

Rox Hicks Table Connecting Session #2 Notes

Question 1: What inspires and motivates you to do collaborative conservation?

- Excitement and pleasure of meeting new people and building community
- It is a necessity when dealing with complex challenges
- Opportunity for cross-disciplinary and cultural learning
- Conservation moves at the speed of trust and collaboration builds trust
- Knowing process is the product
- It feels right

Question 2: What has been your greatest success? And What has been your greatest challenge?

Successes	Challenges
Project successes in Canada despite cross border issues (don't ask for permission)	Keeping momentum
Created nonprofit and restored more than 20 miles of river	Strategizing with limited time and resources
Launched TNC program in the country of India collaboratively	Knowing when to stop planning and when to start acting
Conservation agreement between landowners and mining industry in Wyoming – took 17 years	Keeping own organization engaged, especially when organization's management changes
Learning	

Question 3: What collaboration learning opportunities, tools and resources, or capacity building, do you need from this Network to support or advance your work moving forward? (ranked in priority order)

1. Models for accelerating trust building
 - Use of site tours or creating a WCCN Summer Camp for Practitioners

- Creating meaningful experiences
- Amplifying the time together-provide more face-to-face time for continued networking on a regular timeframe

2. Peer To Peer Learning:

- More case studies and stories to demonstrate successes and failures
- Comparison to other efforts
- Solidarity and empathy

Also tied for second priority:

Mentorship Connection Program

- Develop a mentorship program from communities to join within the WCCN
- Change Office hours to meet demands

3. Grant/Funding information Repository and Coordination of Applications