



Conference Overview:

The past year's COVID experiences have highlighted the need for inclusive resiliency plans that integrate health, social, and economic concerns with ever-increasing climate change impacts.

The 2021 Resilient Virginia Conference will deliver the tools, information, and networking opportunities you need to help build resiliency in your community. Specifically, it will bring national and local perspectives on solutions being formulated to address vulnerabilities while moving forward to create a more economically sound and equitable future.

Format of Conference:

Plenary Panels:

- Plenary speakers will include national and state experts on new initiatives that bolster the transition to a clean economy while rebuilding our nation's infrastructure.
- The plenary session speakers will also address the need to ensure that equity is a core element of these initiatives and will provide science-based updates on current and projected climate impacts

Breakout Sessions will:

- highlight the steps needed for infrastructure — transportation, buildings, energy systems, water and natural resources — to both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to climate adaptation strategies;
- provide examples from urban and rural communities on approaches to resiliency that include climate risk assessments and lead to economic, health, and equity solutions; and
- examine the accelerating opportunities for economic diversification and entrepreneurship to bolster a clean economy.

Workshops Focused on In-Depth Learning on Key Resiliency Topics:

1. Technical tools for resiliency planning;
2. Moving resiliency into existing local government plans; and
3. Tools for ensuring equity is included in resiliency planning.

Green Jobs Forum and Career Fair:

NEW THIS YEAR! The conference will include a virtual Green Jobs Forum and Career Fair, hosted by our partner organization, Leaders in Energy (<https://leadersinenergy.org>). The virtual platform will allow for job seekers to directly meet with prospective employers and submit resumes to the potential employers participating in the Career Fair. In addition, an afternoon Green Jobs Forum on August 26 will feature information on the growing numbers of opportunities and will high-light successful Green Job search efforts.

For more information, please visit <https://ResilientVirginia.org/Conference>

Confirmed Speakers

National Speakers

Krystal Laymon

Deputy Director for Climate Resilience
Council on Environmental Quality
Executive Office of the President of the United States

Matthew Tejada

Director, Office of Environmental Justice
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Jim Fox

Senior Resilience Associate, National Environmental Modeling and Analysis Center (NEMAC),
University of North Carolina + FernLeaf

Dr. Kenneth Kunkel

Lead Scientist, National Climate Assessment Technical Support Unit
and Lead Scientist, North Carolina Institute for Climate Studies

State Speakers

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam

Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Curtis Brown

State Coordinator, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Ann C. Phillips

Rear Admiral, US Navy (Ret.)
Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection
Office of the Governor, State of Virginia

Jeremy Hoffman, Ph.D.

Chief Scientist, Science Museum of Virginia

Angela Conroy

Air and Renewable Energy Planner, VA Dept. of Environmental Quality

Amanda Martin

Deputy Chief Resilience Officer
North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency/Rebuild NC

Shaun O'Rourke

Managing Director, Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank and
Rhode Island Chief Resilience Officer

For a full speaker list, visit <https://ResilientVirginia.org/Conference/Speakers>