

2016 State of Stopover Symposium
Working Group I - Stopover Protection and Restoration (DRAFT)
October 5-7, 2016

Session Overview

Migratory bird stopover habitat protection is of conservation interest in the Great Lakes locations. This session will highlight a range of conservation strategies and tools that will assist agencies and organizations to implement acquisition, easement, and restoration projects. During this session participants will: 1) identify where in the Great Lakes work is needed most; 2) define who works in those regions; 3) how they can best collaborate, and 4) how they will fill the stopover habitat protection needs.

The session will open with presentations by two speakers from major US and Canadian conservation organizations. The presentations will be followed by a discussion in which panelists will share case studies of stopover habitat protection and restoration.

Following the panel discussion, participants will break into groups to determine how best to protect stopover sites for shorebirds and landbirds.

Session Facilitators

Craig Thompson, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative-International Committee

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Session Agenda

Wednesday October 5

10 min. Welcome and Introduction

Craig Thompson, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

25 min. *An overview of TNC work in Canada, focusing on Ontario and highlighting land protection and restoration work on Pelee Island and Long Point Island*

Mhairi MacFarlane, Conservation Science Manager, Ontario Region
Nature Conservancy of Canada

- 25 min. *Designing Coastal Conservation to Deliver Community Benefits in Western Lake Erie*
Katherine Kahl, Ph. D., Conservation Policy & Practices Specialist
 The Nature Conservancy
- 15 min. Break – coffee, tea, and treats
- 1hr. 15 min. Case Studies Presented
Camp Amnicon, Lake Superior Shore, Wisconsin
Jane Anklam, West Wisconsin Land Trust
- Forest Beach Migratory Preserve, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin*
Shawn Graff, American Bird Conservancy
- St. Martins Island, Lake Michigan*
Mike Grimm, The Nature Conservancy-NE Wisconsin
- Miami Woods on the Chicago River, Illinois*
Daniel Suarez, Audubon Great Lakes
- River Rouge Power Plant, Michigan*
Kristen LeForce, DTE Energy
- 25 min. Panel Discussion
Jane Anklam, West Wisconsin Land Trust
Shawn Graff, American Bird Conservancy
Mike Grimm, The Nature Conservancy-NE Wisconsin
Daniel Suarez, Audubon Great Lakes
Kristen LeForce, DTE Energy
- 5 min. Thoughts for Break-out Groups
Craig Thompson, WI Department of Natural Resources

Thursday October 6 (10:00AM-5:00PM)

- We will break into smaller groups to work on the four objectives of this session.
- More details on the structure and tasks for these smaller groups will be provided in advance of the Symposium.

Friday October 7

- 20 min. Report Summary of our outcomes at the Plenary Session