

Conservation Finance Network: 2024 Boot Camp Agenda

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will take place in Burke Auditorium, which is located on the third floor of Kroon Hall at the Yale School of the Environment, 195 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511

Sunday, June 2, 2024/ Day 0
If you are arriving on Sunday, June 2, please join friends and colleagues for a casual meetup (cash bar) 6:30-8:00pm at Via Gastrobar (260 Crown Street, New Haven, CT 06511).

Monday, June 3, 2024/ Day 1: Introduction to Conservation Finance			
Day	Time	Title	Speakers
Monday	11:00a	Shuttle from hotel to Yale School of the Environment, 195 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511	
Monday	11:30 - 12:30p	Lunch, Welcome, & Review of Camp Schedule	Speakers: Peter Howell and Jessica Brenner, The Conservation Finance Network; Brad Gentry, Yale School of Environment
Monday	12:30 - 1:30p	Participant Introductions	
Monday	1:30 - 2p	Principles of Conservation *Livestream Session*	Speaker: Peter Howell, Conservation Finance Network
Monday	2 – 2:30p	Break	
Monday	2:30 – 3:15p	Conservation Finance 101: Trends, Tools, & Experience in the Room *Livestream Session*	Speakers: Brad Gentry, Yale School of the Environment; Katie Michels and Mary Powers, Conservation Finance Network

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Monday	3:15 – 4:30p	Principles of Finance: The Investor’s Perspective *Livestream Session*	Speaker: David Hoffer, The Lyme Timber Company
Monday	4:30 – 4:45p	Break	
Monday	4:45 – 5:30p	Restoration of the Great Meadows Salt Marsh	Speakers: Kyla Hastie, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe, Audubon Connecticut
Monday	5:30 - 6:00p	Break, Walk to dinner	
Monday	6:00 - 8:00p	Dinner in Sage Hall, Bowers Auditorium (205 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT)	Moderator: Katie Michels, Conservation Finance Network Speakers: Jim Levitt, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and Peter Stein, Lyme Timber
Monday	8:30p	Shuttle to Hotel	

Tuesday, June 4, 2024/ Day 2: Introduction to Public Funding Sources			
Day	Time	Title	Speakers
Tuesday	7:30 – 8a	Shuttle from hotel	
Tuesday	8 – 8:30a	Light breakfast	
Tuesday	8:30-9a	Recap of day before; introduction to today’s learning objectives	Conservation Finance Network staff facilitate
Tuesday	9 – 9:30a	Introduction to Public Funding *Livestream Session*	Speakers: Peter Stein, Lyme Timber; and Brent Keith, The Nature Conservancy
Tuesday	9:30-10:15a	Agency update: U. S. Forest Service	Speaker: Cassie Adams, U.S. Forest Service Respondents: Robert Cloy II, Grand Valley Metro Council; and Brett Treadway, First Nations Development Institute
Tuesday	10:15 – 11a	Agency update:	Speaker: Kari Cohen, Nine Steps Consulting

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		Natural Resources Conservation Service – Regional Conservation Partnership Program *Livestream Session*	
Tuesday	11-11:15a	Break	
Tuesday	11:15-12p	Agency update: Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program and the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership	Speaker: Andy Porth, REPI Respondents: Zack Greenberg, Pew Charitable Trust and Dan Calvert, Joint Base Lewis McChord Sentinel Landscape
Tuesday	12- 1p	Lunch	
Tuesday	1 – 1:30p	Other Federal Funding Sources	Speakers: Kyla Hastie, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Marcus Tate, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and Carol Grasis, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Tuesday	1:30-2:15p	Office Hours w Federal Funders	
Tuesday	2:15– 3p	Reflections on the Role of Philanthropy	Speaker: Sacha Spector, Doris Duke Foundation
Tuesday	3 – 3:15p	Break	
Tuesday	3:15 – 4:15p	Data and Technology Tools for Land Conservation, Stewardship, and Monitoring *Livestream Session*	Moderator: Carolyn DuPont, Upstream Tech Panelists: Abby Weinberg, Open Space Institute and Eve Boyce-Ratliff, Upstream Tech
Tuesday	4:15-5:15p	Green Banks *Livestream Session*	Speaker: Leigh Whelpton
Tuesday	5:15 – 6p	Break and Walk or Shuttle to Dinner	

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Tuesday	6p – 8p	Dinner at Yale Farm (345 Edwards Street, New Haven, CT)	Dinner with Bryan Garcia, President of the Connecticut Green Bank, and Connecticut Green Bank Board Members
Tuesday	8p	Shuttle back to hotel	

Wednesday, June 5, 2024/ Day 3: Private Funding and Financing			
Day	Time	Title	Speakers
Wednesday	7:30 – 8a	Shuttle from hotel	
Wednesday	8 – 8:30a	Light breakfast	
Wednesday	8:30-9a	Recap of day before; introduction to today's learning objectives	Conservation Finance Network staff facilitate
Wednesday	9-9:45a	International Conservation Finance *Livestream Session*	Speakers: Chandni Navalkha, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; Tilmann Disselhoff, Eurosite; and Paul Leadbitter, North Pennines National Landscape
Wednesday	9:45-10:15a	Introduction to ecosystem services *Livestream Session*	Speaker: Lydia Olander, Nicholas Institute at Duke University
Wednesday	10:15-10:30a	break	
Wednesday	10:30-11:30a	Water markets and water funds *Livestream Session*	Moderator: Margaret Bowman, Bowman Environmental Consulting Panelists: Karen Young, Sebago Clean Waters; and Alex Johnson, Virridy
Wednesday	11:30a-12:15p	Update on carbon markets	Speaker: Julius Pasay, The Climate Trust
Wednesday	12:15-1:15p	Lunch	
Wednesday	1:15-2:00p	Wetland mitigation banking *Livestream Session*	Speaker: David Hoffer, Lyme Timber

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Wednesday	2:00 – 2:45p	Outcomes-based finance	Speaker: Andrea Ferri, Blue Forest
Wednesday	2:45-3:15p	break	
Wednesday	3:15-4:30p	Interim Finance (Debt) *Livestream Session*	Speaker: Reggie Hall, Legacy Works
Wednesday	4:30 -5:15p	Conservation Investing (Equity)	Speakers: Peter Stein, Lyme Timber; and Lindsey Brace-Martinez, Starpoint Advisors
Wednesday	5:15p	Shuttle back to hotel	
Wednesday	5:15 – 6p	Break and Travel time	
Wednesday	6 – 8p	Dinner at Bar (254 Crown Street, New Haven, CT 06511) Funder Dinner	Moderator: Margaret Bowman, Bowman Environmental Consulting Panelists: Elizabeth Wolff, J. M. Kaplan Fund; and Morgan Snyder, Walton Family Foundation

Thursday, June 6, 2024/Day 4: Putting it All Together			
Day	Time	Title	Speakers
Thursday	7:30 – 8a	Shuttle from hotel	
Thursday	8 – 8:30a	Light breakfast	
Thursday	8:30-9a	Recap of day before; introduction to today's learning objectives	Conservation Finance Network staff facilitate
Thursday	9 – 10a	Community Development Finance *Livestream Session*	Speaker: Keith Bisson, Coastal Enterprises, Inc.
Thursday	10-10:15a	Break	
Thursday	10:15 – 11:15a	Urban Green Infrastructure *Livestream Session*	Moderator: Walker Holmes, Trust for Public Land Panelists: Nicole Chavas, Greenprint Partners; and Cally Guasti, Trust for Public Land

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Thursday	11:15a – 12p	Blended Finance *Livestream Session*	Speakers: Rodger Krussman, Trust for Public Land, and Peter Stein, Lyme Timber
Thursday	12p – 12:15p	Group photo	
Thursday	12:15p- 1:15p	Lunch	
Thursday	1:15-2p	Financing Indigenous Land Back and Stewardship	Speakers: Eli Enns, IISAAK OLAM Foundation; and Melissa Ehrenreich, Indigenous Conservation Council of Chesapeake Bay Respondents: Rodger Krussman, Trust for Public Land; and Brett Treadway, First Nations Development Institute
Thursday	2p-4p	Deal Doctor Session	“Doctors”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USFS Cooperative Forestry Programs: Cassie Adams, USFS - Farmland conservation: Cris Coffin, American Farmland Trust - Interim Finance: Reggie Hall, Legacy Works - Philanthropy, Doing Deals, Stewardship Endowments: Peter Howell, CFN - Doing Deals: Rodger Krussman, Trust for Public Land - Doing Deals: Peter Stein, Lyme Timber
Thursday	4p – 6p	Break, optional tour of Marsh gardens led by Steven Ring, Shuttle to hotel	
Thursday	6p – 8p	Dinner at Sherkaan (65 Broadway, New Haven, CT)	

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Friday, June 7, 2024/ Day 5: Dolphin Tanks and Conclusion			
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Friday	7:30 – 8a	Shuttle from hotel	
Friday	8a – 8:30a	Light breakfast	
Friday	8:30a-9:15a	Recap of day before; introduction to today's learning objectives	Conservation Finance Network staff facilitate
Friday	9:15-10:40a	Dolphin tank presentations	<p>Dolphin Tank Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Craig Losos, Nature Conservancy of Canada, The Restoration and Reconciliation Project (Alberta, CA) 2- Zack Greenberg, Pew Charitable Trust, Supporting Oyster Aquaculture & Restoration (SOAR) Program 3- Vance Crain, Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation, Advancing the Pace of Conservation through Regional Bridge Loan Financing <p>Dolphins: Margaret Bowman, Bowman Environmental Consulting; Peter Stein, Lyme Timber; and Stuart DeCew, Yale Center for Business and the Environment</p>
Friday	10:40-11a	Evaluations	
Friday	11-11:15a	Break	
Friday	11:15-11:45a	Reflections on Networks	Speaker: Brad Gentry, Yale School of the Environment
Friday	11:45a – 12:30p	Conclusion, wrap up	Moderator: Peter Howell, Conservation Finance Network
Friday	12:30-1:30p	Lunch and adjourn	