

# Session E01

## Habitat Restoration and Management on Easements: Case Studies

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# Living Lands: Helping Land Trusts Conserve Biodiversity

To support and increase the capacity of the land trust community to conserve biodiversity on private lands through financial and technical assistance.



# Biodiversity Track at a Glance

## Saturday

- A01: Conservation Planning
- B01: State Wildlife Action Plans
- C01: Ag Easements and Biodiversity

## Sunday

- D01: Funding Opportunities
- **E01: Habitat Restoration on Easements: Case Studies**
- F01: Habitat Restoration on Easements: Round Table

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# Restoration on Easements

- **Why:** to ensure long-term ecological functions, including habitat for native species
- **Where:** on high priority sites (e.g. at-risk habitats and species)
- **How:** prescribed burns, planting native vegetation, invasive species removal, restore hydrologic functions

# Restoration Case Studies

- How, when, and why did your land trust get involved in habitat restoration and management on easement lands?
- What ecological functions or biological values are you trying to protect through restoration and management, and why?
- What legal (or other) mechanism do you use with easement landowners to ensure that restoration and management occur?

# Restoration Case Studies

- What partnerships and funding do you use?
- How has your community, board, partners, etc. responded?
- What challenges have you faced and how did you resolve them?
- What advice would you give to a land trust just getting started with habitat restoration and management on easement lands?

# Case Studies

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Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation  
(Case Study #7)

**Dennis Desmond**

Land Trust for the Little Tennessee  
(Case Study #3)

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Desert Foothills Land Trust  
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