

Preliminary Conference Agenda

Michigan Sustainability Conference



November 20-21, 2019 | Lansing Center, Lansing

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

SESSION TIMES	SESSION DESCRIPTION
9:00 am – Noon	Field Trip: Michigan State University Sustainability Projects
12:00 pm	Lunch on your own
12:30 pm	Registration and Visit Exhibitors
1:30 pm	<i>Environmental Justice Panel Discussion</i> - Regina Strong, Environmental Justice Public Advocate, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE); Katie Kruse, Environmental Justice Coordinator, EGLE
2:30 am	Break
2:40 pm	<i>2030 District: What it means to business and communities</i> - Cheri Holman, Executive Director U.S. Green Building Council of West Michigan; Connie Lilley, Director, Detroit 2030; Jan Culbertson, Director, Ann Arbor 2030
3:25 pm	<i>Climate Change and Energy Discussion</i> – Dr. Brandy Brown, Climate Change and Energy Public Advocate, EGLE
4:00 pm	<i>Introduction of the Clean Water Public Advocate Role</i> – Ninah Sasy, Clean Water Public Advocate, EGLE
4:20 pm	<i>Sustainability in the State</i> – EGLE
4:30 – 6 pm	<i>Networking Reception</i>

DAY 2 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SESSION TIMES	SESSION DESCRIPTION		
7:45 am	Registration, exhibitors, and continental breakfast		
8:45 am	Welcome		
9:00 am	Keynote - Robert Riney, President, Healthcare Operations, and Chief Operating Officer of Henry Ford Health Systems		
10:00 am	Networking Break – move to breakout sessions		
	Advancing Sustainable Business	Sustainable Communities	Alternative Fuels and Transportation
10:30 am	<i>Engaging Employees through Sustainability</i> - Scott Beckerman, Senior VP and Director of Corporate Sustainability, Comerica Bank	<i>Detroit Sustainability Action Plan</i> - Joel Howrani Heeres, Detroit Sustainability Director	<i>Benefits of Alternative Fuels</i> – Jim Hineson, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
11:15 am	Break		
11:25 am	<i>Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) trends and expectations</i> - Sharon Basel, Senior Sustainability Manager, General Motors	<i>Panel: Sustainable Planning, from small to big communities</i> – Joel Howrani Heeres and Scott Benson, Detroit Allison Waske-Sutter, Grand Rapids; Roger Eberhardt, Meridian Township Moderated by Norman Christopher	<i>Clean Fleets Panel</i> - David Hoover, Director of Outbound Logistic, Meijer; Maureen Marshall, Midwest Regional Director, Calstart
12:10 pm	Networking Lunch Green Communities Challenge Awards Exhibitors Keynote Speaker: Daniel Aronson, Valutus		
1:30 pm	<i>Advancing Sustainability Panel</i> - Angela Henderson, Head of Supplier Diversity, Ford Motor Company; Mary Draves, VP and Chief Sustainability Officer, The Dow Chemical Company	<i>Climate and Health Impacts</i> - Aaron Ferguson, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; Missy Stults, City of Ann Arbor	<i>Panel: Charging Station and Funding Opportunities</i> - Bethany Tabor, PowerMIDrive Consumers Energy; Brett Steudle, DTE Energy, Tim Slusser, NextEnergy Moderated by Robert Jackson, EGLE
2:30 pm	Break		
2:40 pm	<i>Metrics Driven Impact: Building a Regenerative, Triple Bottom Line Businesses – Local First</i> - Alice Jasper, Sustainable Business Program Manager, Local First	<i>Community Energy Planning in Hard to Reach Populations</i> - Julie Staveland, Lisa Thomas, and Jacob Wilkinson, Michigan Energy Office	<i>Panel: Transit Buses</i> - Patrick Dean, DEAN Transportation; Brian Pouget, The Rapid Moderated by Mike Alaimo, Clean Fuels Michigan
3:30 pm	Break		
3:40 pm	<i>Panel: Current Recycling Market</i> Kerrin O'Brien, Michigan Recycling Coalition; Kari Bliss, PADNOS; Elisa Seltzer RRS Moderated by Matt Flechter, EGLE		<i>Panel: Vehicle Replacement and Funding Opportunities</i> – Frank Acevedo, U.S. EPA; Steve Meppelink, Hamilton Schools; Irene Queen, EGLE
4:30 pm	Adjourn		