



## A Virtual Forum

### The Future of Landscape Conservation: Cultivating Landowner Engagement

December 17, 2020; 1:00 – 2:30 ET

The Network for Landscape Conservation is hosting a virtual policy forum on private landowner perspectives and innovations for landscape conservation.

#### **Cultivating Private Landowner Interests in Landscape Conservation**

Successful landscape conservation depends upon the ability to work across multiple organizations and land ownerships to manage for shared conservation values. Private landowners are a key class of ownerships. Working farms, ranches, and forests are often the last best places for intact, fertile, habitable open land. They can provide interconnected permeable landscapes where nature and local communities thrive. They are the cornerstones of both human communities and the ecosystems we all depend on – and in some regions, they are disappearing. Too often, landowner contributions to conservation at landscape scales are overlooked, while some collaborative's struggle with how to better engage private landowners. Lastly, with the ever-changing economic, sociopolitical, and environmental pressures, innovations in public policy are needed to bridge gaps and embrace private landowner participation.

#### **Objectives/outcomes:**

1. Explore non-partisan, expert perspectives on the substantial role of private lands in collaborative landscape-scale conservation
2. Discuss policies and approaches to better engage private landowners in landscape conservation activities
3. Highlight needed innovations in public policy to build and sustain landowner engagement
4. Gather ideas to be included in a public policy paper on landscape conservation
5. Build on the landscape conservation policy work of the Network and its members, including the 2017 National Forum on Landscape Conservation and its associated report, [\*Pathways Forward: Progress and Priorities in Landscape Conservation\*](#).

#### **Format:**

The format is a 90-minute virtual discussion with a keynote address and a moderated panel discussion with four private lands conservation policy experts representing diverse perspectives. During the first 60 minutes, after a keynote address, the four panelists will respond to a series of questions they have received in advance. During the final 15 minutes, panelists will respond to questions and comments from the audience, curated by the meeting moderator.

#### **Speakers:**

Keynote: **Lesli Allison**, ED of Landowners Alliance

Moderator: **Lynn Scarlett** – Chief External Affairs Officer, TNC

P1 – **Sara Parker Pauley** - Dir. Missouri Dept of Conservation, AFWA President

P2 – **Jimmy Bullock** – Resource Management Service LLC

P3 - **Adam Kiel**- Iowa Soybean Association

P4 – **Jim Lyons** – Yale School of the Environment, past Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment

**Audience:**

We will directly invite policy colleagues from the private lands, non-profit, academic, natural resource business, foundations, and agency communities. We will send a broader invitation via e-bulletin to all Network members. A recording of the 90-minute forum will be made available for a wider audience; and recommendations generated through the forum will be included in a policy paper to be distributed to key policymakers.

**Network:**

The Network for Landscape Conservation advances community-grounded, collaborative conservation as a vital approach to sustain nature, culture, and community. Founded in 2011, the Network's 30-person leadership team includes non-profit organizations, state and federal agencies, academic institutions, Tribal representatives, on-the-ground partnerships, and natural-resource based businesses. The Network has more than 150 partner organizations and 3,000 members. It is fiscally sponsored by the [Center for Large Landscape Conservation](#) in Bozeman, MT.

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