Chat saved from 2021 NY Land Conservation Conference Closing Session:
**Pathways to Land Justice: Indigenous Tenure and Access**
Presented on May 26, 2021

09:57:21 From Artis Freye, Land Trust Alliance to Everyone:
   Welcome! We'll be starting on the hour.

09:57:50 From Meme Hanley to Everyone:
   Big thanks to everyone for joining today!

09:59:11 From Peg Olsen to Everyone:
   Peg Olsen, Saratoga Springs

09:59:19 From Peter Reed to Everyone:
   Peter Reed, Copake, NY

09:59:20 From Thomas B Williams to Everyone:
   Brookhaven, Long Island, NY

09:59:25 From Zachary Ashbrook (he/they) to Everyone:
   Zachary Ashbrook, Buffalo, NY

09:59:32 From Abdiel Lopez-Torres to Everyone:
   High Falls, NY

09:59:35 From Lindsay Blair to Everyone:
   Really looking forward to this session from up in Vermont!

09:59:41 From Nicole Wooten (she/her), HHLT to Everyone:
   Beacon, NY

09:59:50 From Artis Freye, Land Trust Alliance to Everyone:
   Thanks Meme! Artis Freye, Fairfield CA

10:00:11 From Joanne Dittersdorf to Everyone:
   Joanne, Brooklyn NY

10:00:27 From Joseph Jannsen to Everyone:
   Medford, NY (Long Island)

10:00:32 From Andrew’s iPhone to Everyone:
   Andy Ramsgard from CNY Land Trust
10:00:33 From Jeff Mapes to Everyone:
   Jeff Mapes - Saratoga Springs, NY

10:01:01 From Kevin Munroe to Everyone:
   Kevin Munroe, Long Island, NY

10:01:07 From Mary Hadley to Everyone:
   Mary Hadley - Genesee Land Trust

10:01:23 From Emily Landry to Everyone:
   Tilton, NH

10:01:31 From Nate Nardi-Cyrus (he/him), Hudson River Estuary Program to Everyone:
   Nate Nardi-Cyrus - Rosendale, NY

10:01:36 From Max Heitner to Everyone:
   Max Heitner - Finger Lakes Land Trust

10:01:47 From Laura Heady, Hudson River Estuary Program/Cornell (she/her) to Everyone:
   Laura Heady, Rosendale, NY (Ulster County)

10:01:53 From Renee Bouplon to Everyone:
   Renee Bouplon - Greenwich, NY - Agricultural Stewardship Association

10:01:56 From Gretchen Reed she, her, hers to Everyone:
   Gretchen Reed - Mohonk Preserve, Ulster County

10:02:01 From Eric - Finger Lakes Land Trust to Everyone:
   Eric Mastroberti - Finger Lakes Land Trust

10:02:28 From Paul Tankel to Everyone:
   Paul Tankel - Genesee Land Trust

10:02:44 From Christine Vanderlan, Columbia Land Conservancy to Everyone:
   Christine Vanderlan, Columbia Land Conservancy

10:03:03 From OG iPhone to Everyone:
   Olivia Green, Syracuse TNC

10:03:05 From Matt Decker, Orange County Land Trust to Everyone:
   Matt Decker, currently in Wappinger, NY on the land of the Wappinger Lenape

10:03:20 From Mary Ripka-NY to Everyone:
Mary Ripka, Pulaski, NY-TNC

10:03:27 From Riley Johndonnell to Everyone:

Riley Johndonnell—Scenic Hudson, Kingston/Poughkeepsie, NY

10:04:03 From Serena Orleski to Everyone:

Serena Orleski - Watershed Agricultural Council - Catskills

10:04:13 From Celia Kutz to Everyone:

Good morning! Celia from Rensselaer Youth Outdoors, Averill Park, NY - Stockbridge-Munsee and Schaghticoke's people's land.

10:04:52 From Shaniqua Bowden to Everyone:

Good morning All! I'm Shaniqua Bowden from the Kingston Land Trust.

10:05:35 From Jim Bonesteel to Everyone:


10:05:56 From Grace Murphy to Everyone:

Grace Murphy - Woodstock Land Conservancy

10:06:13 From Terra Bach to Everyone:

Terra Bach - Thousand Islands Land Trust

10:07:00 From Kingston Land Trust to Everyone:

Greg Shaheen - Kingston Land Trust from Esopus / Lenape land

10:12:15 From Tela Troge to Everyone:

Tela Troge- Shinnecock Nation

10:14:30 From Melanie Cirillo to Everyone:

Melanie Cirillo - Peconic Land Trust

10:29:08 From Abdiel Lopez-Torres to Everyone:

How do Native peoples feel when called Indians? I thought that the Indian name came from Columbus' intention to get to India and unintentionally got to this hemisphere. How do we all feel about that? Should this matter and should we look for the most sensible language to use?

10:36:50 From Emily Landry to Everyone:

Abdiel, I was under a similar impression, although I’m sure preference depends on the person. An interesting thought: A coworker of mine is Navajo and prefers “Indigenous” because she believes you
are “native” to the place you were born. Hence referring to “Native American” could mean anyone born in America.

10:48:25 From Jeff Briggs to Everyone:

Can you provide an example of a collaboration where the land trust retains ownership in fee while granting cultural access to the property for a local tribal interest?

10:51:42 From Judy Anderson to Everyone:

Can you clarify language? Should we be using the term "Indian" land or "Native Peoples" land--or does it matter?

10:51:53 From jordan (they/them) to Everyone:

https://nefoclandtrust.org/

10:53:05 From Meme Hanley to Everyone:

Thanks for questions and comments! Keep them coming. We will address towards end of session.

10:53:53 From Joseph Jannsen to Everyone:

Do you have examples where it didn't go well; where the transfer of fee to a tribal nation with restrictions for conservation purposes that the tribe did not abide by once they held fee? This is a concern I have heard when considering such a transfer.

10:53:57 From Francis.OShea@tpl.org to Everyone:

I am also interested in hearing more about appropriate name usage - have heard there is not a consensus.

10:55:07 From jordan (they/them) to Everyone:

Cultural Respect Easement (example) - https://www.soulfirefarm.org/love-notes-finding-hope-resilience-during-challenging-times/

"As people not indigenous to the land we steward it has been integral that we also explore the ways we can be accountable to the land’s original stewards, the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohican Nation who were forcibly displaced to a reservation in northern Wisconsin in the 1800s. Part of our relationship building process has been establishing a cultural respect easement that would allow Mohican citizens to use the Soul Fire Land for ceremonies and wildcrafting in perpetuity, and we are pleased to announce that the Tribal Council recently passed and signed the easement! We hope that the models we are developing reflect our ongoing commitment and accountability to the land and its original stewards."

10:56:32 From Nate Nardi-Cyrus (he/him), Hudson River Estuary Program to Everyone:
A local example (Stockbridge-Munsee and OSI) along the Hudson River: https://www.openspaceinstitute.org/news/papscanee-island-nature-preserve-returned-to-the-stockbridge-munsee-community

10:57:02 From Judy Anderson to Everyone:

I'm interested in the conservation easement terms and how they differ from an easement with another nonprofit, town, or other public (not private landowner as in a family, etc.)

10:59:12 From Lori Ensinger, Westchester Land Trust to Everyone:

I am interested in understanding the nexus of IRC 170(h) with granting of a CE to an Indian Nation. Does our IRS consider an Indian Nation a "qualified conservation easement grantee", and could a private landowner donate a CE and qualify for all of the same tax benefits that they would if they donated the CE to a land trust or govt entity.

11:00:20 From Gretchen Reed she, her, hers to Everyone:

Is there any additional info on the pending NYS legislation regarding indigenous hunting and fishing rights? I'd like to reach out to my legislators to support this effort.

11:00:48 From Laura Heady, Hudson River Estuary Program/Cornell (she/her) to Everyone:

Thank you for this excellent session! I'm sorry I need to leave for an 11am meeting and hope to catch the Q&A via the recording.

11:01:03 From Celia Kutz to Everyone:

Thank you so much. This was amazing - the relationships and knowledge shared - so grateful <3

11:01:23 From Francis.OShea@tpl.org to Everyone:

I am working on a property that involves NY SHPO and a pre contact nexus which is resulting in a voluntary deed restriction - my interactions have only been with non native state employees, how can I confirm that the restrictions proposed reflect the priorities and wishes of the Lenape tribe relevant to the property in question

11:02:47 From Abdiel Lopez-Torres to Everyone:

That is what I think we should learn!

11:04:22 From Alex Page to Everyone:

Information regarding NYS legislation on treaty rights to hunt/fish: https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/s5266

11:04:35 From Gretchen Reed she, her, hers to Everyone:

Thanks!

11:04:50 From Jennifer Miller Herzog (she/her), Land Trust Alliance
Re: cultural use agreements, First Light Learning Journey has some good resources here: https://firstlightlearningjourney.net/resources/cultural-easements-and-culture-use-agreements/. As one example, Dennis Conservation Trust and Native Land Conservancy in MA have a cultural respect access agreement:
http://nebula.wsimg.com/ea7e859b92d8a8d035a8c78c78922b9e?AccessKeyId=81BE4BC5897918EB0C05&disposition=0&alloworigin=1 and https://dennisconservationlandtrust.org/2019/01/31/learn-more-about-our-cultural-respect-agreement-with-the-native-land-conservancy/

11:04:55 From Chris Jage to Everyone:
This was presented at Rally a few years back:

11:04:56 From Tom Duffus to Everyone:
Why would it be appropriate to convey lands to Indigenous groups with restrictions? I would think they would define "conservation" as they see fit.

11:05:32 From Francis.OShea@tpl.org to Everyone:
good point Tom

11:07:06 From Judy Anderson to Everyone:
Tom, that's why I'm curious about the conservation easement terms...

11:08:21 From Alex Page to Everyone:
Regarding question re work with SHPO and how to ensure Indian nation with interest in the area (Lenape was mentioned) approves of deed restrictions: do you have access to CRIS, and if so are Lenape representatives listed as contacts for your project? If yes, you may be able to reach an appropriate contact at Lenape that way

11:08:37 From Celia Kutz to Everyone:
Sometimes relationship building, that process of being in touch with an Indian Nation, conflicts with the pace at which a land acquisition (or potentially a legal battle) is moving/moves. Advice for how to balance that?

11:09:18 From Francis.OShea@tpl.org to Everyone:
if there were one book to read on the legal history of indian nations and the united state what would it be?

11:09:58 From Peg Olsen to Everyone:
what is local property tax status for lands held by First Nations?

11:11:54 From Alex Page to Everyone:
re book, try "Exiled in the Land of the Free," by John Mohawk, Oren Lyons, and Daniel Inouye
11:11:57 From Francis.OShea@tpl.org to Everyone:

Thank you Alex I will access CRIS and look into that.

11:12:28 From Jennifer Miller Herzog (she/her), Land Trust Alliance to Everyone:

Yes, Chris. Re: cultural use agreements, First Light Learning Journey has some resources here: https://firstlightlearningjourney.net/resources/cultural-easements-and-culture-use-agreements/ and includes that cultural respect access agreement you referenced from Rally between the Native Land Conservancy and Dennis Conservation Trust in MA.

11:14:13 From Terra Bach to Everyone:

I am working on a few different projects at this time to create a relationship between the local Indian Nations and the land in the Thousand Islands. I have begun this journey and am in the research phase to figure out how to make these connections respectively and depict the cultural history between the Indian Nations and this land. In addition, TILT owns Fort Haldimand on Carleton Island and I look forward to working to restore relationships, learn more and provide this information to the public. This is important to us and I look forward to reaching out to the presenters here today! Thank you for this impactful presentation.

11:15:33 From Gretchen Reed she, her, hers to Everyone:

Great session - thanks to all of the presenters!

11:15:41 From Riley Johndonnell to Everyone:

Thank you to all the presenters for sharing today and to LTA for hosting! I wish I could stay longer to hear more of the questions and answers. Looking forward to the recording of the event. Thanks again!

11:16:06 From Tom Duffus to Everyone:

I have found that European concepts of "conservation" that land trusts have are not always appropriate for Indigenous concepts

11:16:20 From Zachary Ashbrook (he/they) to Everyone:

What did CRIS and SHPO stand for again??

11:18:40 From Catherine Landis to Everyone:

Cultural Resource Information System and State Historic Preservation Office - hope that helps - both NY state offices

11:19:41 From Zachary Ashbrook (he/they) to Everyone:

@Catherine Landis, Thank you!!

11:20:15 From Olivia Waterhouse to Everyone:

Thank you all for this thoughtful discussion! Looking forward to watching the rest of the recording.
11:21:34 From Nancy Smith to Everyone:

fabulous presentation. Thank you to the presenters and Land Trust Alliance!

11:22:14 From Celia Kutz to Everyone:

Thanks for that answer - I’m also curious how land trusts can support the time-sensitive legislative fights even when they aren't necessarily in relationship with that Indian Nation (or as much as they'd like to be). @Alex, your website was helpful but also, are there organizations that are advocating for that bill?

11:24:22 From Mallory Pierce (she/hers) to Everyone:

Check out This Land Pod Cast: https://crooked.com/podcast-series/this-land/

11:24:49 From Pam Richardson to Everyone:

You can save the chat

11:25:03 From Joseph Jannsen to Everyone:

How long is access to the conference hub available to attendees after the conference is over?

11:25:07 From Catherine Landis to Everyone:

Neighbors of Onondaga Nation is a local ally group for the Onondagas with some great information -has a listserv as well https://www.peacecouncil.net/programs/neighbors-of-the-onondaga-nation

11:25:10 From Zachary Ashbrook (he/they) to Everyone:

Such a wonderful presentation! I’ve learned a lot, I appreciated this conference and all the wonderful resources presented!

11:26:01 From Celia Kutz to Everyone:


11:26:07 From Judy Anderson to Everyone:

Thank you. Appreciate the thoughts and insights

11:26:11 From Annie Jacobs to Everyone:

Such a deep and rich discussion and excellent panel. I am so happy that we are having these conservations. Thank you all!

11:26:28 From Mary Garsia to Everyone:

Thank you so much. I will share resources. Mary Garsia

11:26:29 From Peter Reed to Everyone:

Great discussion and presentations. Thank you.
Thank you!

Excellent discussion! Thank you to all for sharing your knowledge and insights.

Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you - great presentation!

Thanks!

Thank you and let's keep it going!

from the Bang land trust in Brooklyn

thank you all for hosting this, it's energizing to find so many fellow settlers and settler institutions engaged in Indigenous solidarity / land return

Thank you for a thoughtful and helpful presentation