

WHC CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

June 20-21, 2023 | Baltimore

Agenda






DAY 1 TUESDAY JUNE 20		
Time	Session/Event	Room/Floor
7:00am-3:30pm	Badge Pick Up and On-Site Registration	Registration Station
8:00am-4:00pm	Exhibit Hall Open	Exhibit Hall
8:00am-9:00am	Breakfast Briefing: Plant for Pollinators: Creating a Cost-Efficient and Thriving Pollinator Habitat <i>Shannon Farmer, NAPPCC Coordinator, Pollinator Partnership</i> <i>Mark Fiely, Horticulturist, Ernst Conservation Seeds</i> <i>Angela Schreffler, Senior Project Manager, McCormick Taylor, Inc.</i> <i>Kelly Bills, Executive Director, Pollinator Partnership (Moderator)</i>	Key 9 & 10
9:05am-10:20am	Keynote: Fred Tutman WHC Awards Presentation: Avian, Mammals, Reptiles & Amphibians, Species of Concern, Other Species 	Key Ballroom 5-8
THERE ARE 3 CONCURRENT SESSIONS DURING THIS TIME	Aligning with Regulations to Speed Restoration and Improve Biodiversity <i>Jeff Hamm, Vice President, ESG/Business Development, Summit Materials</i> <i>Rebecca Madsen, Director, Restoration Economy Center, Environmental Policy Innovation Center</i> <i>Sean Saville, Alliance for America's Fish & Wildlife Campaign Manager, Assoc. of Fish & Wildlife Agencies</i> <i>Hannah Tailor, Senior Manager, Certification, WHC (Moderator)</i>	Key 11
	Classrooms Without Walls: Expanding STEM Access Through Conservation Education <i>Ann George, Sr. Scientist, Freeport-McMoRan</i> <i>Karen Kish, Environmental Scientist, Jacobs</i> <i>Jacque Williamson, Consultant, WHC (Moderator)</i>	Key 12
	Harnessing the Power of Nature: The Business Case for Nature-based Solutions <i>Jeff Hanratty, Managing Director for National Sustainability Programs, Ducks Unlimited</i> <i>Becky Martin, Environmental Sustainability Manager, Toyota</i> <i>Edwin Pinero, CEO, EcoMetrics LLC</i> <i>Joey Mendolia, Consultant, WHC (Moderator)</i>	Key 9 & 10
12:00pm-1:45pm	Lunch and Mainstage: State of Corporate Conservation  <i>Margaret O'Gorman, President, WHC</i> WHC Awards Presentation: Desert, Forests, Grasslands, Marine Intertidal, Wetlands/Waterbodies	Key Ballroom 5-8
THERE ARE 2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS DURING THIS TIME	From Data Mapping to Drones: Applying Innovative Technology to Corporate Conservation <i>Adam Melick, Environmental Advisor, Ontario Power Generation</i> <i>Jenn Rogers, Vice President, Steward Green</i> <i>Gene Huntington, Steward Green (Moderator)</i>	Key 11
	Nature for Everyone: Prioritizing Inclusivity in Conservation <i>BreAnna Lockhart, Corporate Social Responsibility Representative, Marathon Petroleum Corporation</i> <i>Ambika Rajyagor, Co-Founder, Disabled & Outdoors</i> <i>Tony Richardson, Senior Manager, JEDI Initiatives, Rock Creek Conservancy (Moderator)</i>	Key 12
2:00pm-4:30pm	Using Nature to Inspire and Educate: A Project WILD Workshop <i>Elena Takaki, Director of Professional Devel. & Conservation Ed., Assoc. of Fish & Wildlife Agencies</i> <i>Kery Wixted, Amphibian, Reptile, & Invasive Species Program Mgr., Assoc. of Fish & Wildlife Agencies</i> <i>Delainey Williams, Manager, Conservation Certification, WHC (Moderator)</i>	Key 9 & 10
3:00pm-3:30pm	Networking Break	Exhibit Hall
3:30pm-4:30pm	Real-World Solutions to Industrial Landscaping Challenges <i>Andrew Bunting, Vice President of Horticulture, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society</i> <i>Steve Castorani, President, North Creek Nurseries</i> <i>Dean Rosencranz, PA Master Naturalist</i> <i>Claudia West, Principal, Phyto Studio</i> <i>Patricia Billette, Sr. Program Manager, Social Impact, WHC (Moderator)</i>	Key 12

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DAY 2 WEDNESDAY JUNE 21		
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7:45am-3pm, 5-6pm	Badge Pick Up and On-Site Registration	Registration Station
9:00am-3:00pm	Exhibit Hall Open	Exhibit Hall
8:00am-9:00am	Breakfast Briefing: Stellar Conservation Stories from Around the Globe <i>Karla Gonzalez, Sustainability Manager, Vulcan Materials Company</i> <i>Cale Reeder, Quality Control/Environmental Supervisor, Covia</i> <i>Nancy Laser, Environmental, Chemistry and Safety Technician, Ontario Power Generation</i> <i>Erin Allegro, Senior Manager, Business Development, WHC (Moderator)</i>	Key 9 & 10
9:05am-10:20am	Keynote: Sylvia Baffour  WHC Awards: Awareness/Engagement, Formal Learning, Training, Green Infra., and Landscaped Projects	Key Ballroom 5-8
10:20am-10:50am	Book Signing with Keynote Sylvia Baffour	Exhibit Hall
10:00am-2:00pm	Makers' Pavilion	Exhibit Hall
THERE ARE 3 CONCURRENT SESSIONS DURING THIS TIME	Healthy Trees, Healthy Planet: The Many Benefits of Reforestation <i>Lisa Chiffolo, Environmental Engineer, Toyota</i> <i>Ashley Triplett, Senior Forest Resilience Manager, Rock Creek Conservancy</i> <i>Daniel Goldfarb, Director, Social Impact, WHC (Moderator)</i>	Key 11
	Lessons from Nature: Biodiversity Uplift and Circularity Across Supply Chains <i>Mechelle Engemann, Sr. Sustainability Officer, Solvay</i> <i>Marsha Forthofer, Senior Circular Economy Engineer, General Motors</i> <i>Sarah Tea, ESG Strategies Nature and Packaging Lead, General Motors</i> <i>Rob Campbell, Director, Technical Services, WHC (Moderator)</i>	Key 12
	Making Connections Between Climate, Water and Resilience: A Project WET Workshop <i>John Etgen, CEO, Project WET</i> <i>Gwen Harris, Consultant, WHC (Moderator)</i>	Key 9 & 10
11:45am-1:30pm	Lunch and Mainstage Session: Nature Is On The Agenda: What's Happening on the Global Stage of Biodiversity  <i>Delf Bintakies, Head of Environment, Bayer</i> <i>Shell Lin, Partners and Operations Manager, Business for Nature</i> <i>Regan Smyth, Vice President, Data & Methods, NatureServe</i> <i>Ben Grumbles, Executive Director, ECOS (Moderator)</i> WHC Awards: Land Cons. Agreements, Remediation, Rocky Areas, and Other Habitats Projects	Key Ballroom 5-8
1:30pm-2:00pm	Coffee Break at the Makers' Pavilion	Makers' Pavilion
2:00pm-3:10pm	Mainstage Session: Conservation in Charm City  <i>Curtis Bennett, Director of Equity and Community Engagement, National Aquarium</i> <i>Tanaira Cullens, Environmental Scientist, Biohabitats</i> <i>Adam Lindquist, Vice President, Healthy Harbor Initiative, Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore</i> <i>Jeff Carroll, CEO, Urban Wood Economy</i> WHC Awards: Bats, Pollinators, Invasive Species, and Invasive Species Coord. Appr. Projects	Key Ballroom 5-8
3:00pm-5:00pm	Certification Photo Studio, Sponsored by Chemours – By Appointment	TBD
3:15pm-4:15pm THERE IS 1 SESSION DURING THIS TIME	Navigating the Reporting Landscape: Understanding, Assessing and Building an ESG Strategy <i>Prabhjot Bal, Environmental Social & Governance Analyst, Summit Materials</i> <i>Bruna Pasquini, Program Manager, Arcadis</i> <i>Matthew Rusk, Head of GRI North America, Global Reporting Initiative</i> <i>Shaun Clark, Sr. Consultant, WHC (Moderator)</i>	Key 11
5:30pm-6:30pm	Networking Happy Hour	Exhibit Hall
6:30pm-9:30pm	WHC Awards Dinner, Sponsored by General Motors 	Key Ballroom 5-8