



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Infrastructure Conference Agenda Wednesday, October 25, 2023

12:00 PM **Registration, Lunch, and Networking**

12:30 PM **Virtual guests log in**

12:40 PM **Welcome Remarks**

- William C. Rhodes, Partner, and Conference Co-Chair, Ballard Spahr LLP

12:45 PM **Panel 1: The Future of Green Bond Financing**

*Session Description: The Inflation Reduction Act established the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund which grants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \$20 billion to establish a national green bank, and an additional \$7 billion for state, local and tribal governments' own clean power investments targeted at low-income and disadvantaged communities. How will green banks, such as Finance New Orleans, leverage this capital to invest in emissions reductions projects and other resilient, sustainable projects? What challenges lie ahead? What opportunities exist for investors seeking to fund projects with environmental and sustainability benefits?*

**Moderator: Holly Horsley, Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP**

**Panelists:**

- Damon Burns, President and Chief Executive Officer, Finance New Orleans
- Eli Hopson, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director, Coalition for Green Capital
- James McIntyre, Chief Strategy Officer, Inclusive Prosperity Capital

1:45 PM **Keynote – The Limits of Climate Havens**  
**Michael Gaughan, Executive Director, Vermont Bond Bank**

*A discussion of Vermont's successes, limitations, and opportunities for climate resilience and adaptation following 1,000 years of major flood events in less than 15 years*

2:15 PM **Refreshment Break**

2:30 PM **Panel 2: Insurance in a Green Infrastructure World**

*Session Description: Climate change is intensifying wildfires; storms; flooding duration, intensity, and frequency; as well as many other natural disasters. Climate-related risks present new and increasingly significant challenges for the insurance industry, leading to record insurance losses and increased premium costs. This panel will explore out-of-the box solutions to the insurance crisis including community-based solutions and nature-based solutions. The panel will also address the importance of natural disaster risk mitigation to reduce economic impact and recovery time, and the role the insurance industry can play in those efforts.*

**Moderator: Lorene (“Renie”) Boudreau, Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP**

**Panelists:**

- Viv Bennett, Director of Protection and Conservation Strategies, The Nature Conservancy (virtual)
- Raghuveer Vinukollu, Head of Climate Insights and Advisory, Munich Re US



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**3:30 PM Panel 3: Demystifying C-PACE: How to successfully leverage C-PACE financing for green infrastructure improvements**

*Session Description: Due in large part to recently enacted regulations and corporate ESG goals, many are seeking tools to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on commercial properties. This panel will explore C-PACE financings, including a discussion of what opportunities C-PACE presents and lessons learned on how to successfully add C-PACE financings to the capital stack.*

**Moderator: Katie Leesman, Of Counsel, Ballard Spahr LLP**

**Panelists:**

- Lisa Shulock, Director of Commercial Programs, Philadelphia Energy Authority
- Molly Skilton, Vice President, Relationship Manager, Community Development Lending, Citizens Bank
- Shelah Wallace, Senior Director, Originations - DE, NJ and PA, Nuveen

**4:30 PM Closing Remarks**

- Sandra Thiam, Environmental Law Institute, Vice President of Research & Policy

**4:35 PM Cocktail Reception in Philadelphia**