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Conservation Thresholds for Land Use Planners

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Statement of Purpose

Advance the field of conservation planning by identifying robust and measurable implementation strategies that support the development and application of science-based conservation thresholds

Program

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

3:00 p.m.	Hospitality	Living Room/ Guest House
	<u>Welcome to Wingspread</u> Carole M. Johnson Program Officer The Johnson Foundation	
3:30 p.m.	Plenary Session	Living Room/ The House
	<u>Goals and Expectations for the Conservation Thresholds Conference</u> Jessica B. Wilkinson Director State Biodiversity Program Environmental Law Institute	
4:30 p.m.	<u>Breakout Sessions: Primers for Professionals</u>	
	Breakout A: <u>Conservation Biology Primer for the Non-Conservation Biologists</u> Dan L. Perlman Associate Professor and Chair Environmental Studies Program Brandeis University <i>Facilitator:</i> Jessica B. Wilkinson	Living Room/ The House
	Breakout B: <u>Land Use Planning Primer for the Non-Planners</u> Timothy P. Duane Associate Professor Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning University of California, Berkeley <i>Facilitator:</i> James M. McElfish Director, Sustainable Use of Land Program Environmental Law Institute	Terrace Room/ Wingspread

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 (continued)

5:15 p.m.	Plenary Session	Living Room/ The House
	<u>The What, Where, When, Why and How of Conservation Planning</u> Rebecca Kihslinger Science and Policy Analyst Environmental Law Institute	
	<u>What Are We Protecting, Where Should We Focus Our Efforts, and When Should It Take Place?</u> Reed Noss Davis-Shine Professor of Conservation Biology University of Central Florida	
	<u>What Is Conservation Planning and Why Do Planners Need Conservation Thresholds?</u> Lesli Kunkle Ellis Principal Clarion Associates	
	<u>The “Implementation Crisis” of Conservation Planning</u> Reed Noss	
	<u>Questions and Discussion</u>	
	<i>Facilitator:</i> James M. McElfish	
6:30 p.m.	Hospitality	Living Room/ Wingspread
7:00 p.m.	Dinner	
8:15 p.m.	Adjournment	
	Evening Hospitality	Living Room/ Guest House

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Breakfast is available from 6:30 to 8:15 a.m.
in the Living Room of the Guest House.

8:30 a.m. Plenary Session and Facilitated Exercise Living Room/
The House

Identifying Planners' Science-Based Information Needs

Facilitator:

Jessica B. Wilkinson

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions: Implementation Strategies
for Conservation Planning I

Breakout A: Tools to Measure the Effectiveness
of Conservation Planning

Dave Theobald

Associate Professor

Natural Resource Ecology Lab

Colorado State University

Facilitator:

Rebecca Kihslinger

Living Room/
The House

Breakout B: Innovations and Investments in
Outreach and Training

Patrick Crist

Director, Conservation Planning

Conservation Services

NatureServe

Facilitator:

Jessica B. Wilkinson

Terrace Room/
Wingspread

11:15 a.m. Plenary Session

Breakout Reports

Facilitator:

James M. McElfish

Living Room/
The House

Thursday, March 22, 2007 (continued)

12:00 noon	Hospitality	Living Room/ Wingspread
12:15 p.m.	Luncheon	
1:15 p.m.	Plenary Session	Living Room/ The House
	<u>Now Hear This: Key Best Practices and Must-Haves for Successful Advocacy Communications</u> Robert A. Perez Senior Vice President Fenton Communications	
2:45 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m.	<u>Breakout Sessions: Implementation Strategies for Conservation Planning II</u> <u>Breakout Set-up and Framing</u> Philip R. Berke Professor Department of City and Regional Planning University of North Carolina <u>Effective Incentives and Requirements for Pro-Active Conservation Planning</u> (Parallel Working Groups)	
	Breakout A: <i>Facilitator:</i> Jessica B. Wilkinson	Board Room
	Breakout B: <i>Facilitator:</i> James M. McElfish	Studio
	Breakout C: <i>Facilitator:</i> Rebecca Kihslinger	Mezzanine
4:15 p.m.	Plenary Session	Living Room/ The House
	<u>Breakout Reports</u> <i>Facilitator:</i> Jessica B. Wilkinson	
5:15 p.m.	<u>Wrap-Up</u>	

Thursday, March 22, 2007 (continued)

5:30 p.m.	Leisure/Tour of Wingspread (optional)	
6:30 p.m.	Hospitality	Living Room/ Wingspread
7:00 p.m.	Dinner	
8:15 p.m.	Adjournment	
	Evening Hospitality	Living Room/ Guest House

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in the Living Room of the Guest House.

8:30 a.m.

Breakout Sessions: Implementation Strategies
for Conservation Planning III

Breakout A: Communication Needs to Support
Conservation Planning Board Room

Arlan Colton
Planning Official
Department of Planning and Zoning
Pima County Development Services

Facilitator:

James M. McElfish

Breakout B: Requirements and Incentives for
Overcoming the Scale Barrier Studio

Andy Laurenzi
Land and Water Policy Program Director
Sonoran Institute

Facilitator:

Jessica B. Wilkinson

Breakout C: Research Advances to Address
Incomplete Areas of Understanding
and Fill Significant Gaps Mezzanine

Adina M. Merenlender
Cooperative Extension Specialist
Division of Ecosystem Sciences
University of California, Berkeley

Facilitator:

Rebecca Kihslinger

9:45 a.m.

Plenary Session Living Room/
The House

Breakout Reports

Facilitator:

Jessica B. Wilkinson

Friday, March 23, 2007 (continued)

10:45 a.m.	Break	
11:15 a.m.	Plenary Session	Living Room
	<u>Review and Discussion of Implementation Strategies</u>	
	James M. McElfish	
	Jessica B. Wilkinson	
	Rebecca Kihslinger	
12:00 noon	<u>Conclusion and Next Steps</u>	
12:30 p.m.	Buffet Luncheon	Living Room/ Guest House
1:30 p.m.	Conference adjourns	
	Transportation departs	