



Environmental  
Finance  
Center  
*Syracuse University*



## 2019 Local Leaders Conference

### Program

April 2-3, 2019

**Holiday Valley Resort & Conference Center  
Ellicottville, NY**

## Day 1 - April 2, 2019

**8:45am      Registration, Coffee, and Light Breakfast**

**9:30am      Welcome and Introductions**

### **Rethinking Your Workforce**

Khris Dodson, Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center (SU-EFC)

### **Public Engagement and Meeting Design**

Khris Dodson, SU-EFC

### **Effective Communication for the Public Sector**

Connecting with Others Through Story

Sarah Diefendorf, EFC West

**12:30pm      Lunch**

### **Effective Communication for the Public Sector**

Crafting a Presentation That Inspires & Framing Your Message

Sarah Diefendorf, EFC West

### **Grant Writing 101**

Khris Dodson, SU-EFC

**5:00pm      Networking Reception**

## Day 2 - April 3, 2019

**8:30am      Sign in, Coffee, and Light Breakfast**

### **Overview of the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) and Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Process**

Khris Dodson, SU-EFC

### **State and Federal Funding, Financing, and Resources for Municipal Infrastructure Roundtable Discussion**

State and Federal Agency Representatives

**12:30pm      Wrap-up and Lunch**

## Presenters

### **Jason Denno**

Environmental Project Coordinator  
NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

### **Sarah Diefendorf**

Director  
Environmental Finance Center West

### **Christopher Grant**

Local Government Specialist  
New York State Department of State

### **Monika King**

Professional Engineer, Bureau of Water Supply Protection  
NYS Department of Health

### **Jonathon Mayr**

NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Coordinator  
Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board

### **Leila Mitchell**

Environmental Program Specialist II, Division of Water  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

### **Charlie Philion**

Program Director  
NYS Homes & Community Renewal

### **Brenda Smith**

Community Programs Director  
US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

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### **Khris Dodson**

Associate Director  
Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center

### **Meredith Perreault**

Program Manager  
Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center

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