

Conservation Finance Network: Sample Boot Camp Agenda

This sample agenda illustrates content we cover over the course of a typical boot camp. Both the schedule and specific session topics are subject to change, as we customize each year's Boot Camp agenda to attendee interests and the state of the field.

Virtual Pre-Boot Camp Modules (Mandatory):

Conservation 101: Principles of Private Land Conservation

Conservation Finance 101: Trends and Tools

Principles of Finance: The Investor's Perspective

Day 1: Introduction to Conservation Finance

Welcome & Review of Camp Schedule

Participant Introductions

Dinner & Keynote

Day 2: Introduction to Public and Philanthropic Funding

Introduction to Public Funding

Deep Dives on Key Federal or State Funding Programs

Tax Policy and Incentives

State and Local Ballot Measures

Philanthropic Tools for Conservation

Day 3: Private Funding and Financing

Introduction to Private Sources

Partnering with Private Investors

Introduction to Ecosystem Service Markets; Deep Dives on Relevant Ecosystem Service Markets

Environmental Impact Bonds and Outcomes-Based Finance

Conservation Loans (Interim Finance)

Water Funds

Day 4: Putting it All Together
Case Examples of Projects that Blended Multiple Funding Sources
Funding Stewardship
Deal Doctor Sessions (Independent time with visiting faculty)

Day 5: Dolphin Tanks and Conclusion
Conclusions and Takeaways
Presentations from Peers on Ongoing Projects
Deal Doctor Sessions (Independent time with visiting faculty)
Dolphin Tank Presentations (Project workshopping sessions)