Welcome
Secretary Goodman welcomes our attendees and provides an overview of the conference.
Rebecca Goodman, Secretary of the Energy & Environment Cabinet

Keynote Address
Governor Andy Beshear will announce Kentucky’s new energy strategy
Governor Andy Beshear

Legislative Preview
Barry Mayfield, Executive Director of EEC’s Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations

Supporting Kentucky’s Natural Lands
Paulette Akers, Director, Ky Division of Conservation
Brandon Howard, Director, Ky Division of Forestry
Sunni Carr, Executive Director, Office of Ky Nature Preserves

Break

Emerging Business Opportunities
Innovation is rapidly changing our energy and environmental landscape. Hear about emerging business trends, including efforts in hydrogen, carbon capture, utilization & sequestration, and energy management.
Vanessa Chan, Chief Commercialization Officer & Director of the Office of Technology Transitions, U.S. Department of Energy
Matt Fry, Carbon Management State & Regional Policy Manager, Great Plains Institute
Kevin Self, Senior Vice President, Strategy, Business Development & Government Relations, Schneider Electric
Dorsey Ridley, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Emerging Industries
Frank Wolak, President, Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association

Guest Speaker
Senior Advisor Rocky Adkins will discuss the importance of our critical infrastructure and how we are preparing for the potential $1 trillion in federal funding slated for these critical infrastructure improvements.
Rocky Adkins, Senior Advisor, Kentucky Governor’s Office
Welcome / Building Better Communities

Resilience is the capacity to anticipate, adapt and quickly recover from difficult situations, ranging from disasters to changing economic conditions.

Nika Barnard, State Lead for KY Mitigation Division- FEMA Region 4
Sabrina Simms, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist Mitigation Division- FEMA Region 4
Kimberly McCay, Field Director for the Community Programs USDA-Rural Development
Scott Maas, Rural Energy Director USDA-Rural Development
Shane Barton, Downtown Revitalization Coordinator Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK)- University of Kentucky
Allison Smith, Assistant Director Office of Advanced Planning and Sustainability, Louisville Metro

Hot Topics at ECC

The management team discusses current and emerging issues.

Tony Hatton, Commissioner, Dept. for Environmental Protection
Linda Bridwell, Executive Director, Public Service Commission
Jim Ward, Director, Division of Mine Reclamation & Enforcement
Dennis Hatfield, Director, Division of Oil & Gas
Justin Adams, Director, Division of Abandoned Mine Lands

Break
Technology & Tools
New technologies have made working and interacting with environmental data more efficient and has allowed for more effective communication. Find out more about these powerful tools and how they’re being used.

Uses for Drone Technology
Wesley Turner, Env. Scientist V
Watershed Management Branch, Division of Water

Use of a Hub Site to Share Results and Increase Public Engagement
Katie McKone, Env. Scientist V
Water Quality Branch, Division of Water

Water System Operational Dashboards using ArcGIS Online
Dustin Horn, GIS Manager
Kentucky Rural Water Association

Daren Thompson, Operations and Management Superintendent
Lebanon Water Works

Agriculture Water Quality Handbook
Josiah Frey, Env. Scientist V
Watershed Management Branch, Division of Water

Building Future Focused Communities: Creating models and planning for equity, diversity, inclusion.
This closing keynote session will encourage participants to rethink how we understand bias, and the ways in which it impacts all of our interactions. Using a logic model as a framework for understanding, we will discuss performative actions for engagement, ways to think about inclusion for understanding, and how to embed equity in our processes to ensure that all members of our communities can access the resources and materials that they need.

Dr. Serenity Wright, Director of Gatton Honors Pathway Programs and Co-Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
University of Kentucky