

Draft Agenda
Mt. Vernon Field Trip
National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

- 1:00 PM Assemble at the Washington Hilton Hotel,
1919 Connecticut, Ave, NW, Washington, DC.
- 1:15 PM Bus departs the Washington Hilton
- 2:00 PM Bus arrives Mt. Vernon.
- Gather near the front portico for a welcome and introduction to Mt. Vernon.
- 2:15 PM Break into groups to tour Mt. Vernon mansion and grounds.
- 2:50 PM Conclude house/grounds tour and reconvene back on the lawn.
- Walk over to the library. Bus available for participants needing a ride to the library.

3:00 PM Short break with light refreshments in the library.

3:10 PM ***Introduction to Presentations and Conversation***
Eric Benson, GIS and Viewshed Manager, Mt. Vernon

From 1860's historic preservation to 21st century large cultural landscapes
Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director Cultural Resources, NPS (invited).

- A concise narrative of the evolution of historic preservation over 150 years from a focus on discrete structures and resources to addressing a broader cultural and natural landscapes and connectivity.

Conservation of the Mt. Vernon surroundings
Carol Cadou, Vice President for Historic Preservation and Collections, Mt. Vernon.

- An overview of efforts to conserve the landscape and viewshed of Mt. Vernon over time, including the development of a national park and partnerships in Maryland specifically for this purpose, as well as ongoing efforts to model and define the viewshed and work towards its protection.

Extending beyond Mt. Vernon up and down the Potomac

Joel Dunn, Executive Director, Chesapeake Conservancy

Hedrick Belin, Executive Director, Potomac Conservancy (invited)

- A look at how landscape conservation efforts are linked together by the Potomac River and its cultural connections, including creation of multiple parks downstream, preservation efforts on the greater Douglas Point, the C&O Canal NHP, three national historic trails, etc.

Conversation and Conclusion

Jim Levitt, Fellow, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and Director of the Program on Conservation Innovation, Harvard Forest, Harvard University.

- A moderated discussion and conversation among participants and presenters.

4:15 PM Board bus at the library for ride back to Washington, DC.

5:15 PM Arrive at the Washington Hilton.