

*Convergence: a network of complementary activities drawn to a region by its primary assets.*

**The Down East Research and Education Network's  
CONVERGENCE 2015  
Sustainability: Planning to Protect Downeast Resources and  
Communities over the Long Term**

**Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2015**

at Schoodic Institute on the SERC Campus in Winter Harbor. Generously sponsored by  
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<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
8:00-9:00	Registration & Networking Moore Auditorium
9:00-9:20	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction: Moore Auditorium</b> <b>Anica Miller Rushing</b> , DEREN Coordinator, "Welcome to CONVERGENCE 2015" <b>Mark Berry</b> , Executive Director of Schoodic Institute, "Welcome to the Schoodic Institute" <b>Lisa Heyward</b> , DEREN President, Introduction
9:20-9:30	<b>A thank you and a summary of last year's discussion on land conservation</b> , Alan Hutchinson, Executive Director, Forest Society of Maine
9:30-10:30	<b>Keynote Talk: Avoiding the dusty shelf syndrome: Scenario planning to build capacity and advance solutions</b> , Bridie McGreavy, Assistant Professor of Environmental Communication, Department of Communication and Journalism, University of Maine
10:30-10:45	<i>Break</i>
10:45-11:10	<b>Scenario planning: what they are, how they are used, how they can be applied</b> , Katie Theoharides, Scenarios, Services, and Society Research Coordination Network (S3RCN) at the Harvard Forest
11:10-11:35	<b>Scenario planning in the Acadia region: drivers and background</b> , Abraham Miller-Rushing, Ph.D., Science Coordinator, Acadia National Park
11:35-12:00	<b>All about scenario planning: your questions answered</b> , Abraham Miller-Rushing, Ph.D., Science Coordinator, Acadia National Park and Katie Theoharides, Scenarios, Services, and Society Research Coordination Network at the Harvard Forest
12:00-1:00	Lunch and Networking
1:00-2:30	<b>Now what do I do with this scenario planning? Working session</b> , Katie Theoharides, Scenarios, Services, and Society Research Coordination Network at the Harvard Forest
2:30-2:45	<i>Break</i>
2:45-3:30	<b>Target group presentations and debrief</b> , Katie Theoharides, Scenarios, Services, and Society Research Coordination Network at the Harvard Forest
3:30-3:45	<b>Evaluating Convergence 2015, planning for 2016</b> , Anica Miller Rushing, DEREN Coordinator
3:45-4:00	<b>Inspiration and motivation</b> , Jane E. Disney, Ph.D., Co-Director of Education, Senior Staff Scientist, Director, Community Environmental Health Laboratory, MDI Biological Laboratory