

Conservation Finance Roundtable

April 25-26th | Duke University | Durham, NC

Agenda

If you are arriving on Wednesday April 24th, please join friends and colleagues for a casual meetup (cash bar) 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the [Glass Jug Beer Lab](#), 545 Foster Street, Suite 10, Durham, NC 27701.

Day 1 – Thursday April 25th

8:00 – 9:00	Registration, Coffee
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome & Introductions Prof Richard Bin Mei and Nicholas School Dean Dr. Lori Bennear , <i>Duke University</i> ; Peter Howell , <i>The Conservation Finance Network</i>
9:15 – 9:45	Keynote: Lydia Olander , <i>Duke University</i>
9:45 – 10:45	Session 1 – Small and Underserved Landowners and Ecosystem Markets Moderator: Mikki Sager , <i>Food Driven Strategies, LLC</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nikola Smith, <i>US Forest Service</i>• John Fenderson, <i>Croatian Institute</i>• Danyelle O’Hara, <i>Center for Heirs Property Preservation</i>
10:45 – 11:15	Break and Group Photo
11:15 – 12:15	Session 2 – Public Funding Program Updates Moderator: Sacha Spector , <i>Doris Duke Foundation</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lesley Kane Szynal, <i>Outdoors America Coalition</i>• Laura Gallagher, <i>US Department of Agriculture</i>• Carmen Young, <i>US Forest Service</i>
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 2:00	Session 3 – Innovation Round Up: New Initiatives and Projects Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christi Electris, <i>Croatian Institute, Incentivizing Conservation Adoption through Food Quality Marketplaces</i>• Rodger Krussman, <i>Trust for Public Land, Enhanced Carbon Easements</i>• Carolyn duPont, <i>Upstream Tech, New applications for forest carbon/water quality monitoring</i>• Alex Echols, <i>Campbell Foundation, Using Retail Ag Suppliers To Get Wholesale Conservation Adoption</i>• Mary Adelzadeh, <i>First Nations Development Institute, Stewarding Native Lands Initiative</i>• Ajulo Othow, <i>EnerWealth Solutions, Growing Solar in Rural Communities</i>
2:00 – 2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:30	Session 4 – Interim Finance Moderator: Liz Adams , <i>Lyme Timber</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andy Lacatell, <i>The Chesapeake Conservancy</i>• Alicia Leuba, <i>National Parks Foundation</i>• Reggie Hall, <i>Legacy Works</i>
3:30 – 5:10	Session 5 – Green Banks, CDFIs and Nature Based Solutions Moderator: Lydia Olander , <i>Duke University</i> Brief update on Environmental Protection Agency Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (Matt Carney, Quantified Ventures) followed by Roundtable Discussion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leigh Whelpton, <i>Connecticut Green Bank</i>, Maggie Monast, <i>Environmental Defense</i>, Jennifer Weiss, <i>North Carolina Renewable Energy Fund</i>, Daniel Wallace, <i>Coastal Enterprises, Inc.</i>, Reggie Knox, <i>California Farm Link</i>
5:45 – 7:30	Reception: Bull City Burger & Brewery , 107 East Parrish Street, Durham, NC 27701

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Day 2 – Friday April 26th

8:15 – 9:15	Coffee Service
9:15 – 10:30	Session 6 – Developing the Pipeline for Nature-Based Solutions Moderator: Tee Thomas, <i>Quantified Ventures</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Session 7 – New Developments in Impact Investment Moderator: Peter Stein, <i>Lyme Timber</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dominick Grant, <i>Dirt Capital</i>• Harry Guinness, <i>New Leaf Climate Partners</i>• Catherine Godschalk, <i>Calvert Impact Capital</i>• Paul Parker, <i>Catch Together</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Break
11:45 – 12:50	Session 8 – Biodiversity Credits Moderator: Ryan Sarsfield, <i>Environmental Policy Innovation Center</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cory Pruett, <i>Qarlbo</i>• Zoe Balmforth, <i>Pivotal</i>
12:50 – 1:00	Wrap-Up Facilitators: Lydia Olander, <i>Duke University</i>; Peter Howell, <i>The Conservation Finance Network</i>
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00 – 3:00	Open for Meetings / Departures