm Succession and Agricultural Leasing for Land Trusts  <b>Performance Studio</b>
<b>4</b>	Climate Change, a Just Transition, and the Role of Labor  <b>Room 360</b>	Deer Management for Conservation Landowners - Why & How  <b>Atrium 2</b>	Growing Climate Resilience with Miniforests: The Miyawaki Method of Afforestation  <b>Ballroom</b>
<b>5</b>	Restoring Our Soils, Preserving Our Lands  <b>Atrium 2</b>	Food Recovery for RI: Community Action for a Stronger Food System  <b>Room 318</b>	Improving Coastal Resilience and Public Shoreline Access  <b>Atrium 1</b>
<b>6</b>	State of the State - Farmland and Its Future in RI  <b>Performance Studio</b>	Zoning for Housing and the Environment  <b>Ballroom</b>	Locally-Led Conservation: The Role of the Conservation Districts  <b>Ram's Den</b>
<b>7</b>	Stewardship Takes to the Skies: Drones as a Tool for Land Conservation  <b>Room 314</b>	Meet & Greet with Land Access Specialists  <b>Ram's Den</b>	Natural Climate Strategies Across Rhode Island  <b>Atrium 2</b>
<b>8</b>	The State of Rhode Island's Forests 2026  <b>Ballroom</b>	Salt Marsh Restoration: A Collaborative and Holistic Approach  <b>Atrium 1</b>	Seeing Inland Flooding More Clearly: New Modeling and Community Science Tools for Rhode Island  <b>Room 360</b>
<b>9</b>	The Work Behind the Work: Getting Your Organization's Strategic Game in Order  <b>Senate Chambers</b>	WQdashboard: Making Water Quality Data Accessible to the Public  <b>Room 313</b>	Trespass and Encroachment on Preserves and Conservation Easements  <b>Senate Chambers</b>
<b>10</b>	Why Monitoring Matters  <b>Room 308</b>	Environmental Justice: Indigenous Rights  <b>Room 360</b>	Engaging in Conservation Topics on Social Media  <b>Room 308</b>

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## RI Land & Water Conservation Summit Community Agreements

Conserving Rhode Island's important lands and waterways is most effective when we are all authentically engaged and open to collaboration in this work. To that end, RILTC is committed to fostering a professional, respectful, welcoming, and harassment-free Summit experience for all participants, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, parental status, or physical appearance. We strive to ensure that all attendees feel valued, comfortable, and able to fully participate.

**By registering for the Summit, you agreed to uphold the following Community Agreements:**

**Listen to understand & engage respectfully.** I will commit to active listening, especially when hearing perspectives different from my own. I will allow space for many voices to be heard. I agree to challenge ideas, not individuals, and engage in constructive dialogue rooted in mutual respect.

**Share the air.** We encourage participation from all, and strive for balance. I commit to stepping up when my voice is needed, and stepping back to allow others to contribute.

**Honor lived experience and local knowledge.** We value professional expertise alongside community-based knowledge and lived experience, recognizing that all are essential to our work.

**Take care of ourselves and each other.** We encourage participants to attend to their own needs, respect personal boundaries, and support a culture of care throughout the Summit. I take shared responsibility for maintaining a welcoming and collaborative environment.

