



Greening the Southeast

A Southeastern Regional Summit

Coastal Georgia Center

305 Fahm Street, Savannah, GA 31401

16 - 17 April 2009

Agenda

Summit (n) - A conference or meeting of leaders, usually called to shape a program or plan of action.

Friday, April 16th

Summit Opening

8:30 - 8:45 **Marc Thomas** - *Opening Summit Statement: Chairman of The Board of SoGreen Network*

8:45 – 9:00 **Dr. Otis Johnson** - *Welcome to Savannah: Mayor City of Savannah, Georgia*

9:00 – 9:30 **Beverly Houston Banister** - *Key Note Speaker: Acting Deputy Regional Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4*

9:30 – 10:15 **Dr. Keecha Harris**, Keecha Harris and Associates – *Facilitator - Open Dialogue: How Many Definitions of “Green” Are There?*

10:15 – 10:30 **BREAK**

Panel: Southeastern Regional Perspective

Michael Hill - *Atlanta Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce Developing “Green Jobs Through Rural and Urban Collaborations and Partnerships”*

Dr. Amanda Staudt - *National Wildlife Federation “Can Creating A Green Agenda for The Southeast Impact the Region’s Contribution To Climate Change?”*

12pm – 12:30 **Dr. Keecha Harris** - *Open Dialogue: Has Our Definition of Green Changed?*

12:30 – 1:30 **LUNCH**

Tracks Run Concurrently:

These tracks are working sessions. Participants will have an opportunity to evaluate trainings and information provided by presenters, and with the assistance of a facilitator, outline how this information can best serve in the development of an action plan that is inclusive of under-served communities.

1:30 – 4pm

Track #1 - Sustainable Agriculture, Forestry and Watersheds

This session will outline the steps for farmers and landowners working either independently or through partnerships to create lucrative green businesses while developing and maintaining a sustainable environment.

Panel: **Tannika Cunningham - Healthy Solutions:** “*Creating Distribution Patterns that will increase your profitability and decrease your carbon foot print*”.

Cornelius Blanding - Federation of Southern Cooperative: “*Coops Working Toward Collaborations That Will Set Forth A Green Plan*

Amadou Diop - National Wildlife Federation: “*Long Leaf Pine - How do these trees restore our environment? and can they serve as a vehicle for green agro-forestry?*

Marjan Peltier - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): “*Watersheds – How does Farming and Forestry play a role?*

Track #2 - Green Jobs – Green Businesses Myth or Truth

What is a working definition of green jobs and green businesses? What are our first steps in providing our regional community with the opportunity to develop these green jobs and green business? Who is responsible for that first step?

Panel: **Charlotte King - King Snowden & King Associates:** “*Green Certification-Does It Increase Your Market Share?*”

Carolee Williams - City of Charleston, SC Sustainable Planning Board

TBA - Savannah City and County Participants

4-5pm Dr. Keecha Harris – Closing - Evaluation

Saturday, April 17th

9am – 12pm

Dr. Owusu Bandele - Organic Certification Training

Organic production is the largest growing food segment in the country. It is also the least harmful to our environment. This intensive session will walk each participant through a standard organic certification application and assist participants in the development of a sustainable farm plan.

9am – 12pm

Dr. Marcia Allen Owens – FAMU, Environmental Sciences;
Carly Queen – National Wildlife Federation, Campus Field Coordinator, Campus Ecology

“Green Up Your Campus” HBCU / 1890 Land Grant Colleges & Universities Planning Meeting

Building a successful Green Movement in the Southeast region requires marshaling the energies, resources and know-how of colleges and universities that have historically served people of color. This track will engage Summit participants in the designing and planning of a future conference / summit that will set forth a Green Agenda and Action Plan for HBCUs and 1890 Land Grant Institutions.

Closing:

12pm

Reverand Lennox Yearwood - Executive Director, Hip Hop Caucus will speak on the importance of the inclusive of our low-income communities whether rural or urban in the planning of a green agenda

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