

Conservation Finance Roundtable

November 2-3, 2022 | 21c Museum Hotel | Durham, NC

Agenda

Welcome Happy Hour, 5:30-7pm on Tuesday Nov. 1st: Please join friends and colleagues for a casual meetup at [Fullsteam Brewery](#) located at 726 Rigsbee Ave, Durham. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Day 1 – Wednesday Nov. 2

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Registration & Light Breakfast
9:00-9:15	Welcome & Introductions Maggie Monast, Environmental Defense Fund; Leigh Whelpton, Jackson Moller, and Julia Mettler-Grove, The Conservation Finance Network
9:15-9:45	Welcome to Durham & Keynote - NC State Senator Natalie Murdock
9:45-10:45	Session 1 – Heirs Property & Implications for Funding & Financial Access Moderator: Ebony Woodruff, Federation of Southern Coops Panelists: Mavis Gragg, HeirShares; Brianna Bogan, Center for Heirs Property Preservation; Alton Perry, Roanoke Electric Cooperative; Savi Horne, Land Loss Prevention Project
10:45-11:15	Break
11:15-12:15	Session 2 – Trends in Agriculture, Forestry, & Climate Moderator: Claire Jahns, Scale LLC Panelists: Katie Anderson EDF+Business; Dominick Grant, Dirt Capital Partners; Jess Phelps, The Lyme Timber Company
12:15-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Session 3 – Introduction to Climate Smart Commodity Initiatives Moderator: Maggie Monast, EDF Presenters: Cameron Wallace, TruTerra; Kelsey Billings, Field to Market; Audrey Epp Schmidt, Propagate Ventures; Andrea Colnes, New England Forestry Foundation; Jesse Daystar, Cotton Inc.
2:30-3:00	Break
3:00-4:00	Session 4 – CDFIs and Regenerative Agriculture Moderator: Catherine Godschalk, Calvert Impact Capital Panelists: Emily Sloss, Self-Help, Tomie Peterson, Intertribal Ag Council, Ebony Woodruff, Federation of Southern Coops
4:00-5:00	Session 5 – Innovation Roundup: New Projects & Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Josh Humphreys, Croatan Institute, Soil Wealth Areas ● Maggie Monast, Update on Farmers Business Network Pilot ● Jackson Moller and Julia Mettler-Grove, CFN Forest Service Partnership ● Carina Bracer, National Forest Foundation, Innovations for Implementation and ILF on Public Lands ● Clare Billett, William Penn Foundation, Biochar/Fodder-Based Working Stream Buffers ● George Kelly, Quantified Ventures, Earth Recovery Partners
5:00-5:30	Sponsor Showcase: EDF and North Carolina A&T's mini-documentary - Climate Resilient Farming in North Carolina
5:30-7:00	Reception: Cones & Craft Brews Grab a scoop at The Parlour or a drink at Pour Taproom and join colleagues in the Main Square by the Durham Bull for this roving reception.

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Day 2 – Thursday Nov. 3

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Light Breakfast
9:00-9:30	Open for Meetings
9:30-10:30	Session 6 – Great Lakes Playbook for Project Origination Presenters: Mike Piskur, Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers; Leigh Whelpton and Jackson Moller, The Conservation Finance Network; Bill Schleizer, Delta Institute; Steve Cole, Great Lakes Protection Fund
10:30-11:30	Session 7 – Policy & Agency Updates Moderator: Mac Cloyes, Blueforest Conservation Panelists: Tim Wingington, The Freshwater Trust; Nathalie Woolworth, USFS; Kari Cohen, NRCS; Kristin Thomasgard, DoD REPI
11:30-12:30	Session 8 – Financing Natural Infrastructure Moderator: Leigh Whelpton, Conservation Finance Network Panelists: Phoebe Higgins, Environmental Policy Innovation Center; Vincent Gauthier, EDF; Tee Thomas, Quantified Ventures
12:30-1:45	Lunch
1:45-2:00	Session 9 – Dolphin Tank
2:00-2:25	Project I – Outcomes Purchase Fund for Riparian Forest Buffers in the Chesapeake Bay Presenter: Phoebe Higgins, Environmental Policy Innovation Center
2:25-2:50	Project II – Agricultural Water Risk Management Initiative Presenter: Renata Rimšaitė, Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute at the University of Nebraska
2:50-3:15	Wrap-Up Facilitators: Maggie Monast, EDF; Leigh Whelpton and Jackson Moller, CFN
3:30-5:00	Open for Meetings