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## **CONVERGENCE 2013**

### ***Landscape-Level Conservation in Down East Maine: Collaborating for Strategic Effectiveness***

**Wednesday 23 October 2013**

Moore Auditorium, Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) Institute, Winter Harbor

**The Down East Research and Education Network (DEREN) welcomes you to** this unique discussion on Landscape-Level Conservation (LLC) which is an emerging field designed to plan, finance, and manage landscape-level projects with significant ecological, economic, and/or social conservation value.

**The mission of DEREN is to promote communication and collaboration opportunities among conservation researchers, educators, practitioners, and managers in Hancock and Washington Counties, Maine.**

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## **AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7:30-8:30	Continental Breakfast & Registration
8:30-8:45	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction:</b> <b>Barbara S. Arter</b> , <i>"Welcome to CONVERGENCE 2013: DEREN , LLC, and Strategic Habitat Conservation"</i> <b>Mike Soukup</b> , President, SERC, <i>"Welcome to SERC"</i> <b>Lisa Heyward</b> , President DEREN, <i>"Introduction"</i>
8:45- 9:30	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</b> <b>James Levitt</b> , Harvard Forest, Harvard University: <i>"Large Landscapes and the Past, Present , and Future of Conservation"</i>
9:30-10:00	<b>Bill Labich</b> , Regional Conservation Partnership Network, Highstead: <i>"Regional Conservation Partnerships: the New Face of Conservation in New England"</i>
10:00-10:20	Break and Poster Session
10:20-11:30	<b>Panel Discussion: "LLC Efforts in Down East Maine "</b> Downeast Lakes Land Trust, Downeast Coastal Conservancy, Downeast Salmon Federation, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Blue Hill Heritage Trust, and Frenchman Bay Conservancy
11:30-12:00	<b>Andrew Cutko</b> , Maine Natural Areas Program: <i>"Conserved Lands in Down East Maine: Have We Saved All the Parts?"</i>
12:00-1:15	Lunch at Schooner Commons and Poster Session at Moore continued
1:15-1:45	<b>Josh Royte</b> , The Nature Conservancy: <i>"Conservation by Design: Planning and Tools for Conservation"</i>
1:45 - 2:15	<b>Mark Berry</b> , Downeast lakes Land Trust: <i>"Forest Carbon Offsets as a Conservation Finance Tool"</i>
2:15-2:45	<b>Facilitated discussion:</b> What are we doing that works? What do we need to do in order to be more effective? How do we accomplish that?
2:45-3:00	Closing summary

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