

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON ENERGY & THE ENVIRONMENT

AGENDA

OCTOBER 20, 2021

8:30 AM

Welcome

Secretary Goodman welcomes our attendees and provides an overview of the conference.

Rebecca Goodman, Secretary of the Energy & Environment Cabinet

8:45 AM

Keynote Address

Governor Andy Beshear will announce Kentucky's new energy strategy

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9:15 AM

Legislative Preview

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

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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

10:15 AM

Break

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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