

Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future – Topical Lunch Summary

Title: How Can We Put Innovation in Renewable Energy, Economics and Agriculture to Work to Save Nature?

Organizer: Drew Harvell

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Attendees: Drew Harvell (organizer), Peter Kareiva (guest), Lars Angenent, Lauren Chambliss, Todd Cowen, David Dieterich, Frank DiSalvo, Johannes Lehmann, Alison Power, Alex Travis, Wendy Wolford, Zellman Warhaft

This very productive discussion with TNC chief scientist, Peter Kareiva, opened up a chance to consider possible strengths in a new collaboration with the Nature Conservancy. Kareiva explained that he looks to universities like Cornell to provide a source of innovation in boot-on-the-ground programs that TNC runs. He also emphasized that some TNC programs are capable of tackling problems on a very large scale. He especially considers Cornell to be a leader in areas of renewable energy, economics and sustainable agriculture. After some animated discussion with the group, it was decided that Sustainable Agriculture is a tractable starting point for a future Cornell-TNC partnership. Kareiva suggested the next step is for a visit to campus from TNC's David Cleary to explore what form a partnership could take.