



Connecting People with Nature

Audubon Society of Rhode Island

CSC Project Proposal

November 2019

Project Title: Sponsorship for the 17th Anniversary Land & Water Summit

The Land & Water Conservation Summit will celebrate its 17th anniversary on March 7, 2020. The Conservation Stewardship Collaborative has been a strong partner, ensuring that the Summit provides opportunities for grassroots conservationists throughout the state to improve their stewardship knowledge and skills. The CSC sponsorship allows the Summit to be modestly priced, allowing volunteers at land trusts, watershed organizations and municipal conservation commissions to attend.

Goals: Enhance the stewardship, knowledge and capabilities of Rhode Island's grassroots conservation organizations by sponsoring RI's premier conservation conference.

Brief Description: The Land & Water Summit has become Rhode Island's premier conservation event, bringing together over 300 conservation leaders from land trusts, watershed organizations, conservation commissions and local communities. The Summit has been held yearly since 2004 with organizational support of the Land & Water Partnership. The 2020 Summit will be held on March 7 and will be co-hosted by the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, the RI Land Trust Council and the RI Environmental Education Association.

The Summit is built on the recognition that each community-based conservation organization is unique, comprised of local advocates who understand the issues in the community and cultivate local support for their conservation work. The Partnership also recognizes that grassroots conservation organizations have much in common – each organization faces similar land and water conservation issues and has similar governance, public relations and other administrative activities.

The Partnership's web site (www.landandwaterpartnership.org) is home to the on-line library of resource materials created in collaboration with the RI Conservation Stewardship Collaborative.

The Land & Water Summit's purpose is consistent with the Conservation Stewardship Collaborative core mission to "advance long term protection and stewardship of terrestrial, aquatic, coastal, estuarine, and marine areas in Rhode Island that have been conserved by fee, easement or other means."

Deliverables: The deliverables for this project are:

CSC Sponsorship of the 2020 Land & Water Conservation Summit on March 7, 2020, including:

- Name and logo on the Summit program cover;
- Announcement of sponsorship during the plenary session;
- Name and logo on the Summit promotional materials plus a hotlink to the CSC website on the Summit website;
- Full page ad in the program that promotes the stewardship resources available to land trusts;
- Display table (if wanted)
- Two (2) complimentary Summit registrations plus presenters at the workshop.

Timetable and Benchmarks:

2020. January

Revise the one-page advertisement for the Summit program that promotes the stewardship resources.

March 7 – Land & Water Summit

Budget:

Amount	Purpose
\$ 2,500	Sponsor the Land & Water Conservation Summit

Total \$ 2,500

Payments will be made to the fiscal agent for the land & Water Partnership:

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