

Conservation Finance Roundtable

October 3-4, 2019 | The Hatchery | Chicago, IL

Agenda

Day 1 – Thursday, October 3rd

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration & Coffee
9:00-9:30	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>Kari Cohen, NRCS; Mary Fran Riley, Accion Chicago; Leigh Whelpton and Allegra Wrocklage, The Conservation Finance Network</p> <p><i>The story of the Hatchery's financing & CIG project updates</i></p>
9:30-10:00	<p>Keynote: Advancing Regional Action & Innovation Across the Great Lakes</p> <p>David Rankin, Great Lakes Protection Fund</p>
10:00-11:00	<p>Session 1 – New Funds for Real Asset Impact</p> <p>Moderator: Margot Kane, Spring Point Partners</p> <p>Panelists: Paul McMahon, Sustainable Land Management Partners; Peter Stein, Lyme Timber; Jacob Israelow, Dirt Capital</p>
11:00-11:30	Break
11:30-12:30	<p>Session 2 – Soil Wealth: Investing in Regenerative Agriculture across Asset Classes</p> <p>Presenters: Joshua Humphreys, Croatan Institute; David LeZaks, Delta Institute</p>
12:30-1:00	<p>Session 3 – Federal Agency Updates: Changes to RCPP & USFS Innovation Fund</p> <p>Presenters: Kari Cohen, NRCS; Tommie Herbert, USFS</p>
1:00-1:50 p.m.	Lunch
1:50-2:00 p.m.	<p>Launch of the Great Lakes Impact Investment Platform</p> <p>David Naftzger, The Conference of Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers</p>
2:00-2:45 p.m.	<p>Session 4 – New Frontiers for Groundwater Markets</p> <p>Moderator: Adam Chambers, NRCS</p> <p>Panelists: David Primozich, The Freshwater Trust; Sarah Heard, The Nature Conservancy, CA, Nick Brozović, University of Nebraska-Lincoln</p>
2:45-3:30 p.m.	<p>Session 5 – Taking the Pulse of Outcomes Based Financing</p> <p>Moderator: Tim Male, Environmental Policy Innovation Center</p> <p>Panelists: Mark Lambert, Quantified Ventures; Ashley Allen, i2 Capital</p>
3:30-4:00	Break
4:00-4:30	<p>Session 6 – Coordinating Financial Resources at the Landscape Scale: Report Out from Multi-Project Landscape Finance Event</p> <p>Presenters: Sara Scherr and Seth Shames, EcoAgriculture Partners</p>
4:30-5:15	<p>Session 7 – Fireside Chat: The Conservation Fund Green Bond</p> <p>Discussants: John Gilbert, The Conservation Fund; Todd Gartner, World Resources Institute</p>
5:30-7:00	Reception – Generously co-sponsored by The Conference of Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers

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Day 2 – Friday, October 4

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration & Coffee
9:00-9:45	Session 8 – Unpacking Lessons Learned: CIGs in the Rear-View Mirror <i>Lessons learned and their significance – how did those funds advance market development?</i> Moderator: Jason Weller, Land O’Lakes SUSTAIN Panelists: Kari Cohen, NRCS; Adam Chambers, NRCS
9:45-10:30	Session 9 – Innovative State-Level Ag Finance Policies Presenters: Maggie Monast, Environmental Defense Fund; Vincent Gauthier Discussants: Adam Kiel, Iowa Soybean Association
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-11:15	“Dolphin Tank” Introduction Panelists: Margaret Bowman, Spring Point Partners; Mary Kelly, Culp & Kelly LLP, Nicole Chavas, Greenprint Partners; Siobhan King, The Nature Conservancy, CA
11:15-11:45	Session I – Chesapeake Conservancy Carbon Aggregation Presenter: Jeff Allenby
11:45-12:15 p.m.	Session II – Xerces Society Bee Better Presenter: Eric Lee-Mäder
12:15-12:45	Session III – Climate & Forest Capital Presenter: Daniel Pike, Climate & Forest Capital; Maggie Monast, Environmental Defense Fund
12:45-1:15	Wrap-Up Facilitators: Kari Cohen and Adam Chambers, NRCS; Leigh Whelpton and Allegra Wrocklage, The Conservation Finance Network
1:15-2:00	Lunch