



Regional Conference on Sustainable Development

February 7, 2018

Grace Farms

365 Lukes Wood Road.

New Canaan, CT

(203) 536 4695

8:30am – 6:00pm

8:30am – 9:00am: Registration

9:00am: Welcome

Adam Thatcher

Director of Operations, Grace Farms

Daphne Dixon

Co-founder and Executive Director, Live Green Connecticut

9:15am: Global Perspective on Sustainability

David L. Downie, PhD

Associate Professor, Fairfield University

Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs

Director of the Center for Sustainable Development

Columbia University

9:30am: What are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and How are They Measured in Our Region?

Jessica Scott

Education Manager, Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Kanni Wignaraja

Director, UN Development Operations Coordination Office

10:00am: Building Sustainability into Our Municipalities

Introduction: First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, New Canaan

Moderator: Joe DeLong

Executive Director, Connecticut Conference of Mayors

Panelists:

First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Ridgefield

First Selectman Mike Tetreau, Fairfield

10:30am – 10:45am: Coffee Break

10:45am: Morning Keynote

The Economic and Community Benefits of Sustainable Development

Keynote Introduction:

Howard Rosenbaum, PhD

Conservation Biologist, Marine Conservation and Conservation

Genetics Programs, Columbia University

Keynote Speaker:

Catherine Smith

Commissioner, Economic and Community Development

11:15am: Panel Discussion

What is the Condition of Connecticut's Sustainable Infrastructure?

Moderator: Keri Enright-Kato

Director, Office of Climate Change

Department of Energy and Environmental Protections

Panelists:

Bryan Garcia, President and CEO, Connecticut Green Bank

Lee Grannis, Coordinator, New Haven Clean Cities

Jason Shaplen, CEO, Inspirica

Jeff, Ulrich, Director of Supply Operation, Aquarion Water Company

11:45am: Panel Discussion

The Critical Role Business Plays in Sustainable Development

Keynote Introduction:

Tracy Van Holt

Director of Academic Research, NYU/Stern

Moderator:

Chris Bruhl, Executive Director, Fairfield County Business Council

Panelists:

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12:15pm:

Morning Session Wrap-Up

David L. Downie, PhD, Associate Professor, Fairfield University

Howard Rosenbaum, PhD

Conservation Biologist, Marine Conservation and Conservation
Genetics Programs, Columbia University

Lunch Provided in The Commons

1:30pm – 2:45pm

Afternoon Sessions I – West Barn

Breakout Session A

Statewide, Regional and Local Sustainability Networks

Moderator: Floyd Lapp, PhD, FAICP

Professor in Urban Planning, Columbia GSAPP

Panelists:

Melissa Everett, Executive Director, Sustainable Hudson Valley

Midge Iorio, Executive Director, Bedford 2020

Lynn Stoddard, Executive Director, Sustainable Connecticut

Dan Welch, Program Coordinator, Sustainable Westchester

Breakout Session B

Next Steps on Regionalizing Community Projects

Moderator:

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Darien

Scalable Community Projects for Discussion

Banning Plastic Bags

Pesticide Free Lawns

Zero Waste Schools

Water Conservation

Breakout Session C

Creating a New Energy Infrastructure: Community Presentations

Moderator: Mark Robbins

Founder, MHR Consulting

Presentations Announced January 25th 2018

Afternoon Session II – West Barn

Breakout Session A

Moderator: Dan Delventhal

Founder and CEO, MowGreen

Community Presentations Announced: 1/25/2018

Breakout Session B

Moderator:

Patrick Carolan

Executive Director, Franciscan Action Network

Community Presentations Announced: 1/25/2018

Breakout Session C:

Community Presentations Announced: 1/25/2018

4:15pm

Closing Remarks and Next Steps

4:30pm – 6pm:

Networking Reception