

New England Conservation Finance Roundtable AGENDA

February 24, 2021, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

9:00—9:15	Welcome and Introduction: Spencer Meyer, Senior Conservationist, Highstead; Leigh Whelpton, Program Director, The Conservation Finance Network
9:15—10:10	<p>Session 1: Clean Water Investments</p> <p>Learn how innovative partnerships among communities, land owners, utilities and conservation groups are delivering clean water and positive environmental outcomes.</p> <p>Panel led by: Hadley Couraud, Conservation Coordinator, Sebago Clean Waters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Kane, Executive Director of Administration, Portland Water District • Celia Riechel, Project Developer, Water Investment at Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation • Ashley Allen Jones, Founder and CEO, i2 Capital, member Revolving Water Fund
10:10—11:05	<p>Session 2: Natural Climate Solutions</p> <p>From science to implementation: exploring case studies in scaling up forest-carbon initiatives across sectors.</p> <p>Panel led by: Kavita Kapur Macleod, Principal, KKM Environmental Consulting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacha Spector, Program Director for the Environment, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation • Karen Watts, Principal Product Manager, Worldwide Sustainability, Amazon • Josh Parrish, Director, American Forest Carbon Initiative, The Nature Conservancy
11:05—11:15	Snack Break
11:15—12:15	<p>Session 3: Healthy People and Communities</p> <p>Panel led by: Sean Thackurdeen, Program Associate, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bobby Cochran, Partner, Willamette Partnership • Lori Coyner, State Medicaid Director, Oregon • Shante Hanks, Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Housing • Maggie Church, Vice President, Healthy and Resilient Communities, Conservation Law Foundation
12:15—12:35	Small Group Q&A with Conservation Finance Network Leaders
12:40—1:00 pm	Charting a Path for the Future of Conservation Finance in New England: Spencer Meyer, Leigh Whelpton