



2017 ONTARIO LAND TRUST GATHERING

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Welcome and Opening Plenary

Thursday, October 19, 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

TBD

The keynote speaker will be followed by the OLTA Accomplishments presentation which showcases the achievements of OLTA members and associates over the last year. Celebrate and learn from all the good land conservation and stewardship work being done in Ontario. Congratulations all around!

1A Unveiling Our New Conservation Easement Agreement Template

Thursday, October 19, 2:00 pm – 3:20 pm

Jordon Shay and Ian Attridge

Conservation easements protect the natural features of a property without a land trust taking on the responsibilities of ownership. Work through a new easement template and get caught up on recent court decisions. The OLTA CEA Defense Working Group will give an update on their work and lead breakout groups to give members an opportunity discuss drafting and use of key sections from their own experiences. If your land trust holds conservation easements or is thinking of taking one on, this workshop is for you.

Session Type: Interactive

Level: Intermediate

1B Planning for Climate Change

Thursday, October 19, 2:00 pm – 3:20 pm

Dr. Michael Drescher will present his findings from the survey on land trust planning and climate change.

Other topics/speakers may include climate change and non-native species and what actions/plans are being taken for land conservation.

Session Type: Presentation and discussion

Level: All

2 Good Governance – Beyond the Basics

Thursday, October 19, 3:35 pm – 5:00 pm

This session will go beyond the basics on conflict of interest, succession planning, finance, record keeping, long term (50 years) planning and more. We are excited to have Karen Cooper, Drache Aptowitzer LLP as one of the speakers for this session.

Session Type: Presentation and discussion

Level: Intermediate

3 Are All Protected Areas Made Equal? Private & Public Perspectives

Friday, October 20, 11:10 am – 12:00 pm

Lisa McLaughlin, Nature Conservancy of Canada and Jason Travers, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Target 1 of 2020 Biodiversity Goals and Targets for Canada states that:

"By 2020, at least 17% of terrestrial areas and inland water, and 10% of coastal and marine areas, are conserved through networks of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures."

How can land trusts contribute to these targets?

Session Type: Presentation with discussion

Level: All

4A Successful Land Securement Conversation

Friday, October 20, 1:00 pm – 2:55 pm

Antoin Diamond, The Bruce Trail Conservancy; Laura Kucey, Environment Canada and Climate Change; Sandra Tassel, American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts

This is an open forum for your questions on donor relations, ecological sensitivity reports, the Ecological Gifts Program, cross-border transactions, land securement policies and strategies. Attendees will be asked to provide questions prior to the session to allow for preparation.

Session Type: Panel and interactive

Level: Intermediate

4B Accreditation Conversation

Thursday, October 19, 2:00 pm – 3:20 pm

Dan Cooper, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and Lisa McLaughlin, Nature Conservancy of Canada

Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation recently was accredited by Imagine Canada. Dan Cooper was involved in the process and will share their experience. Lisa McLaughlin has been researching accreditation programs in the US and other countries. She will shed a light on possible steps towards privately protected areas accreditation in Canada – an idea whose time has come. Then you will have an opportunity to give your thoughts on accreditation.

Session Type: Presentation and discussion

Level: All

Closing Session “Funniest Story of the Year”

Friday, October 20, 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm

This story telling session will be entertaining and educational. Share your funniest story of the year.

Session Type: Interactive