

August 12-14, 2025 Chesterton, IN

The <u>2025 Biodiversity + Nature in Energy and Transportation (BNEAT)</u> conference addresses important questions and collaboration gaps in nature-based sustainability for energy and transportation sectors:

- How to build cross-functional collaboration to improve sustainability, environmental, and vegetation management programs?
- How to use the latest research and data to communicate biodiversity and nature benefits?
- How does nature influence or impact energy and transportation operations?

We are seeking participation from across corporate sustainability, environmental, and vegetation management disciplines. This highly interactive, workshop-style conference will provide valuable learning and sharing opportunities, no matter where you sit in your organization or how far you are on your nature-positive journey. Here is why your company should send multiple representatives!

## Why Attend?

Level-set across departments	Reduce risks / Improve compliance
• Build connections across corporate sustainability, environmental, and vegetation management programs.	• Address environmental compliance through vegetation management and sustainability initiatives.
<ul> <li>Foster a common understanding of how current operational practices contribute to nature-positive outcomes.</li> <li>Benchmark your efforts with examples from industry peers.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improve tracking and data collection for decision-making.</li> <li>Learn solutions to nature-related risks to your company and operations.</li> </ul>
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## Need to justify attending to your supervisor?

The template letter below can be used to support your request to attend BNEAT. Copy, paste, and edit according to your individual needs.

## 2025 Biodiversity + Nature in Energy and Transportation (BNEAT) Conference Attendance Request

## **Template Letter**

I would like to attend the <u>2025 Biodiversity + Nature in Energy and Transportation (BNEAT)</u> conference scheduled for August 12-14, 2025. This event offers sessions and networking that will help us build connections between corporate sustainability, environmental, and vegetation managers for efficiencies in nature-based sustainability, compliance, and reporting.

This conference features more than 12 expert-led sessions on key topics:

- Why is biodiversity and nature important for infrastructure lands and rights-of-ways?
- Building interest, buy-in, and connections across departments.
- Trends and best practice in sustainability reporting.
- Identifying nature-based business risks and value-add opportunities.
- Connecting vegetation management practices and sustainability through research and data.
- Integrated vegetation management creating nature-based solutions and nature-positive outcomes.
- Good governance, planning, and communications.
- Goal-setting for biodiversity.
- Removing bias and avoiding green-washing.

Sessions relevant to my role at <COMPANY NAME> include:

• <List the aspects that align with your personal, program, or company goals>.

The conference includes roundtable discussions with industry leaders, interactive breakout sessions and workshops, and networking with peers. These insights can help our company strengthen our sustainability and compliance strategies for vegetation management, environmental, and sustainability programs.

Compared to other nature-based sustainability conferences, the cost of registration is affordable. Early bird registration costs \$300 for this 3-day event, including field trips and meals. By comparison, other similar conferences can cost thousands of dollars.

By sharing the tools, contacts, and ideas I learned at this event, I can create meaningful improvements for our team and maximize the value of this experience. I have budgeted <\$X,XXX> to attend.

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

