

**NCEL 2026 National Forum Agenda**  
Thursday, July 23 - Saturday, July 25, 2026

<b>Thursday, July 23</b> <b>Session and Time</b>
<b>9:00 - 10:30 AM</b> Special Session for New Legislators <i>Session dedicated for early career legislators (in their 1st or 2nd terms) or new to the NCEL Network</i>
<b>11:00: - 2:00 PM</b> Learning Tracks (3 concurrent options) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nature-Based Solutions 101</li> <li>● One Health for People and Nature 101</li> <li>● Utilities and the Grid 101</li> </ul>
<b>2:30 - 5:00 PM</b> Outdoor Activity - Routes to Resilience: Connecting Nature, Health, and Opportunity Through Active Transit <i>Bike, walk, and roll to explore trails/sidewalks/bike infrastructure and riverfront parks improvements with economic development &amp; justice components.</i>
<b>6:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Opening Reception

<b>Friday, July 24</b> <b>Session and Time</b>
<b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b> Registration table opens. Breakfast starts serving at 8:00.
<b>9:00 - 10:00 AM</b> 2026 Legislative Highlights and Welcome Address
<b>10:00 - 11:00 AM</b> Plenary Session
<b>11:00 - 11:30 AM</b> Networking Break
<b>11:30 AM - 12:45 PM</b> Breakout Sessions (4 concurrent sessions)
<b>12:45 - 2:00 PM</b> Lunch

<b>2:00 PM - 3:15 PM</b> Breakout Sessions (4 concurrent sessions)
<b>3:15 - 3:45 PM</b> Networking Break with snacks
<b>3:45 - 4:45 PM</b> Plenary Session
<b>7:00 - 10:00 PM</b> Evening Reception (offsite)

<b>Saturday, July 25</b> <b>Session and Time</b>
<b>8:00 - 9:00 AM</b> Registration and Breakfast
<b>9:00 - 9:45 AM</b> Morning Session
<b>9:45 - 10:45 AM</b> Plenary Session
<b>10:45 - 11:15 AM</b> Networking Break
<b>11:15 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Plenary Lightning Round
<b>12:00 - 1:30 PM</b> Lunch and Awards
<b>1:15 - 2:45 PM</b> Breakout Sessions (4 concurrent sessions)
<b>2:45 - 3:15 PM</b> Networking Break and Snack
<b>3:15 - 4:15 PM</b> Plenary
<b>4:15 - 5:00 PM</b> 2027 Preview and NCSL Prep