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Editorial Review

Review

From the "down and dirty" (who can shout the loudest?) to the cerebral (the Law of Cosmic Unification), Maser and Pollio's Resolving Environment Conflict has something for everyone involved in negotiating, mediating and resolving disputes. I have spent almost forty years in the conflict resolution arena and thought I knew it all until Chris and Carol forced me to look in the "coping mechanism" mirror only to see my own dispute resolution weaknesses staring back. A must read!

?Mr. Michael J. Bartlett, President of New Hampshire Audubon and retired Field Supervisor, US Fish and Wildlife Service New England Field Office

Seasoned veterans Chris Maser and Carol Pollio take us on a visit to our planet's 21st Century frontier?effective resolution of environmental conflicts. They make a clear case for our adaptive social evolution: Transform ourselves and live. Fail to transform ourselves and die. ... In well-written, unequivocal language, they map a way forward?a pattern of thought, ethic, word, relationship mending, and action?that can only help us save our planet and, thereby, ourselves ... If you want to save the planet, read this gracefully written book. Onward to the healing frontier!

?James A. "Cap" Caplan, veteran of 30 years working with environmental conflict, senior administrator for the U.S. Forest Service, and author of *The Theory and Principles of Environmental Dispute Resolution* and *The Practice of Environmental Dispute Resolution*

Praise for the First Edition:

This book is very readable and also offers additional valuable references for facilitators as well as those immersed in environmental conflicts.

?Environmental Network News, January/February 1996

Maser's experience has proven that the facilitation process works best at the local level. *?FORUM For Applied Research and Public Policy*

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Herb Baker:

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