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Maine’s first ever Local Wood Works Conference

November 14, 2014
Augusta Civic Center

www.localwoodworksmaine.com

Hosted by Kennebec Land Trust’s Local Wood Initiative with support from the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation.
Welcome!

We are delighted you could join us for Maine’s first ever Local Wood WORKS conference. Many individuals and organizations have addressed one or another of our conference topics over the years. Today we hope to expand the focus and see these issues as part of a coherent effort.

The Kennebec Land Trust is proud to host this event and bring together many experts and participants to address a number of important questions. How can we keep our forests sustainable for generations to come? How do we encourage, support, and maintain working woodlands and ecological reserves on a landscape level across Maine? How do we support and grow local wood-based businesses, economies, and communities?

This event, and the work that has led up to it, would not have been possible without the generous support of the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation, our sponsors, and the contributions of time, expertise and other resources from our outstanding Local Wood Initiative partners:

- The Maine Forest Service - Andrew Shultz, Morten Moesswilde and Ken Laussten
- GrowSmart Maine - Nancy Smith and Kimberly Ballard
- CEI - Keith Bisson
- Maine Coast Heritage Trust - Warren Whitney
- Kennebec Woodland Partnership - Sarah Fuller and the thirteen member organizations of the KWP

We hope you will enjoy all that is presented today and join us in the following weeks, months and years as we work to help further propel Maine’s local wood economy into a sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Theresa Kerchner
Executive Director

Matthew Silverman
Conservation Assistant

The Kennebec Land Trust
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About the Local Wood Initiative:

Mission: Kennebec Land Trust’s Local Wood Initiative will advance forest-based local economies and support the long-term conservation and sustainability of Maine’s woodlands.

Our principles are a commitment to:
- sustainable forestry
- land stewardship
- strong and resilient local economies
- conservation of both working woodlands and ecological reserves
- reduced energy consumption and transportation costs based on local products
- providing support for landowners, loggers, processors, manufacturers, and consumers

The conservation partners working on the Local Wood Initiative, including the Kennebec Land Trust, Maine Forest Service, Coastal Enterprises Incorporated, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Kennebec Woodland Partnership, and GrowSmart Maine, recognize that our local economy, wood products markets, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, water quality, and quality of life are directly connected to the long-term stewardship of Maine’s natural resources.
Conference Schedule

6:30-8:00 am: Expo set-up
8:00-9:00 am: Event Registration (Civic Center lobby)
8:00 am-4:00 pm: Expo Open (Participants do not need to staff booths full-time)
9:00-9:15 am: Welcome remarks by Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director, Kennebec Land Trust
9:15-9:50 am: Brian Donahue, Wildlands, Woodlands, and Farmlands, The Place of “Local” Wood and Food in New England’s Future
9:50-10:25 am: Ken Laustsen, Maine Forest Service, Keeping Maine’s Forests: Looking at Forestland and Woodflows Across Time and Into the Future
10:25-11:00 am: Collin Miller, Catalyzing Innovation in the Regional Wood Products Industry
11:00-11:15 am: Break and Success Story Panel set-up
11:15 am -12:15 pm: Local Wood Economy Success Stories in Maine, Collin Miller, moderator
12:15-1:15 pm: Local Foods Buffet Lunch and Expo time
1:15-2:15 pm: Challenges and Opportunities Workshops Session A
2:30-3:30 pm: Challenges and Opportunities Workshops Session B

All workshops given during each session
- Growing and Sustaining Businesses in the Local Wood Economy
- Managing Woodlands for a Sustainable Local Wood Economy
- Developing Policies and Programs that Support a Local Wood Economy and Healthy Forests
- Implementing Research that Supports Sustainable Wood Supplies, Landowner Goals, and Woodlands and Wildlands

3:45-5:00: Networking reception, conference summary; food, drink, and live music by Me ‘n Tino

Conference Schedule, Continued
Saturday, November 15, 9:00 am-12:00 pm:

You are welcome to attend the following open-house events:

Kennebec Land Trust- Curtis Homestead Conservation Area: Tour of harvest site & meet the foresters
Leeds, Maine: From Route 202 in Monmouth, go west on the Bog Rd. for about 1.5 mi.
Contact: Theresa Kerchner, 207-377-2848

Greater Augusta Utility District Woodland- Carleton Pond: Tour of harvest site & meet the foresters
Carleton Pond- Rt. 135 in Readfield, 1/4 Mile after junction of 117 and 135 (first junction closer to Manchester)
Contact: Andrew Shultz, 207-287-8430

Northern Lights Hearth and Sports: Stove shop tours, information on heating options & local wood pellets
639 Wilton Road, Farmington
Contact: Marty Farnham, 207-778-6566

Readmont Lumber: Tour of Hardwood Mill, woodmizer sawmill, resaw, cut and edge, dry kilns, storage facilities
114 Wings Mills Road, Directly across from Whitcomb Drive, Readfield.
Contact: Brent Mace, 207-512-6930

Dimensional Lumber: Tour of Facility, mill planer and buildings
85 Jug Hill Road, Livermore Falls
Contact: Linda Putnam, 207-897-9973

Hidden Valley Nature Center: Tour of facilities, woods
131 Egypt Road, Jefferson
Contact: Tracy Moskovitz, 207-200-8840
Earle D. (Chip) Bessey was raised in Waterville, Maine, in a family that has been involved in farming and the timber industry in Maine for many generations. In 1978 he returned to Maine to work in E.D. Bessey & Son, a family company that he ran until 2013, when his son Ethan, representing the family’s fifth generation, returned to Maine to run it. E.D. Bessey & Son owns and manages woodland for timber products, buys pulpwood for many pulp and paper mills in Maine, and buys and markets sawlogs and high quality veneer logs from concentration yards in Maine. Chip has been a licensed forester in the State of Maine since 1980 and has served as the Director and past President of the Maine Forest Products Council, the Chair at the Maine TREE Foundation, the Chair for the Northeast Division of the Forest Resources Association, and the Chair at the Waterville Opera House Association, and as a board member and volunteer for the Sebasticook Regional Land Trust.

Success Story Panel

Chip Bessey, E. D. Bessey & Son, Edb3@edbessey.com, 207-453-9388

A graduate of MHS, Class of 1977, Don and Alanna, his wife of 34 years, are parents of six, grandparents of seven (and counting on more). Along with his brother Will, the Coles operate a varied system logging company in the Augusta area and are pleased to employ nine people. They enjoy a following of long term clients who are, “cultivating our maine forest for today and tomorrow.”

Don Cole, President, Trees Ltd., treesltd86@aol.com, 207-547-3168

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Keith Bisson, SVP Program Management and Development, CEI, kblisson@ceimaine.org

Growing and Sustaining Businesses in the Local Wood Economy

Born and bred in Maine’s Midcoast, Keith Bisson is the Senior Vice President for Program Management and Development at CEI. Keith manages CEI’s small business counseling, natural resources, and workforce development programs. He is also responsible for the development and management of CEI’s $12 million Northern Heritage Development Fund and $5.5 million Working Partners Initiative, winner of the 2011 Wachovia Wells Fargo NEXT Award for Opportunity Finance; for monitoring and participating in Federal rural development policy; and for managing and developing foundation and investor relations.

A graduate of McGill University and the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Keith is active in the community and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Four Directions Development Corporation, a CDFI serving Maine’s four Native American tribes; the Opportunity Finance Network; and the Washington, DC-based CDFI Coalition. He lives in Brunswick, Maine, with his wife Beth and their three young children.

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Thomas C. Doak, Executive Director, Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM), tom@ swoam.org; 207-626-0005

Developing Policies and Programs that Support a Local Wood Economy and Healthy Forests

Tom currently serves as Executive Director. A third generation woodland owner, Tom graduated from the University of Maine with degrees in Forest Management and Wildlife Management. He has been a Licensed Professional Forester for thirty years. Early in his career he worked for the Bureau of Public Lands (BPL) as forester and land manager on Maine’s state-owned forestland. He became the Director of the Maine Forest Service in 1999 and served in that capacity for nearly four years. He joined SWOAM in 2004.

Brian Donahue, Associate Professor of American Environmental Studies, Brandeis University, bdonahue@brandeis.edu, 781-697-8197

Wildlands, Woodlands and Farmlands, The Place of “Local” in New England’s Future

Brian also serves as the Environmental Historian at Harvard Forest, teaches courses on environmental history and sustainable farming and forestry, and chairs the Environmental Studies Program. Donahue holds a BA, MA, and PhD from the Brandeis program in the History of American Civilization. He co-founded and for twelve years directed Land’s Sake, a non-profit community farm in Weston, Massachusetts, and serves today on the Weston Conservation Commission. For three years he was the Director of Education at The Land Institute in Salina, Kansas, and now sits on the board of the Thoreau Farm Trust and The Land Institute. He is the author and co-author of several books, including Wildlands and Woodlands: A Vision for the New England Landscape (Harvard Forest, 2010) and A New England Food Vision: Healthy Food for All, Sustainable Farming and Fishing, Thriving Communities (Food Solutions New England, 2014).

Dana Doran, Executive Director, Professional Logging Contractors of Maine, executivedirector@maineloggers.com, 207-441-3621, 688-8195

Growing and Sustaining Businesses in the Local Wood Economy

Dana assumed responsibility for the PLC in March 2014. He has more than fifteen years of leadership experience in various capacities with organizations in government, private industry, economic development, and education. Dana came to the PLC from his most recent position as the Director of Energy and Paper Programs at Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield, Maine. Dana is a Maine native and has a bachelor’s degree from Lafayette College and a Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Connecticut.
Success Story Panel

A lifelong builder and professional carpenter for more than twenty-five years, David also serves with the Timber Framers Guild, MOFGA, and the Sebasticook Regional Land Trust. He lives in Albion with his wife Jill and their two children, Jake and Allie.

Sarah Fuller, President, Fuller Ink, and Program and Outreach Consultant, Kennebec Woodland Partnership, sarah@fullerink.com, 207-446-6362
Growing and Sustaining Businesses in the Local Wood Economy

Sarah is the owner of Fuller Ink, a public relations and marketing firm that works with small businesses and nonprofits throughout the northeast and across economic sectors, including sustainable forestry, manufacturing, construction, hospitality, and the arts. Since 2010 she has worked with the Kennebec Woodland Partnership on strategic planning, grant writing, public outreach, and administration. She also serves on the Winthrop Town Council, as President of the Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, on the Advisory Board of the Kennebec Land Trust, and on the board of Legal Services for the Elderly.

Alan Hutchinson, Executive Director, Forest Society of Maine, 207-945-9200
Developing Policies and Programs that Support a Local Wood Economy and Healthy Forests

Alan has served as the executive director of the Forest Society of Maine since its inception as a staffed organization in 1997. He has guided FSM’s growth to an organization with a professional staff of seven that has helped conserve and oversee nearly one million acres of forestland. Alan has forty years of experience in land conservation and natural resource management. Educated in both wildlife ecology and forestry, he holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Maine. Before joining FSM, Alan worked for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for 24 years. He is a past associate faculty member at the University of Maine, a past trustee of the Maine Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and an author of books on loons and eagles.

Jennifer Irving, Executive Director, Sebasticook Regional Land Trust, jennifer@SebasticookRLT.org
Managing Woodlands for a Sustainable Local Wood Economy

Jennifer joined the Sebasticook Regional Land Trust as its Executive Director in 2005. A Maine native, Jennifer graduated from Duke University and explored the South, Kenya, Washington, DC, and Cape Cod before returning to Maine to stay in 2001. She lives with her husband and two sons on a farm in Troy.

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director, Kennebec Land Trust, tkerchner@tklt.org; 207-377-2848
Master of Ceremonies

Theresa was hired in 2002 by the Kennebec Land Trust as its first staff person to develop stewardship and outreach programs. In 2009 she became the Trust’s first Executive Director. Theresa oversees the operations of the Trust and works with the Board of Directors and the staff to develop and implement organizational, land conservation, and fundraising goals.

She earned a Master’s degree in Ecology and Environmental Science from the University of Maine in 2002, where she developed a case study of the land use history of the Jabez Besse farm in Wayne, Maine.

In 2009, Theresa and former KLT President Andrew Fisk, led an effort with Morten Moesswilde and Andrew Shultz of the Maine Forest Service to found the Kennebec Woodland Partnership, which now includes thirteen Partners. Theresa’s is working with Ken Laustsen, also of the Maine Forest Service, on a research project focused on the potential for developing and sustaining markets for Maine wood.

Theresa and her husband live on 72 acres of woodland in Wayne.

Eric Kingsley, Innovative Natural Resource Solutions LLC, kingsley@inrsllc.com, 207-772-5440
Developing Policies and Programs that Support a Local Wood Economy and Healthy Forests

Eric is a partner in INRS, a consulting firm that has been working with forest landowners and the forest industry in New England and nationally for twenty years. Prior to joining the firm, Eric worked for the New Timberland Owners Association, that state’s forestry trade association.

Tammy Knight, Maine Made Program Manager, State of Maine DECD, Office of Community Development, Tammy.knight@maine.gov, 207-624-7489
Growing and Sustaining Businesses in the Local Wood Economy

Tammy has been with the Department of Economic and Community Development for fourteen years. In that time she has managed CDBG grant portfolios totaling over $26 million in support of communities and small businesses. She became the Manager of the Maine Made program in 2012 and continues to work with Maine businesses both small and large to expose them to new markets and networking opportunities.

Kenneth M. Laustsen, Biometrician, Maine Forest Service ken.laustsen@maine.gov, 207-287-3135
Keeping Maine’s Forests: Looking at Forestland and Woodflows across Time and into the Future; Implementing Research that Supports Sustainable Wood Supplies, Landowner Goals, and Woodlands and Wildlands

Ken’s research provides data and analysis on Maine’s forest resources, including inventory, growth, harvest, and biodiversity, with a perspective...
on the past, the present, and the future. Educated in forestry, Ken has undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Maine. He is a Licensed Professional Forester in Maine and a Member of the Society of American Foresters (1974).

Donald Mansius, Director, Forest Policy and Management, Maine Forest Service, donald.j.mansius@maine.gov, 207-287-2791

Developing Policies and Programs that Support a Local Wood Economy and Healthy Forests

Don has had the privilege of serving with the Maine Forest Service since 1996. Prior to that he served as the state’s coordinator for the Northern Forest Lands Council.

Andy McEvoy, Director, Hidden Valley Nature Center, andy@hvnc.org, 207-200-8840

Managing Woodlands for a Sustainable Local Wood Economy

Andy manages Hidden Valley Nature Center (HVNC) in Jefferson, Maine. HVNC is a non-profit education and recreation center located on a thousand acres of forest. HVNC practices creative, restorative forestry and seeks to engage all kinds of visitors on diverse topics related to forests.

Rich Merk, President, Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM), mqh@fairpoint.net, 207-415-1628

Managing Woodlands for a Sustainable Local Wood Economy

In addition to his role at SWOAM, Rich is retired from his role as Corporate General Manager of Hancock Lumber Company, Inc., and is currently an American Tree Farmer.

Spencer Meyer, NatureNet Science Fellow, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and The Nature Conservancy, spencer.meyer@yale.edu, 203-432-8256

Implementing Research that Supports Sustainable Wood Supplies, Landowner Goals, and Woodlands and Wildlands

Dr. Spencer Meyer is a NatureNet Fellow working with the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and The Nature Conservancy to research and develop alternative future conservation strategies for protecting water and other ecosystem services. He spent twelve years in Maine, collaborating with Maine’s forest landowners and managers to conduct sustainable forestry and conservation research. Spencer is the lead architect of the Maine Futures Community Mapper, an online tool that helps communities envision their conservation and economic development assets and their land use futures. He earned Ph.D. and M.S. degrees from the University of Maine and an A.B. from Dartmouth College.

Collin Miller, former Director of Wood Products Initiatives, Northern Forest Center, collin@neforestproducts.com

Catalyzing Innovation in the Regional Wood Products Industry; Success Story Panel Moderator

Collin has worked for the last eleven years facilitating technical and financial assistance to hundreds of wood products manufacturers, foresters, loggers, and landowners across the northeast. As the Director of Wood Products Initiatives for the Northern Forest Center in Concord, NH, he coordinated the Regional Wood Products Consortium, a four-state industry partnership to advance innovation and improve workforce development. Collin is a native of upstate New York, holds two forestry degrees from SUNY-ESF, and recently assumed a new role as Procurement Forester with New England Forest Products in southern New Hampshire.

Bob Perschel, Executive Director, New England Forestry Foundation, rperschel@newenglandforestry.org, 978-952-6856 x104

Implementing Research that Supports Sustainable Wood Supplies, Landowner Goals, and Woodlands and Wildlands

In his thirty-plus years as an environmental professional, Bob founded the Land Ethic Institute and is an original co-founder of the Forest Guild. He is a co-author of Climate Change, Carbon, and the Forests of the Northeast and An Assessment of Biomass Harvesting Guidelines and the author of A Market Based Approach to Community Wood Energy: An Opportunity for Consulting Foresters. He has also guided the development of biomass retention and harvesting guidelines for the northeast and southeast. Bob has a master’s degree in forestry from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and a psychology degree from Yale College.

David Publicover, Senior Staff Scientist/Assistant Director of Research, Appalachian Mountain Club, dpublicover@outdoors.org, 603-466-8140

Developing Policies and Programs that Support a Local Wood Economy and Healthy Forests

Dave is a Senior Staff Scientist with AMC, where he has worked since 1992. For the last decade he has been responsible for forest management planning on AMC’s 66,000 acres of land in the 100-Mile Wilderness. Since the days of the Northern Forest Lands Council he has been actively engaged in discussions on sustainable forestry across our region. He was a contributing author to Good Forestry in the Granite State and served on the committee overseeing the development of Biodiversity in the Forests of Maine: Guidelines for Land Management. He has a BS in forestry from the University of New Hampshire and a Doctor of Forestry from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.
Dr. Bob Rice, Professor of Wood Science and Technology, University of Maine, rwrice@maine.edu, 207-581-2887

**Implementing Research that Supports Sustainable Wood Supplies, Landowner Goals, and Woodlands and Wildlands**

In addition to holding a bachelor’s degree in Physics and a doctorate in Forest Products, Bob’s background includes ten years of industrial experience in engineering, marketing, and contracts administration. Since joining the University of Maine in 1990, Bob has worked on technical issues related to heat and mass transfer and wood physics and has developed a program in bioenergy studies. His laboratory at the University of Maine is the only accredited pellet testing laboratory in New England and is fully equipped to provide energy-related testing in a number of areas. During the last fifteen years he has provided marketing and technical assistance to more than one hundred fifty companies in Maine and other states as well as in Europe, South America, and Africa. He was elected a Fellow of the International Academy of Wood Science for his contributions to science and a Fellow of the Society of Wood Science and Technology for his service to the profession.

Tin Smith, Stewardship Coordinator, Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve, tsmith@wellsnerr.org, 207-646-1555 x 119

**Managing Woodlands for a Sustainable Local Wood Economy**

Tin Smith works as part of a team at the Wells Reserve to involve landowners, municipalities, land trusts, and watershed coalitions in maintaining and restoring coastal watersheds through research, education, and stewardship. He is also the volunteer president of the Great Works Regional Land Trust and a small woodlot owner.

Diane L. Sturgeon, Deputy District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, diane.sturgeon@sba.gov, 207-622-8286

**Growing and Sustaining Businesses in the Local Wood Economy**

Diane Sturgeon is Deputy District Director for the US Small Business Administration’s Maine District Office. She previously served as a Lender Relations Specialist for the SBA and has more than ten years of banking experience working in a variety of roles for MBNA, Bank of America, and Camden National Bank. Diane graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in Secondary Education and has completed the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders Fundamentals Diploma Program and the Northern New England School of Banking.

Mary Tyrrell, Executive Director, Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, mary.tyrrell@yale.edu, 203-432-5983

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Mary Tyrrell is the Executive Director of the Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry at Yale’s School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. She leads the Sustaining Family Forest Initiative, a national coalition aimed at improving the effectiveness of outreach, services, and programs for family forest owners, thus enhancing conservation and stewardship of America’s private lands. She received a B.A. in Mathematics from the University of New Hampshire, a Master of Business Administration from Boston University, and a Master of Forest Science from Yale University.

Pam Wells, Owner, Wells Forest, Milford/Greenfield area, 207-827-1942

**Managing Woodlands for a Sustainable Local Wood Economy**

Pam and her husband own 1058 acres of forested property in the Milford/Greenfield area. The land abuts Sunkhaze Meadows NWR and the Sunkhaze Stream runs through the center of it. The Wellses bought the property right after it had been harvested from a liquidator and have owned it for about eight years. Pam returned to school in the Forestry Department at the University of Maine to learn how to manage her forest more effectively for both tree production and wildlife. Her forest team includes NRSC, Kirby Ellis (forester), and Madden Timberlands; they work together to improve the stands in her forest.

**Me ‘n Tino**

Local Wood WORKS welcomes the musical talents of Me ‘n Tino — Rick Dosedlo and Tino Liakas. Rick and Tino have been entertaining audiences in the Augusta area for many years, playing a blend of old time county, Americana, folk, and country rock. Rick also fronts the band Spare Parts and Tino is a long time member and lead guitarist of The Rocket Band.
Expo Participants

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GrowSmart Maine
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Kennebec Land Trust
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Working with a forester

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