Greenprinting Case Studies and Lessons from the Field
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What is The Trust for Public Land’s Mission?

The Trust for Public Land conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come.
How do you create a Greenprint?

Current Conditions Analysis

Goal Setting & Public Engagement

Model Design & Data Collection

Model Presentation & Final Refinement

Action Planning

Final Products

Support Program Design
Where we work
How we are doing

• 452 related real estate transactions
• 153,200 acres of land conserved
• $84.5 million in new funding for conservation
Case Studies

Deschutes County, OR

White Mountains, NH to Moosehead Lake, ME
Greenprint for Deschutes County
A Greenprint for Deschutes County

The Greenprint for Deschutes County is a conservation plan that identifies the landscapes that contribute the most to our quality of life and the economic prosperity of our region. It highlights special places that make Deschutes County a great place to live, work, and play and create a unique competitive advantage as we work to build a healthy economy.

Deschutes County’s prosperity is directly tied to the character of our landscape and the way our community integrates it into every aspect of life. People are drawn to central Oregon for its world-class scenery, outstanding recreation opportunities, and abundant wildlife—all within minutes of our urban centers. Survey after survey has found that our region’s quality of life is a key driver that attracts the entrepreneurs and modern businesses that are helping to diversify our local economy.

With the current slowdown, local leaders have seized the opportunity to plan for a future that ensures that businesses, visitors, students, and families continue to find Deschutes County desirable. The greenprint is a key investment in our region’s economic prosperity and community stability.

But Deschutes County wasn’t immune to the nationwide recession. Soon after the community launched the greenprint initiative, the flood of new arrivals abated, and the county’s red-hot housing market sank into a deep freeze. By May 2009, the county’s unemployment rate was 16.7 percent—one of the worst in the nation.

But despite the downturn, people are still drawn to Deschutes County. As the economy recovers, the population is projected to swell to 240,000 people by 2025. Right now—with land prices reduced and many property owners looking to sell—is a cost-effective time to invest in land and water conservation. Preserving and improving the best of our region’s accessible recreation and wildlife habitat will ensure that our quality of life continues. That, in turn, will attract new businesses, broaden the employment base, and diversify our economy.
Greenprint for Deschutes County
Overall Conservation and Recreation Values

Legend
Overall Conservation and Recreation Values:
- Managed Land
- Public Land
- Public Access
- High Value Areas
- High Value Areas
- Water Features
- Wetlands

Water Features
- Low
- Medium
- High

Managed Land
- Public Land
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This map displays the Overall Conservation and Recreation Values for the Greenprint for Deschutes County. The degree of value is shown using a color code with red representing areas where the highest number of goals overlap, dark orange areas where the second highest number of goals overlap, and orange representing areas where the third highest number of goals overlap.

Three values are the result of a weighted analysis on the following goals: values generated from the April 5, 2016 stakeholder meeting:
- Protect Habitat and Significant Biological Areas: 35%
- Protect Water Quality: 35%
- Protect Cultural and Historical Resources: 35%
- Protect Natural and Recreational Opportunities: 35%
- Protect Rres and Ranch Lands: 35%
Bend: $29 million bond passed in 2012
Conservation Success

Projects:

Millers Landing (6 acres)
Wychus Canyon (450 acres)
Wychus Creek (6 acres)
Gofer Gulch (122 acres)
White Mountains to Moosehead Lake Initiative
**White Moose Region:**

- Tailored to Resilient Sites for Terrestrial Conservation data (Anderson, et al., 2012)
- Links more than 1.5 million acres of conserved land
- Contains Northern Forest’s most climate-sensitive species, including Bicknell’s thrush, Canada lynx, and Atlantic salmon
- Named one of three initial Demonstration Projects for North Atlantic LCC
Much Has Been Done in White Moose:
- 50,000 acres protected in FY11/12
- 130,000 acres protected since ’02

New Initiative Will Guide Future Work to:
- Maintain Healthy and Resilient Resources*
- Preserve Working Forests
- Increase Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation

*Study area aligns with Resilient Sites for Terrestrial Conservation in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Region (Anderson, et al., 2012)
White Moose Plan Taps Climate-Related Data

**Coarse Filter**
- Focal Areas for Resilience (Anderson, et al.)
- Staying Connected
- Two Countries, One Forest
- Matrix Forest Blocks

**Fine Filter**
- NALCC Designing Sustainable Landscapes (McGarigal, Lecher, et al.)
- Eastern Brook Trout Refugia (Trout Unlimited)
- Eastern Brook Trout JV Priority Watershed Scores
- Atlantic Salmon Habitat
- Bicknell’s Thrush Habitat
- Canada Lynx Habitat
- Boreal Forest Resilience (Paradis, et al.)
Goals of Initiative:

- Climate Resilience
- Outdoor Recreation
- Working Forests
Synthesizing Partners in White Moose

Mahoosuc Initiative +
High Peaks Alliance +
Northern Forest Investment Zone =

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MOOSEHEAD LAKE INITIATIVE
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Welcome.

White Mountains to Moosehead Lake Initiative
Partners Data Exchange

This site will allow you to:
- Share data with partners (access is limited to invited partners only).
- Create and share custom maps.
- Analyze proposed conservation projects based on critical resource value.

If this is your first visit to this group, click on Supporting Documents (menu to the left in green) and then open the tutorial for hints on how to use the site.

Links:
- Measures of Progress
- Project Partners
Alignment with federal funding priorities

AGO Helps White Moose:

- $16M awarded to four FY12 projects totaling 35,000 acres
- USFWS has approved PPP for climate-oriented High Peaks NWR
- $3M in new NRCS funding being directed into the landscape
- Providing support for TPL grant proposals, including $1M request to Acres for America
White Mountains to Moosehead Lake Initiative

Measures of Progress

Preserve Workable Forests
- High Productivity Forest Soils
- Private Workable Forests

Maintain Healthy and Resilient Natural Resources
- Eastern Brook Trout Habitat
- Atlantic Salmon Habitat
- Highly Resilient Lands
- State Wildlife Action Plan

Increase Opportunities for Outdoor Recreation
- Non-Motorized Trail Network
- Motorized Trail Network

Conservation Progress: Highly Resilient Lands

Conserved Acres (of 1,899,870 acres total)
- Easement
- Fee
- Trend: 3328 acres/yr

What Do These Charts Mean?

Featured Project Results
Dead River Trail
- 876 acres total
- Highly Resilient Lands:
  - 388 acres (44% of project area)

Learn more ...

Study Area Map

Map Legend
- Study Area boundary
- Highly Resilient Lands
- Easement
- Fee and Other Conserved Lands

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