Over the last two decades, considerable effort has been devoted to dealing with environmental problems created by construction of an infrastructure to support economic and population growth around the globe.

Today, many organizations that previously were involved in development are shifting their focus towards restoration of the natural environment. Mark Van Putten will discuss his deployment of a grassroots network of conservation activists to achieve national legislative victories, including approval of the plan for restoring the Everglades, protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, reform wasteful and environmentally damaging government practices and bring bring environmental restoration in balance with infrastructure development.