



DRAFT AGENDA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

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| 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  | <div><div>Optional Field Trip</div><div>Clean Green Energy Transition in Action: NIPSCO Power Generation Tour</div></div>   |
| 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Exhibitor Set-Up  |
| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM   | Check-in/Welcome Desk   |
| 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM   | Welcome   |
| 2:15 PM - 2:35 PM   | <div><div>Why is biodiversity + nature important for energy &amp; transportation lands?</div><div>Dan Salas, UIC<br/>Dennis Fallon, UAA</div></div>   |
| 2:35 PM - 3:20 PM   | <div><div>Panel: Building interest, buy-in, and connections across departments</div><div>Moderator: Katie Surrey, EPRI<br/>Tony Tipton, Columbia Gas<br/>Sara Sankowich, Unitil<br/>Amy Paulson, Meta</div></div>       |
| 3:20 PM - 4:15 PM   | <div><div>Panel: Trends &amp; best practices in sustainability reporting in energy &amp; transportation sectors</div><div>Ashlyn Anderson, Stantec<br/>Keith Weber, NiSource<br/>Additional speaker pending</div></div> |
| 4:15 PM - 4:25 PM   | Stretch Break   |
| 4:25 PM - 5:25 PM   | Roundtable: Identifying nature-based business risks/opportunities   |
| 5:25 PM - 5:35 PM   | Wrap-up   |
| 5:35 PM - 7:30 PM   | Welcome Reception   |

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BIODIVERSITY +  
NATURE IN  
ENERGY  
AND  
TRANSPORTATION



August 12-14, 2025

Chesterton, Indiana

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

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| 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | <div>Field Trips</div> <div>Option #1 - Bringing It Together: Managing Ecosystems, IVM, and Partnerships Tour</div> <div>Option #2 - Seeding Sustainability: Stantec Native Plant Nursery Tour</div>   |   |
| 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | <div>Alternate Working Session</div> <div>Take the LEAP into Nature-Business Connections</div>   |   |
| 12:00 PM - 1:10 PM | <div>Lunch</div> <div>(introduction and transition to breakout rooms)</div>  |   |
| 1:10 PM - 2:20 PM  | <div>Breakout #1: Crash course in vegetation management for sustainability or environmental managers</div> <div>Matt Goff, Georgia Power</div> <div>Carolyn Mahan, Penn State University</div> <div>Ashley Bennett, EPRI</div> <div>(transition back to main room)</div> | <div>Breakout #2: Crash course in sustainability reporting for vegetation managers</div> <div>Norman Shafto and Katie Surrey, EPRI</div> <div>Additional speakers pending</div> <div>(transition back to main room)</div> |
| 2:20 PM - 3:20 PM  | <div>Panel: Connecting vegetation management practices and sustainability through research and data</div> <div>Moderator: Darrell Russell, Corteva</div> <div>Lew Payne, NYPA</div> <div>Ronan Mason, TC Energy</div> <div>Chris Kline, Doral</div>                      |   |
| 3:20 PM - 3:40 PM  | <div>Refreshment Break</div>   |   |
| 3:40 PM - 4:30 PM  | <div>Panel: Utilizing IVM as a component of nature-based solutions</div> <div>Moderator: Brandon Hughson, ProtecTerra</div> <div>John Steelman, Grow With Trees</div> <div>Scott Sharpe, Marathon</div> <div>Jason Grossman, Liberty Utilities</div>                     |   |
| 4:30 PM - 5:10 PM  | <div>Panel: Lessons from the nature-positive journey</div> <div>Josiane Bonneau, Freeport-McMoRan</div> <div>Additional speaker pending</div>  |   |
| 5:10 PM - 5:20 PM  | <div>Wrap-up</div>   |   |
| 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  | <div>Offsite Dinner Reception</div>  |   |



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

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| 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM   | Networking Breakfast   |  |
| 8:30 AM - 8:40 AM   | Welcome / Reflection   |  |
| 8:40 AM - 9:55 AM   | <div>Panel: Case studies in good governance, planning, and communications</div> <div>Steve Barker, NiSource</div> <div>Mary Youpel, API</div> <div>Donnie Garrison, Shell</div> <div>Sara Race, ComEd</div>                    |  |
| 9:55 AM - 10:15 AM  | <div>Stretch Break</div> <div>(transition to breakout rooms)</div>   |  |
| 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM | <div>Breakout #1: Tools, resources, field methods for tracking and reporting</div> <div>Ashley Bennett, EPRI</div> <div>Caroline Hernandez, UIC</div> <div>Ralph Grundel, USGS</div> <div>(transition back to main room)</div> | <div>Breakout #2: Goal-setting for biodiversity</div> <div>Dan Salas, UIC</div> <div>Additional speakers pending</div> <div>(transition back to main room)</div> |
| 11:45 AM - 12:10 PM | Lunch Buffet   |  |
| 12:10 PM - 1:10 PM  | <div>Working Lunch: What is green-washing and how to avoid it?</div> <div>Speakers pending</div>   |  |
| 1:10 PM - 1:30 PM   | Wrap-up  |  |