

Conservation Finance Roundtable

April 23-24th | Duke University, Grainger Hall | Durham, NC

Agenda

If you are arriving on Wednesday April 22nd, please join friends and colleagues for the Croatan Institute's film screening of *Soil Wealth: Investing in Regenerative Agriculture* at Full Frame Theater in Durham from 6 to 9 pm, co-sponsored by CFN. *Advanced registration required.*

Day 1 – Thursday, April 23th

8:00 – 9:00	Registration, Coffee
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome & Introductions Prof Richard Bin Mei , <i>Duke Nicholas School</i> ; and Peter Howell , <i>The Conservation Finance Network</i>
9:10-9:15	Participant Introductions
9:15 – 9:35	Keynote: Jacque Demko , <i>First Nations Development Institute</i>
9:35 – 10:05	Session 1 – Innovation Round-Up Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• George Dusenbury, <i>Trust for Public Land- GOSA Renewal</i>• Sara Clow, <i>Mad Agriculture- Wilding Pilot</i>• Nate Truitt, <i>American Forest Foundation- Carbon Market Update</i>
10:05 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:20	Session 2 – Private Investment in Nature-Based Solutions: Trends in Impact Investing Moderator: Peter Howell , <i>Conservation Finance Network</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morgan Snyder, <i>Walton Family Foundation</i>• Trevor Cutsinger, <i>U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities</i>• JP Gibbons, <i>Cambridge Associates</i>
11:20-12:15	Session 3 – Private Investment in Nature-Based Solutions: Perspectives on Forestland Investment Moderator: Richard Bin Mei , <i>Duke University</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weiyi Zhang, <i>Manulife</i>• Cakey Worthington, <i>Aurora</i>• Peter Stein, <i>Lyme Timber</i>
12:15-12:20	Brief Welcome from Lori Bennear , Dean of Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment
12:20 – 1:05	Lunch
1:05 – 1:55	Session 4 – Private Investment in Nature-Based Solutions: Using Finance to Incentivize Regenerative Land Management Practices: A Conversation Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maggie Monast, <i>Environmental Defense Fund</i>• Sarah Zoubek, <i>Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research</i>• Scott Marlow, <i>Long Rows Consulting</i>
1:55 – 2:35	Session 5 – Private Investment in Nature-Based Solutions: Deep Dive into a Peatlands Restoration Project Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tripp Wall, <i>Pantheon Regeneration</i>
2:35 – 3:00	Break and Group Photo

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3:00-3:50	Session 6: The Role of Aggregators Moderator: Margaret Bowman Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lauren Alleman, <i>Ducks Unlimited</i>• Nate Truitt, <i>American Forest Foundation</i>• Jason Lee, <i>Blue Forest</i>
3:50 – 4:30	Session 7: Landscape Scale Conservation: Accomplishments and Lessons from South Carolina Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maria Whitehead, <i>Open Space Institute</i>• Ben Duncan, <i>State of South Carolina Chief Resilience Officer</i>• David Jones, <i>South Carolina Forestry Commission</i>
4:30 – 5:00	Closing Reflections Roy Richards, Jr. , <i>Terrah Conservation Capital and Green South Foundation</i>
5:30 – 7:00	Reception: Bull City Burger & Brewery, 107 East Parrish Street, Durham, NC 27701

Day 2 – Friday April 24th

8:15 – 9:00	Coffee Service
9:00 – 10:00	Session 8 – Private and Philanthropic Investment in Farmland Moderator: Katie Michels , <i>Conservation Finance Network</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ian McSweeney, <i>Farmers Land Trust</i>• Dominick Grant, <i>Dirt Capital</i>• Wood Turner, <i>Agriculture Capital</i>• Weiyi Zhang, <i>Manulife</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	Session 9 – Partnerships in Community-Based Conservation Land Return in Southeastern North Carolina Moderator: Peter Howell , <i>Conservation Finance Roundtable</i> Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Larry Edwards, <i>Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina</i> McIntosh S.E.E.D. Community Forest Moderator: Melanie Allen , <i>Hive Fund for Climate and Gender Justice</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cheryl Peterson, <i>McIntosh S.E.E.D.</i>• John Littles, <i>McIntosh S.E.E.D.</i>
12:00-12:45	Session 10- Innovation Round-Up, Part 2 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrew Crosson, <i>Invest Appalachia- Programs Overview</i>• Joanna Fischer-Whilden, <i>Trust for Public Land- Appalachian Regional Commission Grant</i>• Joshua Humphreys, <i>Croatian Institute – Report out from Soil Wealth Convening</i>• Sara Mason, <i>Duke University Nicholas Institute – Nature Finance Case Studies and Accelerators Project</i>
12:45-1:00	Wrap-Up Facilitator: Peter Howell , <i>The Conservation Finance Network</i>
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00 – 3:00	Open for Meetings / Departures