

## Outline for Working & Natural Lands Working Group: Final Report

- a. Background and Context
  - i. *describe the universe of resources and human uses being addressed*
  - ii. *Describe trends affecting sustainability of*
    - 1. *Forests*
    - 2. *Rivers*
    - 3. *Wetlands*
    - 4. *Agricultural lands and soils*
    - 5. *And the ecosystem benefits or other co-benefits associated with each landscape*
- b. Importance
  - i. *how important are these resources and human uses in Connecticut*
  - ii. *what are the risks if these resources and uses are adversely impacted*
- c. Impact Assessment and Vulnerability
  - i. *what climate change impacts are of concern and why*
  - ii. *characterize the vulnerability of*
- d. Progress
  - i. *identify relevant strategies established in 2011 report and report on status*
- e. Indicators and Targets
  - i. *What are the key indicators and thresholds of progress or impact (e.g., forest age class diversity, acres of coastal wetlands)*
  - ii. *Establish targets for demonstrating progress*
- f. Outcomes, Objectives and Strategies (*example; but define each objective in quantifiable and time bound terms*)
  - Outcome 1-1: Increase the acres of coastal wetlands by XX percent (YYY,YYY acres in total) by 2030(?)*
    - Objective 1-1a: Provide for landward migration of coastal wetlands*
      - Strategy 1-1a1: Acquire upland easements*
      - Strategy 1-1a2: Reduce impediments to landward migration*
      - Strategy 1-1a3: Establish infrastructure design standards to facilitate migration*
    - Objective 1-1b: Restore and enhance existing coastal wetlands*
      - Strategy 1-1b1: reduce tidal flow restrictions*
      - Strategy 1-1b2: increase beneficial use of dredged material*
- g. Implementation Actions: *Identify specific actions and the strategies addressed by each action*
  - i. *1-year Actions*
  - ii. *5-year Actions*
- h. Assessment of Impacts to Vulnerable Communities