

Alewife Corridor Resilience Symposium

Lunchtime Roundtable Conversations

Hosted by: Tufts University and Earthos Institute

Date: 1/120/18

This is offered as a loose, flexible framework for convening resilience building roundtable conversations. (If you have facilitation techniques/methods that you prefer to use, please feel free to do so!)

Time: Max 55 minutes

Purpose of roundtables

1. Discuss cross-disciplinary topics to inform integrated, systems-based resilience building in Alewife Corridor
2. Expand our ideas and consider different possibilities to achieve resilience

Loose framework for convening

1. Introductions (5 minutes)*

- Each person at the table introduces him/her/their self. Suggestion: have participants include who they are, why they are at the conference, and what each hopes to get out of roundtable.

2. Introduce and frame the topic (5-10 minutes) within the context of Alewife Corridor as a system, from Belmont to the Mystic River. Suggestion: include references to your own work and background as is relevant to and supports the roundtable conversation.

3. Facilitate conversation with participants (30 minutes or so)

- Ask probing questions
- Encourage diverse perspectives and ideas
- Encourage everyone at the table to contribute, but don't force it
- Find common ground, when possible, in order to identify opportunities for collaborative efforts
- Ask someone at the table to scribe so that we can record information and share back later

4. Wrap up (10 minutes or so)

- What are the key take aways from the conversation? Please make sure these are scribed on large white paper. You don't need to be in agreement about the points made, or the ideas generated.

Possible Roundtable topics (to be confirmed):

- Science & Resilience Education
- Regulatory Innovation
- Regenerative Resilience
- Watershed Restoration
- Funding mechanisms
- Grassroots Advocacy
- Arts & Culture, Resilience
- Adaptive Housing & Economy
- Adaptive Infrastructure
- Civic Science & Resilience

***Suggested:** Establish a group agreement about how participants want the group to work. Examples of agreements include:

1. Respect each others' views
2. One person speaks at a time
3. Keep answers brief and to the point
4. Self awareness— share the talking space if you tend to speak easily, and speak up if you don't
5. Ensure that it is truly a roundtable conversation, with a brief introductory presentation, and not mostly a presentation by convener or other participant.