



The Future of Vermont's Working Landscape

A Vermont Council on Rural Development Summit
Organized to Advance Working Landscape Policy and Investment

**Vermont State House, Montpelier
December 10, 2010**

COFFEE AND MUFFINS, *State House Cafeteria* 8:00-9:00

Registration, *House Lobby* 8:00-9:00

Conference Opening, *House Chamber* 9:00

Plenary: The Importance of Vermont's Working Landscape

Welcome:

Shap Smith, *Speaker of the House*

Governor Elect **Peter Shumlin**

Chuck Ross, *Secretary of Agriculture designee*

Introduction to Work of the Day: **Paul Costello**, *VCRD Executive Director*

Conclusions of the Council on the Future of Vermont: **Tom Debevoise**, *CFV Chair*

Panel: The Future of Vermont's Working Landscape, *House Chamber* 9:40

Why do we need this conversation in Vermont? Why today?

Moderator: **Chris Graff**, *National Life Group*

Panelists: **John Bramley**, *Windham Foundation and Grafton Village Cheese*; **David Donath**, *Woodstock Foundation*; **Allison Hooper**, *Vermont Butter and Cheese*; **John Meyer**, *Bardill Land & Lumber Company*; **Amanda St. Pierre**, *Pleasant Valley Farm and Berkshire Cow Power*

BREAK 10:45

Working Landscape Action Plan Presentation 11:00

Paul Costello

Panel: Action Plan Discussion with the Working Landscape Steering Committee 11:25

Bob Ackland, *Business Development Consultant*; **Roger Allbee**, *Vermont Secretary of Agriculture*;

Deb Brighton, *Economist*; **Greg Brown**, *Retired*; **Gil Livingston**, *Vermont Land Trust*;

Jonathan Wood, *Vermont Secretary of Natural Resources*

LUNCH, <i>State House Cafeteria</i>	12:15-1:15
VCRD 2010 Community Leadership Award, <i>House Chamber</i>	1:15
Al and Marcia Perry, Richford, VT Presented by Marie Houghton , <i>VCRD Board Chair</i> and Catherine Dimitruk , <i>VCRD Board Chair Emeritus</i>	
Panel: Agriculture and Forest Products Innovators, <i>House Chamber</i>	1:20
Moderator: Kristin Carlson, <i>WCAX News</i> Panelists: Christa Alexander , <i>Jericho Settlers Farm</i> ; Andrew Kehler , <i>Jasper Hill Cheese</i> ; Ben Machin , <i>Redstart Forestry</i> ; Andrew Meyer , <i>Vermont Soy and Vermont Natural Coatings</i> ; Bill Suhr , <i>Champlain Orchards</i>	
Breakout Discussion, <i>Assigned Rooms</i>	2:20
Vermont Working Landscape Partnership: “How do we work together to advance a Working Landscape Platform?”	
BREAK	3:20
Plenary Conclusions, <i>House Chamber</i>	3:30
Moderators report out key paths to action	
Framing the Working Landscape Partnership	4:00
Organization and Next Steps, Paul Costello	
Vermont Working Landscape Partnership	4:15
Foundation and Sign Up	
ADJOURN	4:30



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