

**A Quick Guide to Consensus  
for the  
Presumpscot Watershed Land Conservation: Vision, Values and Priorities project**

**What is consensus?**

- A decision that everyone can live with and support going forward
- Not necessarily something that everyone agrees is optimal

**Why use consensus?**

- Belief that it is best method for creating solutions that will be implemented and last over time
- Committed to consensus at start of project, and expectation of Environmental Funders Network

**What does consensus involve?**

- Individuals attend meetings representing their organization
- Individuals come with openness to multiple points of view