Conservation Innovation from the Boston Common to the Global Commons

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The Common, created in 1634: self-taxation for conservation
Growth of City Parks by Year in the 100 largest US Cities

By 2011, the 100 largest US cities had 22,493 parks
The Union Pacific Railroad commissioned Bierstadt to paint Yosemite in 1863 -- 8 years before the transcontinental railroad was completed: creation of the first national parks was essentially a public-private partnership.
Charles Eliot envisioned a system of land trusts and public parks throughout the Boston metropolis; he depended on private philanthropy and public budgets.
In the 20\textsuperscript{th} century, the systems expanded. However, they were \textbf{NOT NECESSARILY INTEGRATED} to make the whole greater than the sum of the parts.
Conservation finance in the 21st century involves a wide variety of tools, from tax credits to market mechanisms.
The Wildlands & Woodlands Initiative helped launch an emerging network of Regional Conservation Partnerships.
**PRACTITIONERS’ NETWORK FOR Large Landscape Conservation**

The Practitioners’ Network for Large Landscape Conservation is an alliance of professionals and citizens engaged in leading, managing, researching, advocating, funding, educating, or passing policy to advance large landscape conservation initiatives.

The Practitioners’ Network thanks the following organizations for their support:

1. University of Montana
2. Montana State University
3. Montana Natural Resources Council

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**Conservation Catalysts Network**

**Upcoming Opportunities**

**In Focus: Resurrecting the Colorado River Delta**

Multidisciplinary focus helps to bring the wetland back to its origins.

**Global Membership**

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- **Organizations**
- **Projects**
- **Events**

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**News**

A call for papers and participation in the Colorado College Conference on Student as Conservation Catalyst.

The Environmental Studies Program at Colorado College, in conjunction with student, faculty, and community and professional organizations, is hosting a conference on March 14th, 2010 in Colorado. This will focus on students as catalysts for large landscape conservation.

This conference will investigate the opportunities for the student to impact environmental change and to learn from the experiences of others. The goal is to create a dialogue that will contribute to the development of the next generation of environmental leaders.

**Important Dates**

- **March 4, 2010** registration closes
- **March 8, 2010** final papers due
- **March 14, 2010** conference

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We face unprecedented challenges in the global common. We welcome your ideas for conservation innovations that are:

– Novel and Creative in Conception
– Culturally/Strategically Significant
– Measurably Effective
– Transferable Across Jurisdictions, and
– Enduring

Our task: to envision, realize and replicate a network of networks among public, private and non-profit conservation initiatives to address the challenges of this century.

Thank you.