

MARYLAND FOOD
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Agenda

- 8:00-9:00** Registration, Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:15** Horacio Tablada, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment, Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 9:15-10:00** Keynote: Katy Franklin, ReFED, "Advancing Data-Driven Solutions to Reduce U.S. Food Waste"
- 10:00-10:45** Panel: Food Recovery as a Climate Change Strategy
- Christopher Beck, Maryland Department of the Environment, "Strategies to Reduce Methane Emissions from Maryland Landfills"
 - Roni Neff, PhD, Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, "Food Waste Prevention, Rescue and Recovery as a Climate Change Solution"
- 10:45-11:00** Networking Break
- 11:00-11:45** Steve Finn, Leanpath & Jessica Synkoski, Sodexo, "Innovation for Action: Maximizing Impact through Food Waste Prevention"
- 11:45-12:00** Beth Gingold, Recycle Leaders, What if Student-Led Teams "Make the Most of Food @ Home"?
- 12:00-1:00** Lunch
- 1:00-2:00** Panel: Achieving Zero Food Waste
- David Mrgich, Maryland Department of the Environment, "HB 264 – Organics Recycling & Waste Diversion – Food Residuals"
 - Melissa Roberge, Hannaford & Holden Cookson, Agri-Cycle: "Food Recycling: Healthy Communities, Clean Energy, Green Planet"
- 2:00-2:45** Panel: Innovative Local Food Scraps Collection Programs
- Josh Chamberlain, Go Green OC, "Ocean City Restaurants Food Scraps Collection, How We Started a City-Wide Compost Program"
 - Kristyn Oldendorf, Baltimore City DPW, "Baltimore City Food Scrap Drop-Off Sites"
 - Ben Parry, Compost Crew, "Distributed Composting to Support Local Food Production"
- 2:45-3:00** Networking Break
- 3:00-3:15** Paul Schurick, Oyster Recovery Partnership & Jason Ruth, Harris Seafood "Shell Recycling & the Sustainable Oyster Industry"
- 3:15-3:30** Peter Ettinger, Bioenergy Devco, "Wholistic Sustainability Solutions and Organic Waste"
- 3:30-4:00** Melissa Pennington, Office of the EPA Region 3, Closing Remarks

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Chris Beck

Chris Beck began working at MDE in 2009 in the Air Quality Permits Program. He moved to the Climate Change program in 2018 as its first Division chief and was quickly promoted to Deputy Manager of the Program. Chris oversees the program staff and policy and steers the work that supports the Maryland Commission on Climate Change. He received his Masters in Environmental Health Science and Engineering in 2002 from Johns Hopkins University.

Josh Chamberlain

Josh Chamberlain is the founder of Go Green OC, a nonprofit established in 2018 transforming Ocean City into the "first zero waste resort town in the United States". Chamberlain built a successful career as a producer/editor in film and television and hopes to translate that passion into this vision and bring it to life.

Holden Cookson

Holden Cookson studied Environmental Public Policy and Planning at the University of Maine at Farmington. While at UMF Holden helped manage the Farmington Compost Cooperative under Mark King (Founder of the Maine Compost School and Environmental Specialist in the Sustainability Division of Maine DEP). Working under Mark was very influential and Holden decided to solely focus on composting for the remainder of his education. After college Holden went on to help develop a commercial composting division of a Maine start up called Garbage to Garden, resulting in over 200+ businesses composting via Benson Farms and Exeter Agri-Energy (Agri-Cycle's sister company). From there Holden went on to work for Agri-Cycle, an anaerobic digestion and logistics company where he currently works as their Brand Manager. Holden's role at Agri-Cycle allows him to continue to preach the food waste diversion gospel, as well as bring light to developing topics that may otherwise be viewed as barriers of entry for large and small companies alike. In regards to Hannaford, Holden tours each store to identify best practices, provide support, and problem solve with George to maximize their diversion.

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Peter Ettinger

Peter Ettinger is the Chief Development Officer at Bioenergy Devco. Mr. Ettinger is focused on the complex chessboard that makes up the business of anaerobic digestion centered on corporate growth, product development and the forming of innovative partnerships. From municipalities and large food companies searching for solutions to combat incineration and landfill use, to energy and utility companies looking for sustainable sources of truly renewable natural gas, Ettinger ensures that BDC meets the financial, operational and sustainable solutions to the challenges presented by this diverse group. Whether it be business development planning and implementation or the highlevel contacts needed to move projects forward, his success has been centered around first defining the vision and then surrounding yourself with really smart people. A believer in "doing well, by doing good", Ettinger started out in the field committed to finding a solution to the issues surrounding healthy soils along the Chesapeake and found digestate from the anaerobic digestion process fit the bill. His insight and direction on what it takes to transition an idea from the bench to the marketplace has been credited with sales, operational growth, as well as helping raise millions in the venture and investment markets.

Steven M. Finn

Steven M. Finn is Vice President of Food Waste Prevention for Leanpath, the global leader in integrated hardware and software solutions for food waste prevention, where he helps clients take control of their food waste while engaging employees in creating a culture of food waste prevention. He is a member of the Leanpath leadership team with extensive experience in food waste reduction and prevention strategies, speaking frequently at industry events and providing education and guidance to client partners and internal teams. He also manages Leanpath's 12.3 Initiative program. Steven teaches graduate courses on innovation for sustainability and the food-water-energy nexus at the University of Pennsylvania and Boston University in the U.S. He is the author of several articles on food waste and has served as a Director for three non-profit organizations in the food sector.

Katy Franklin

Katy Franklin serves as ReFED's Operations Director, supporting organizational development and strategy and designing systems for effective program implementation and management. Previously, Katy managed operations at Sustainable America, where she gained a deep understanding of successful food waste reduction programs with consumers, food service providers, private firms, and at major events. Katy has authored industry and academic research on food waste and opportunities to solve this global challenge. Katy also helped develop Further with Food, a public-private partnership convened to address food loss and waste.



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Beth Gingold

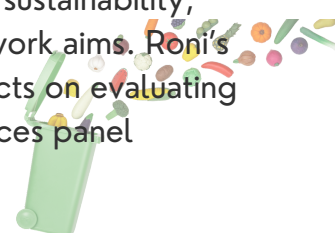
Beth Gingold founded Recycle Leaders to help school staff and students implement waste action projects that deliver lasting, meaningful, measurable results. As a systems leadership consultant and trainer, she loves helping school district sustainability leaders achieve district-wide, school-wide recycling and composting! She co-created the Make the Most of Food (remote) challenge for Earth Month 2021 with the Audubon Naturalist Society, high school green team leaders, teachers, custodians, and a team of action researchers recruited through a Sustainable DC 2.0 Community action grant. Previously, during her five years of leading the recycling program for DC Public Schools, she launched the first city-wide civic action challenges for schools, published the DCPS Recycles! Honor Roll performance data and success stories on interactive maps, and gave input to more than 10 LEED modernization projects. She is a LEED Green Associate and holds a Master of Environmental Studies from the University of Pennsylvania.

David Mrgich

David Mrgich graduated from Shippensburg University with a degree in Geo-Environmental Studies. He spent the first 8 years of his career working in private industry and the last 24 in waste diversion with the Maryland Department of the Environment. He is currently Division Chief of the Waste Diversion Division overseeing recycling, source reduction, scrap tires, county solid waste management plans, and composting.

Roni Neff, PhD

Roni Neff, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the department of Environmental Health & Engineering at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a program director at the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future (<https://clf.jhsph.edu/>), an academic center focused on food systems and public health. Her research, policy and practice efforts focus on wasted food, food system resilience to climate change and other threats, and sustainable diets through the lens of public health and equity. She is co-lead of the new RECIPES research network on wasted food (<https://wastedfood.american.edu/>), a 5-year initiative focused on studying solutions that best address wasted food while maximizing sustainability, equity, and resilience across diverse regional contexts. Partnerships are key to the network aims. Roni's food waste research focuses mostly on prevention and food rescue, and includes projects on evaluating solutions and quantifying impacts. She recently served on a National Academy of Sciences panel summarizing the evidence on consumer food waste.



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Kristyn Oldendorf

Kristyn Oldendorf has over a decade of experience working with local governments and stakeholder groups to plan and implement waste management projects, programs, and policies. In her current role at the Baltimore City Department of Public Works, Bureau of Solid Waste, Kristyn leads the Office of Support Services. This office manages the waste reduction and recycling programs, provides analytical and logistical support across the Bureau's operations, handles special projects, pursues new technologies and opportunities, and much more. Kristyn is President of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). Kristyn's work in the solid waste sector began with setting up community recycling programs in rural Honduras during her service as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She has also volunteered on USAID-sponsored waste policy projects in Tanzania. A graduate of American University and the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Kristyn holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies and a Master's Degree in Public Policy.

Ben Parry

Ben Parry, the CEO of Compost Crew, is a business executive and entrepreneur fighting to protect the health of our planet. In 2018 he acquired Compost Crew, which now serves over 6,000 customers in Maryland, Virginia, and D.C. Previously, Ben spent over a decade in the clean energy industry, where he led a business that operated a fleet of solar and wind assets across five continents, and helped launch a leading solar company in India. Ben has an MBA from Georgetown University.

Melissa Pennington

Melissa Pennington spent the first 22 years of her EPA career as a project manager in the Superfund Division specializing in hazardous waste site investigation and cleanup. This time was divided between EPA Region 3 (Philadelphia) and EPA Region 9 (San Francisco). In July 2011, she switched gears and dove into voluntary programs in the Materials Management Branch. Melissa now leads the Sustainable Management of Food Team and her overall focus is to build capacity for organics recycling in Region 3. Most notably, Melissa was responsible for development of EPA's publication of the [Anaerobic Digestion Facilities Processing Food Waste in the U.S.](#) report series.



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Melissa Roberge

Melissa Roberge is Director of Operations for Hannaford Supermarkets. With a passion for feeding people and nourishing communities, Melissa serves as the Eastern Division lead for Fresh Rescue—helping to rescue and donate nearly 12 million pounds of fresh and nutritious food to area food pantries. She is also the Executive Sponsor of the Veterans and Military Employee Resource Group. Melissa has been with the company for 31 years and has previously served as Manager of Fresh Operations and Merchandising Manager for Deli, Bakery, Kitchen.

Paul Schurick

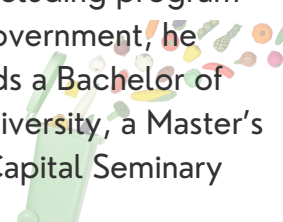
Paul Schurick is the Director of Partnerships at the Oyster Recovery Partnership. Paul works with businesses, organizations and individuals to build partnerships to increase the environmental, economic and cultural importance of oysters. He has more than 30 years experience in policy, communications, and partnerships. He has master's and bachelor's degrees in economics from the West Virginia University. He served as chief of staff for Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer and director of communications for Gov. Robert Ehrlich.

Jessica Josephine Synkoski

Jessica Josephine Synkoski is the Vice President of Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility for Sodexo in North America. She leads the North American strategy for achieving a Better Tomorrow 2025, a roadmap toward nine social and environmental impacts. She is a sustainability practitioner with more than a decade of experience across the food service, pharmaceutical, and aerospace & defense industries. She has a B.S. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and an M.B.A. from the Yale School of Management.

Horacio Tablada

Horacio Tablada currently serves as Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment. Prior to this appointment in April 2015, he served as Director of the Land and Materials Administration for 11 years and as its Deputy Director for six years. Mr. Tablada (HT) has been with the State's environmental programs since 1985 and has served in various management and technical capacities, including program manager of the oil pollution and discharge permit programs. Prior to serving in State government, he worked in the private sector for five years in solid waste management. Mr. Tablada holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering from North Carolina State University, a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Maryland, and a Master of Divinity from Capital Seminary and Graduate School.



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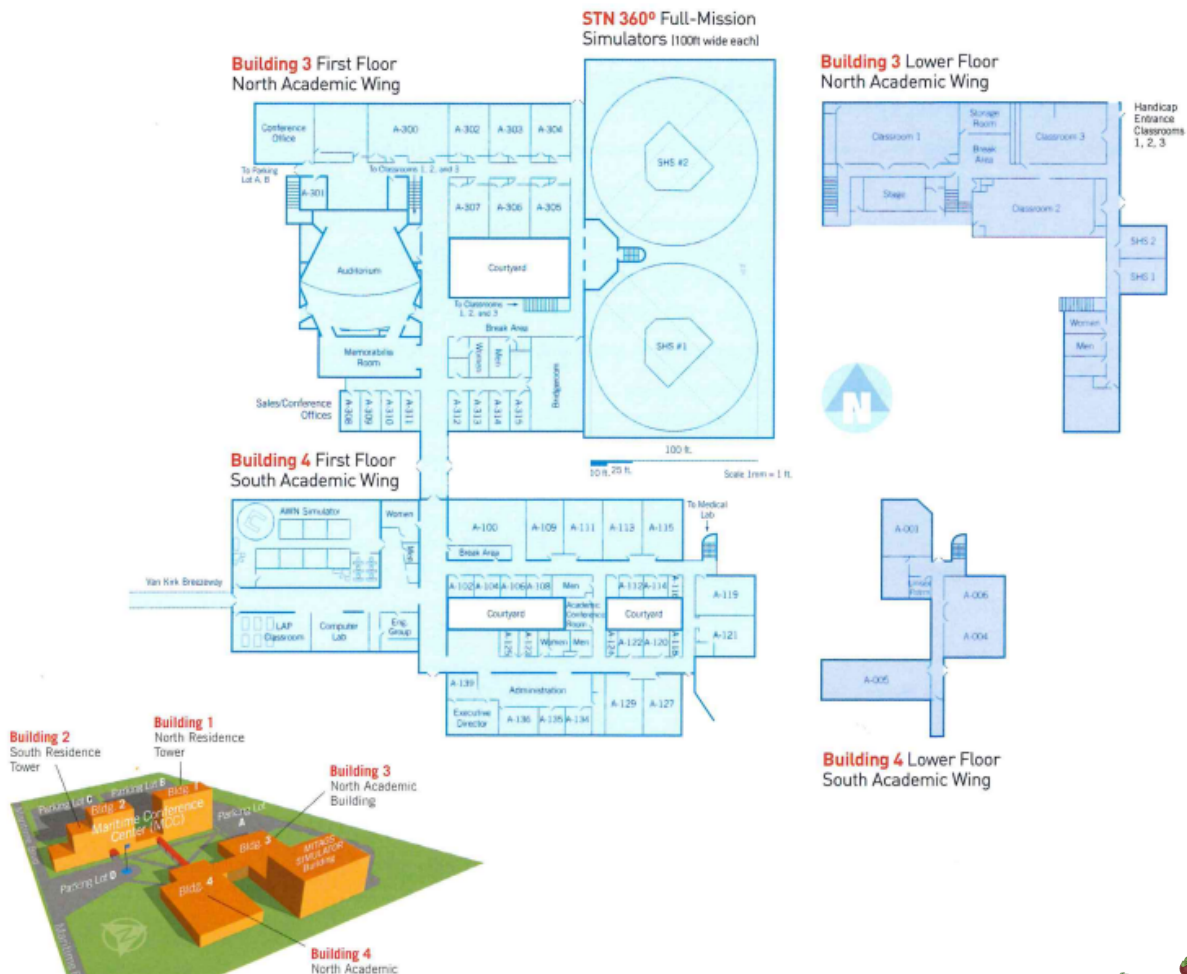
Logistics

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The conference will be in the auditorium of building 3 at the Maritime Conference Center. The best lot to park in is lot A. 692 Maritime Boulevard Linthicum Heights, MD 21090-1952. Please remember masks are required at all times unless presenting or eating.



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