The Conservation Finance Boot Camp



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Helping professionals utilize innovative financing for land and resource conservation

Brought to you by: **The Conservation Finance Network** The Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University

The Conservation Finance Network is excited to announce the 2017 Conservation Finance Boot Camp training course being held at the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. Now in its eleventh year, this intensive week-long course aims to help professionals utilize innovative and effective financing strategies for land and resource conservation, restoration, and stewardship.

The course will offer in-depth information on trends and opportunities in public funding, private investment capital, bridge financing and loans, gifts and grants, income from the land, and monetized ecosystem services. There will be a strong emphasis on practical, hands-on tools and lessons from relevant case studies. Attendees will have an opportunity to consult with conservation finance experts on projects or problems from their work.

The course will also serve to convene a peer network of committed conservation professionals working on similar issues across the nation. Past attendees have included U.S. and international conservationists, foundation leaders, land trust board members, executive directors, private investors, business executives, and academics. Opportunities for networking among attendees and presenters will be built-in throughout the week to foster long-term professional relationships.

The core faculty are: Brad Gentry (Center for Business and the Environment at Yale); Peter Stein (Lyme Timber Company); Mark Ackelson (Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, emeritus); and Leigh Whelpton (The Conservation Finance Network).

Location: Durham, North Carolina at the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University Tuition: \$2000 plus a small processing fee, which includes all local transportation and meals Travel: Attendees are responsible for covering costs associated with the training (lodging and transportation) Registration: The course is limited to 30 participants on a first-come first-served basis

Waitlist and Cancellation Policy

If the class is oversubscribed, a wait list will be established on the same first-come basis. Once a student has been accepted into the course, cancellation requests will be accepted through April 30, 2017, subject to a \$50.00 service fee. Cancellation requests will not be accepted after April 30. If the course is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, The Conservation Finance Network will refund the tuition.

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