

## Conservation Finance Network: 2026 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.

*All times are in EST.*

Virtual Pre-Boot Camp Modules (Required) – held on zoom

<b>Tuesday, May 12, 2026: Introduction to Conservation Finance</b>			
<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
Tuesday	2:00-2:30p	Introductions	
Tuesday	2:30-3:10p	Principles of Conservation	<b>Peter Howell</b> , Conservation Finance Network
Tuesday	3:10 – 3:30p	Break	
Tuesday	3:30-4:10p	Conservation Finance 101: Trends, Tools, & Experience in the Room	<b>Peter Howell</b> , Conservation Finance Network
Tuesday	4:10-4:30p	Breakout Rooms: Which Conservation Finance tools do you have experience with? Which are you most excited to learn about?	
Tuesday	4:30-4:40p	Closing	<b>CFN staff</b>

<b>Thursday, May 14, 2026: Introduction to Conservation Finance</b>			
<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
Thursday	2:00-3:15p	Principles of Finance	<b>David Hoffer</b> , Lyme Timber
Thursday	3:15 – 3:35p	Break	

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Tuesday	3:35 - 4:15p	Organizational Assessment: Where is Your Organization?	<b>Peter Howell</b> , Conservation Finance Network
Thursday	4:15 – 4:30p	Boot Camp Agenda Preview	

**Monday, June 1, 2026/ Day 0**

If you are arriving on Monday, please join friends and colleagues for a casual meetup (pay your own way) 6:00-8:00pm at DeLegna at Nolo (687 State St, New Haven, CT 06511)

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026/ Day 1: Introduction to Public and Philanthropic Funding Sources**

Day	Time	Title	Speakers
Tuesday	7:45 – 8a	Shuttle from hotel	
Tuesday	8 – 8:45a	Light breakfast	
Tuesday	8:45- 9:15a	Welcome and Review of Camp Schedule Welcome to Yale School of the Environment	<b>Brad Gentry</b> , Yale School of the Environment  Conservation Finance Network staff
Tuesday	9:15- 9:30a	Participant (Re)Introductions	
Tuesday	9:30 – 10:30a	Introduction to Public Funding	<b>Brent Keith</b> , The Nature Conservancy  <b>Bridget Collins</b> , The Nature Conservancy (remote)
Tuesday	10:30- 11a	Discussion of Key Public Funding Programs	REPI Program and Sentinel Landscapes Partnership: - <b>Rob Rule</b> , REPI Program - <b>Marisa Weinberg</b> , Great Salt Lake Sentinel Landscape

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Tuesday	11-11:15a	Break	
Tuesday	11:15-12:15p	Tax Policy and Tax Incentives	<b>Philip Tabas</b> , The Nature Conservancy
Tuesday	12:15-1:15p	Lunch	
Tuesday	1:15 – 2:15p	State and Local Ballot Measures	<b>Will Abberger</b> , Trust for Public Land
Tuesday	2:15 – 2:45p	Break	
Tuesday	2:45 – 3:45p	Reflections on the Role of Philanthropy	<b>Sacha Spector</b> , Doris Duke Foundation
Tuesday	3:45-4:45p	Introduction to Conservation Investing	<b>Chris Larson</b> , Alder Point Capital Management
Tuesday	4:45-5:45p	Deal Doctor session with Tuesday speakers	Deal Doctors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Federal policy: <b>Brent Keith</b>, The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>- Tax policy: <b>Philip Tabas</b>, The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>- State and local ballot measures: <b>Will Abberger</b>, Trust for Public Land</li> <li>- REPI program: <b>Rob Rule</b>, REPI Program, and <b>Marisa Weinberg</b>, Great Salt Lake Sentinel Landscape</li> <li>- Conservation Investing: <b>Chris Larson</b>, Alder Point</li> </ul>
Tuesday	5:45 – 6p	Walk to Dinner	
Tuesday	6 - 8p	Dinner in Beinecke Room, Yale School of Management (165 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT)	<b>Keynote: Brad Gentry</b> , Yale School of the Environment
Tuesday	8p	Shuttle back to hotel	

<b>Wednesday, June 3, 2026/ Day 2: Private Funding and Financing</b>			
<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
Wednesday	7:45-8a	Shuttle from hotel	
Wednesday	8-8:45a	Light breakfast	

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Wednesday	8:45-9a	Recap of day before; introduction to today's learning objectives	Conservation Finance Network staff facilitate
Wednesday	9-9:15a	Introduce framework for understanding sources of private capital and ecosystem service markets	<b>Peter Howell</b> , Conservation Finance Network
Wednesday	9:15-10a	Introduction to Wetland and Stream Mitigation Banking	<b>David Hoffer</b> , The Lyme Timber Company
Wednesday	10-10:45a	Introduction to Habitat Banking	<b>Peter Howell</b> , Conservation Finance Network  <b>Respondent:</b> <b>Candace Wo</b> , San Diego Foundation
Wednesday	10:45-11:15a	Break	
Wednesday	11:15-12p	Introduction to Carbon Markets	<b>Nathan Truitt</b> , American Forest Foundation
Wednesday	12-12:45p	Lunch	Over lunch: table talks with morning speakers: - <b>Peter Stein</b> , mitigation markets - <b>David Hoffer</b> , mitigation markets - <b>Nathan Truitt</b> , carbon markets
Wednesday	12:45-1:45p	Environmental Impact Bonds and Outcomes-Based Finance	<b>Shaun O'Rourke</b> , Quantified Ventures
Wednesday	1:45-3:05p	Interim Finance (a.k.a. Conservation Lending)  Part A: Interim Finance 101 Part B: Case Study	Speakers: - <b>Reggie Hall</b> , LegacyWorks Group - <b>Liz Adams</b> , Lyme Timber Advisory Services - <b>Peter Stein</b> , Lyme Timber - <b>Kristin DeBoer</b> , Kestrel Land Trust
Wednesday	3:05-3:20p	Break	

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Wednesday	3:20-4:20p	Strategies for Partnering with Utilities	Moderator: <b>Katie Michels</b> , Conservation Finance Network  Speakers: - <b>Elvy Barton</b> , Salt River Project - <b>Paul Hunt</b> , Portland Water Authority/ Sebago Clean Waters
Wednesday	4:20-5p	Deal Doctor Session Time	Deal Doctors: - <b>Interim finance: Kristin DeBoer</b> , Kestrel Land Trust and <b>Reggie Hall</b> , Legacy Works Group - <b>Program Related Investments: Peter Stein</b> , Lyme Timber - <b>Partnering with Utilities: Paul Hunt</b> , Portland Water Authority/ Sebago Clean Waters and <b>Elvy Barton</b> , Salt River Project
Wednesday	5-5:30p	Walk/ shuttle to BAR (254 Crown Street, New Haven, CT)	
Wednesday	5:30-6:15p	Philanthropic Funder Panel (at BAR- 254 Crown Street, New Haven, CT)	Moderator: <b>Liz Adams</b> , Lyme Timber Advisory Services  Speakers: - <b>Pieter Bohlen</b> , Cotyledon Fund - <b>Heath Nero</b> , Rivian Foundation - <b>Candace Wo</b> , San Diego Foundation
Wednesday	6:15 – 8p	Dinner at BAR (254 Crown Street New Haven, CT)	

Thursday, June 4, 2026/ Day 3: Putting it All Together			
Day	Time	Title	Speakers
Thursday	7:45 – 8a	Shuttle from hotel	
Thursday	8 – 8:45a	Light breakfast	
Thursday	8:45-9a	Recap of day before; introduction to today's learning objectives	Conservation Finance Network staff facilitate

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Thursday	9 – 10a	Introduction to Indigenous-Led Conservation	<b>Cris Stainbrook</b> , Indian Land Capital Company (remote)
Thursday	10-10:20a	Introduction to the “Reimagining Conservation Finance” Program	<b>Toli Tate</b> , First Nations Development Institute
Thursday	10:20-10:45a	Break	
Thursday	10:45-10:55a	Introduction to Blended Finance	<b>Peter Howell</b> , Conservation Finance Network
Thursday	10:55-11:15a	Lyme Wisconsin Holdings	<b>Peter Stein</b> , Lyme Timber
Thursday	11:15-11:45a	Sella Ranch Project	<b>Dominick Grant</b> , Dirt Capital
Thursday	11:45-12:20p	Blue Creek Project	<b>Mik McKee</b> , Western Rivers Conservancy (remote)
Thursday	12:20-12:35p	Group Photo	
Thursday	12:35-1:35p	Lunch	
Thursday	1:35-2:15p	Creative Funding for Restoration	<b>Kyla Hastie</b> , U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (retired) <b>Jack Matthias</b> , Audubon Connecticut <b>Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe</b> , Audubon Connecticut
Thursday	2:15-2:45p	Use of SRFs: Bear Ridge Community Forest	<b>Rodger Krussman</b> , Trust for Public Land
Thursday	2:45-3:15p	Break	
Thursday	3:15-5p	Corporate Partnerships  Part A: Overview of Corporate Philanthropy Part B: Business Supply Chain Investments	Moderator: <b>Katie Michels</b> , Conservation Finance Network  Speakers: - <b>Kim Paymaster</b> , The Conservation Alliance - <b>Lauren Hood</b> , KEEN (remote) - <b>Tanner Marvel</b> , AutoCamp (remote) - <b>David Barahona</b> , PepsiCo - <b>Max Potthoff</b> , McDonalds

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Thursday	5-5:45p	Deal Doctor Session	<p>“Doctors”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stewardship Endowments: <b>Peter Howell</b>, CFN</li> <li>- Doing Deals, Program Related Investments: <b>Peter Stein</b>, Lyme Timber</li> <li>- Doing Deals: <b>Rodger Krussman</b>, Trust for Public Land</li> <li>- Corporate Partnerships: <b>Kim Paymaster</b>, The Conservation Alliance</li> </ul>
Thursday	5:45-6p	Walk or shuttle to Sherkaan (65 Broadway, New Haven, CT)	
Thursday	6p – 8p	Dinner at Sherkaan (65 Broadway, New Haven, CT)	

Friday, June 6, 2026/ Day 5: Dolphin Tanks and Conclusion			
Day	Time	Title	Speakers
Friday	7:45 – 8a	Shuttle from hotel	
Friday	8 – 8:45a	Light breakfast	
Friday	8:45-9a	Recap of day before; introduction to today’s learning objectives	Conservation Finance Network staff facilitate
Friday	9-9:30a	Reflections: Why Private Investors Like Partnering with Conservation Organizations	<b>Peter Stein</b> , Lyme Timber
Friday	9:30-10:15a	Reflections on Project Readiness	<b>Hannah Inman</b> , Great Outdoors Foundation
Friday	10:15-10:45a	Evaluations and Break	
Friday	10:45-12:15p	Dolphin tank presentations	<p>Dolphin Tank Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Tatia Bauer</b>, Maine Coast Heritage Trust: <i>Funding Salt</i></li> </ul>

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			<p><i>Marsh Restoration on the Coast of Maine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Travis Brammer</b>, Property and Environment Research Center: <i>Greater Yellowstone Scaled Conservation Opportunity</i></li> <li>- <b>Eric Isenhardt</b>, Coalitions and Collaboratives: <i>Coalitions &amp; Collaboratives Forest &amp; Water Renewal Revolving Loan Fund</i></li> </ul> <p>Dolphins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Peter Stein</b>, Lyme Timber</li> <li>- <b>Walker Holmes</b>, Trust for Public Land</li> <li>- <b>Peter Howell</b>, Conservation Finance Network</li> </ul>
Friday	12:15 – 12:45p	Closing Reflections and How CFN Can Help You: Conclusion and Wrap Up	Facilitated by <b>Peter Howell</b> and <b>Katie Michels</b> , Conservation Finance Network
Friday	12:45-1:30p	Lunch and adjourn	