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Dr. Peter Kumble is an applied landscape ecologist and Landscape Architect with extensive experience in community planning, natural resource management, and the day-to-day operation of a professional consulting firm.



**Academic training:**

- ✓ **Ph.D. Applied Landscape Ecology** from Czech University of Life Science (2009)
- ✓ **Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture** from the University of Arizona (1988)
- ✓ **Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Planning** from Antioch College (1980).

Prior to joining FES, Peter was on faculty in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning at the University of Massachusetts, USA where he was program director for the BSc in Landscape Architecture and International Studies Coordinator; an Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture at Utah State University, USA; and was the principal partner in a nationally recognized landscape architecture and planning consulting firm based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA - The Johnson Hill – Land Ethics Studio, Inc.

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**Recent scholarly research:**

- ✓ Mitigating the user impacts associated with ecotourism on sensitive resources in developing countries with a focus on Belize, Guatemala, and Brazil.
- ✓ Developing management approaches of the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve of Belize, Central America.
- ✓ Identifying the social role of participatory ecotourism in the Kalunga communities of Goias, Brazil: a historical process of building up human capital, self-esteem, and inclusion for the Brazilian Afro-descendants.
- ✓ Identifying the driving forces behind the disappearance of Medieval field patterns in the Czech Republic.
- ✓ Interpreting water use and conservation at three significant historic agricultural landscapes in Central and western Massachusetts: Naumkeag, Hancock Shaker Village, and Sturbridge Village.