

# Jim Levitt

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**Director, Program on Conservation Innovation  
at the Harvard Forest, Harvard University**

**Research Associate, Ash Institute, Harvard's  
Kennedy School of Government**

**Coordinator, Conservation Finance Forum  
(<http://conservationfinanceforum.org/>)**

Mr. Levitt's current work at the Program on Conservation Innovation focuses on present-day and historic innovation in the field land and biodiversity conservation that is characterized by novelty, strategic significance, measurable effectiveness, transferability and an ability to endure. Prior to coming to Harvard, Levitt worked for nearly two decades in the private sector as a management consultant and project developer. He has a B.A., cum laude, in Anthropology from Yale College and a Master's in Public and Private Management from the Yale School of Management. Jim Levitt, his wife Jane, and their three children live in Belmont, Massachusetts.

# Peter Howell

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**Director of Conservation Finance at the Open Space Institute (OSI)**

**Worked for almost a decade in environmental philanthropy**

**Former award-winning newspaper reporter**

Prior to his role at OSI, Peter Howell served as the program director for the environment at the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, where he oversaw the distribution of almost \$100 million for land conservation in the United States. He also worked as a program officer at the Wallace Funds, directing an \$18 million national initiative focused on creating and improving urban parks. He was the Associate Director of Public Affairs and Development at SOBRO, an economic development corporation in the South Bronx, and the Assistance Business Manager at Time Magazine. Mr. Howell has a bachelor's degree in political science and comparative literature from Wesleyan University and an MBA from Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Among his civic commitments, he serves on the boards of the Westside Montessori School in Manhattan and the LaSalle Adams Foundation.

# Ted Koffman

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**Executive Director, Maine Audubon**

**Former Representative, Maine State Legislature**

**Chair, Community Preservation Advisory  
Committee**

**Chair, Joint Committee on Natural Resources**

Prior to joining Maine Audubon last spring, Ted Koffman spent twenty five years working at College of the Atlantic, an ecologically oriented institution in Bar Harbor. There he established the statewide Eco-Eco Civic Forum (eco-eco stands for ecology and economics) to engage business, environmental, academic and civic leaders in discussions about the environment and economy in Maine's future. While serving in the State Legislature he formed and chaired the Community Preservation Advisory Committee, an incubator for smart growth policy development. He also chaired the Joint Committee on Natural Resources, where he championed migratory shorebird protection measures, historic building renovation incentives, and model electronic waste (e-waste) recycling legislation. In 2007 Ted sponsored the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a cap and trade program for CO<sub>2</sub>.