

## NCEL 2024 National Forum Agenda

Thursday, August 1 - Saturday, August 3, 2024

<b>DAY 1 - Thursday, August 1</b>	
Session and Time	Location
<b>12:00 - 4:00 PM</b> Pre-Forum Session: Green Amendment	<b>Commonwealth 7</b>
<b>6:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Opening Reception	<b>Copper &amp; Kings Courtyard</b>

<b>DAY 2 - Friday, August 2</b>	
Session and Time	Location
<b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b> Registration table opens. Breakfast starts serving at 8:00.	<b>Pre-Function Area</b>
<b>9:00 - 10:15 AM</b> Welcome Plenary: The Conservation Movement: Re-Told Through a Lens of Justice	<b>Commonwealth 5</b>
<b>10:15 - 11:15 AM</b> Plenary: Friends in High Places: How to Effectively Collaborate with Other Levels of Government in Climate Policymaking	<b>Commonwealth 5</b>
<b>11:15 - 11:45 AM</b> Bridging the Federal/State Gap: Mary Frances Repko, White House Deputy Climate Advisor	<b>Commonwealth 5</b>
<b>11:45 AM - 1:15 PM</b> Lunch	<b>Commonwealth 5</b>
<b>1:15 - 2:30 PM</b> Concurrent Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What's In a Name: The Importance of Defining PFAS and Crafting the Right Policies for Your State <b>Commonwealth 6</b></li> <li>● Biodiverse-City: State Options for Promoting Biodiversity in the Urban Environment <b>Commonwealth 7</b></li> <li>● Incentivizing Ingenuity: Market-Based Mechanisms for Achieving Climate and Energy Goals <b>Commonwealth 8</b></li> </ul>	
<b>2:30 - 3:00 PM</b> Networking Break (snacks available)	<b>Pre-Function Area</b>
<b>3:00 PM - 3:45 PM</b> Keynote: A Conversation with Juan D. Martinez Pineda, National Geographic Explorer and founder of Fresh Tracks at The Aspen Institute	<b>Commonwealth 5</b>

<b>3:45 - 4:00 PM</b> Networking Break	<b>Pre-Function Area</b>
<b>4:00 - 5:15 PM</b> Concurrent Breakout Sessions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Problem (Micro)plastics: Reducing and Phasing Out Problematic and Unnecessary Materials <b>Commonwealth 6</b></li> <li>● Beyond 30x30: Innovative State Policy Tools for Land Conservation <b>Commonwealth 7</b></li> <li>● Money, Money, Money: Considering Climate Risk in State Financial Decisionmaking <b>Commonwealth 8</b></li> </ul>	
<b>6:30 - 9:00 PM</b> Evening Reception and Awards	<b>Waterfront Botanical Gardens</b>

<b>DAY 3 - Saturday, August 3</b>	
<b>Session and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>8:00 - 9:30 AM</b> Breakfast Roundtable Discussions and Day 2 Welcome	<b>Commonwealth 5</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revolutionizing Recycling: Tackling Packaging Pollution via Comprehensive Producer-Funded Recycling</li> <li>● Strengthening State Wildlife Agencies</li> <li>● Lessons from the Washington Governor's Office</li> <li>● Youth Outdoor Policy Playbook</li> <li>● State Endangered Species Acts</li> <li>● The Enemy is Asphalt: Transportation Solutions Beyond the Single-Occupancy Vehicle</li> <li>● Achieving Zero Food Waste Through State Policy</li> <li>● Getting Hydrogen Right</li> <li>● Climate Deception, Greenwashing, and Recovering Climate Costs: Policies to hold Big Oil accountable</li> <li>● Transmission Possible - Resources on the Importance of Transmission Infrastructure and FERC Order No. 1920</li> <li>● Ask the Experts with the U.S. Green Building Council</li> </ul>	
<b>9:30 - 10:30 AM</b> Plenary: Zooming Out on Plastics: Moving Toward Zero Waste With an Equity-Centered Systemic Approach	<b>Commonwealth 5</b>
<b>10:30 - 10:45 AM</b> Networking Break	<b>Pre-Function Area</b>
<b>10:45 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Concurrent Breakout Sessions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Protecting Earth's Kidneys Post Sackett: Strategies for State Wetland Conservation <b>Commonwealth 6</b></li> <li>● "Bee the Change": Tackling Pesticides' Environmental and Human Health Impacts <b>Commonwealth 7</b></li> <li>● Powering Progress: State-Level Transmission Policies for a Cleaner Energy Future <b>Commonwealth 8</b></li> </ul>	
<b>12:00 - 1:30 PM</b> Expanding State Action through University Partnerships Lunch and Final Announcements	<b>Commonwealth 5</b>
<b>2:30 - 4:30 PM</b> Optional Outdoor Outing: Exploring the Ohio River	<b>Paddling at Nachand Canoe &amp; Kayak</b>