



**Future Horizons: A Virtual Roundtable for Landscape Stewardship Leaders  
Meeting 1 of 3: Setting Our Shared Intention & Exploring Our Shared Values  
August 27, 2020 10:00a-1:00p PDT  
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85949132299> // Password: 232347**

Dear Friends,

We're thrilled to be mere weeks away from the first gathering of the Future Horizons Roundtable. These Roundtables are focused on creating a space with you and for you. Our intention is to create a forum where you can step away from the tedium of every day; where bold, innovative thinking is encouraged; and where meaningful connections are fostered. Together, we aim to explore and begin to define the story lines that can advance the landscape conservation and stewardship movement.

The agenda below gives you a sense of what our conversation will entail: Understanding our shared purpose and intention; creating the roadmap for our journey together; and most importantly, getting to know each other through the values and principles that guide us in our stewardship and conservation work and in our lives.

To access to all the resources and materials you'll need for this meeting, please visit the [Future Horizons webpage!](#)

See you soon,

*Future Horizons Roundtable Planning Committee*  
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### **Pre-meeting Checklist**

- Send in your headshot, accompanied by a brief bio (3-5 sentences).
- Provide a 60-second introduction that answers the question, “How would a colleague, friend or a family member introduce you?” To do this, find a colleague, friend, family member, or someone in your Covid pod to describe you. Have this person make an audio recording, and send it directly to Devin at [dlandry@parksconservancy.org](mailto:dlandry@parksconservancy.org).
- Provide a write-in answer to the question, “What are you looking forward to most about participating in the Future Horizons Roundtable?” Answer this question here: [Hopes for the Future](#)
- Watch the first installation of interviews featuring eight retreat participants’ reflections on their inspirations to work at the landscape scale, the values that define their work, their “big idea,” and more. As you move through the interviews, keep a journal of your reflections. Has an idea, comment, or common theme from the interviews inspired you to build off it, advance your own thinking, or find actionable ways to implement it in your daily work?
- Share your availability later in 2020 and 2021 for our second and third gatherings, which you can find at this Doodle poll: [Scheduling Future Gatherings](#)

### **Meeting Agenda**

- **Welcome** – 5 min –
- **Introductions** – 15 min –
  - Let’s go around the room and give some brief introductions:
    - Your name;
    - 4-5 words that describe your primary role(s) you play in partnership-based work (e.g., facilitator, coordinator, advisor, convenor, funder, all of the above);
    - 1-2 words that describe your state of mind entering into today’s conversation (e.g., excited, hopeful, curious, anxious).
- **Overview of the Virtual Retreat Series** – 10 min –
  - Why are we here? What do we mean by “Future Horizons”?
  - How did this retreat come to be, and what can you expect over the coming months of virtual gatherings?
  - Intention and co-creation are key
    - Our intentions for creating this Roundtable, our intentions about making space for making history, our intentions around taking concepts that inspire us and implement them via new structures and processes
    - We want to co-create the conditions that will help us, our partners, and our communities design the bridge to tomorrow. What do we need to create and/or reconfigure to match what we believe and what our values point toward?
- **Perspectives on the Power and Opportunity of the Virtual Series** – 45 min –
  - We’ll watch a 5-minute montage from the interviews around the question of, “What is the opportunity you see in bringing this group together?”
  - Group exercise: What will our story be?

- In sub-cohort groups of 4-5 people, build upon the conversation so far to create a brief story of what Future Horizons will achieve. Each story should have a beginning, middle, and end.
  - Group sub-cohorts will then share their story of what Future Horizons might be.

**BREAK – 10 min –**

***Using your journal, please capture any key takeaways or insights you've gained from our first sub-cohort breakout. This could be 1-2 words, a sentence, or a doodle that represents your thinking following the opening exercise.***

- **Introducing key themes for our first gathering – 15 min –**
  - Session hosts will provide a brief overview of the thematic framing for this first convening: foundational elements of our work focused on connections, trust, values, and worldview.
  - We'll watch another 5-minute montage from the interviews that brings forward themes around the question of, “what values do you see as foundational to landscape stewardship?”
  - We'll then distill 4-5 key themes to explore during the following breakout session.
  
- **What does our future hold? – 45 min –**
  - Group exercise: Return to your sub-cohort group. Reflecting again on your story from the opening session, what theme(s)/values resonate most with you? What elements of that theme/value are enduring and part of any future for landscape stewardship? Which elements are in flux and require careful thought about how they might change and evolve? What dimensions that theme/value are critical for this group to dig deeper into in the months ahead?
  - We'll return to plenary and visually capture the key themes and takeaways on PowerPoint slides; look for intersections and reinforcing elements; consider where some elements may be in tension with one another, and more.
  
- **Connecting our conversations to the broader community – 15 min –**
  - Journaling/communications exercise: Everyone will spend 5 minutes reflecting on today's discussion and capture the top 3 messages/take-aways they would share with friends and colleagues (what about our time together resonates the most and why?).
  - Participants are invited to take a snapshot of their journal entry and send it in, to become part of the visual package reflective of our creative process we're assembling over time.
  
- **Closing thoughts and looking ahead – 20 min –**
  - Reflections and synthesis of our first gathering
  - Explore ways to keep in touch during the interim
  - Announce the next two rounds of stewardship conversations; theme of next convening; announce November meeting date/time; etc.
  - We'll part ways by asking each person to share 1-2 words that describe how they are feeling at the end of this first session.