

FOREST FRAGMENTATION & PARCELIZATION ROUNDTABLE

Convened by Vermont Natural Resources Council

September 18, 2006 - 9:00 to 3:00

Langevin House, Vermont Technical College, Randolph, VT

Agenda

- 9:00 - 9:15** **Welcome and Update on the Roundtable Process**
Jamey Fidel, Forest Program Director, VNRC
 Future Topics, Roundtable Product
- Cindy Cook, Adamant Accord, Inc.*
 Review Draft June 27 Meeting Summary
- 9:15 - 10:45** **Facilitated Discussion on the Values that are Impacted by Forest Fragmentation and Parcelization**
Andy Whitman, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences
- 10:45 - 11:00** **Break**
- 11:00 - 12:00** **Updated Trend Information/Data and Perspective on Parcelization and Forest Fragmentation in our Region**
Brett Butler, US Forest Service
- 12:00 - 12:50** **Lunch** (*place dots on lists*)
- 12:50 - 1:10** **Overview and Role of Information From Values Discussion**
- 1:10 - 1:30** **Discussion on Scope of the Roundtable Focus (urban vs. suburban etc.) parcelization, large vs. small acreage parcelization, etc.)**
- 1:30 - 2:30** **Panel Discussion with Woodland Owners and Managers**
 Questions posed to panel members:
 1. Provide a brief background on your role as woodland owner/manager.
 2. What are some of the pressures facing forestland owners including keeping forestland intact for the long-term?
 3. To what degree does development (housing/subdivision, etc) factor into the management of woodland in Vermont?
 4. What efforts have you undertaken to relieve property tax pressures, maintain the economic viability of forestland, and/or maintain the intact nature of property that you manage or own? Is this a long-term solution?
 5. In general, is forest fragmentation or parcelization a concern to you as a woodland owner/manager? If so, from what perspective?
- Peter Upton - Landowner*
Bill Schmidt - Woodland Owners Association

Jeff Smith – Meadowsend Timberlands, Inc.

2:30- 2:40

Conserving the Landscape by Supporting a Value-Added Forest Products Economy

Paul Costello, VT Council on Rural Development

2:40 – 3:00

Wrap Up and Next Meeting

Jamey Fidel