

Collaborating on Carbon Workshop Agenda

A workshop to understand downstream impacts and the future of US Forest Carbon Markets

June 17-18, 2024

Montgomery Bell State Park, Nashville, TN

Monday, June 17	
1pm-5pm Field Tour <i>optional</i>	Partners from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry will lead a tour of the forests at Montgomery Bell State Park, engaging attendees in a discussion around creating carbon projects at varying successional stages and the role of disturbance in creating the forests of Montgomery Bell.
5:30pm-7:30pm Welcome Reception <i>optional</i>	Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres provided

Tuesday, June 18	
8:30 am Opening	Welcome from project team partners, Dovetail Partners, Cambium Consulting, Spatial Informatics Group, U.S. Endowment for Forestry & Communities. Opening remarks from Heather Slayton, Tennessee State Forester and Assistant Commissioner for the Forestry Division
9:00 am Project Panel	Members of the project team from Dovetail Partners, Cambium Consulting, and Spatial Informatics Groups will discuss the work that has been done over the past year leading up to the workshop, including the concept paper, survey results and a demonstration of the mapping tool.
10:00am Break	Coffee and tea provided

<p>10:15 am Market Insights Panel</p>	<p>Panelists will provide perspectives about the risks and opportunities posed by carbon markets, initiatives their organizations are working on and what innovations would help promote positive impacts from carbon markets and avoid negative impacts.</p> <p>Speakers: <u>Adam Taylor</u>, U of TN <u>Claire Getty</u>, CEO Thompson Appalachian Hardwoods <u>Trisha Johnson</u>, Director Carbon Strategies Southern U.S. Division at TNC <u>Melissa Kreye</u>, Ph.D, Penn State <u>Nan Pond</u>, Head of Nature Based Research and Monitoring, Rubicon Carbon</p>
<p>11:30am Workgroups</p>	<p>Participants will work in small groups to explore the mapping tool, discuss what they have heard so far and share ideas. Participants will be provided with worksheets to keep track of their thoughts and ideas throughout the day.</p>
<p>12:30pm Lunch</p>	<p>Lunch provided</p>
<p>1:30pm Group Discussion Recap</p>	<p>Report out from small group discussions</p>
<p>2:00pm Policy Panel</p>	<p>Panelists will discuss their perspectives on the current role of policy in carbon markets, and what kinds of policies might be most impactful going forward. Discussions will consider state, federal, and international policies across the sector.</p> <p>Speakers: <u>Marissa Spence</u>, Forest Manager, Climate Action Reserve <u>Kelly Ryan</u>, Executive in Residence, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities <u>Maya Solomon</u>, Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy, American Forest Foundation <u>Julie Baroody</u>, Senior Director, Forest Carbon Innovation, Verra</p>
<p>3pm Break</p>	<p>Coffee and tea provided.</p>
<p>3:15pm Workgroups</p>	<p>Participants will have an opportunity, individually or in small groups, to provide feedback to the project team about what should be prioritized for enhancing the benefits and minimizing the risks associated with forest carbon markets, as well as input into what they would like to see come out of the project.</p>
<p>4:30pm Closing</p>	<p>Concluding thoughts and next steps</p>

