



Delaware County

Sustainability Conference

Agenda

Thursday, June 8th, 2023

Widener University, Alumni Auditorium, 1 University Place, Chester, PA 19013

The Conference was free of charge, vegan, zero waste, and accessible by public transit

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[2nd Annual Sustainability Conference](#)

8:00 to 9:00

Breakfast and Registration

Location: University Center Atrium and Pride Café

9:00 to 9:25

Welcome and Introductions

Location: Alumni Auditorium

- Andrew Workman, *Provost of Widener University*
- Elaine Paul Schaefer, *Delaware County Vice Chair*
- Tim Kearney, *Senator*
- Marc Woolley, *Delaware County Chief Administrative Officer*

9:25 to 10:05

Keynote Speaker – Justin J. Harris

Location: Alumni Auditorium

- Justin J. Harris, *Climate Equity Collaborative*

10:05 to 10:45

Green Chemistry for a Sustainable Future!

Location: Alumni Auditorium

- Dr. Loyd Bastin, Associate Dean and Professor, *Widener University*
- Dr. Adelina Voutchkova-Kostal, *Director of Sustainable Development at the American Chemical Society (ACS) and leads the ACS Green Chemistry Institute*

10:45 to 11:10

Chester Partnership for Safe Neighborhoods: Building partnerships to mitigate gun violence and illegal dumping in Chester City

Location: Alumni Auditorium

- Melissa Muroff, *Program Coordinator, Chester Partnership for Safe Neighborhoods, Chief, Environmental Crimes Unit, Assistant District Attorney, Office of the Delaware County District Attorney*

11:15 to 12:00

Panel Discussion 1: Creating Sustainable Communities through Partnerships and Resources

Location: Alumni Auditorium

Moderator: Gina Burritt, *Delaware County Planning Director*

- Ariella Maron, *Executive Director, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission*
- Frances M. Sheehan, *President, The Foundation for Delaware County*
- Paul K Johnson, *Assistant Professor, Montgomery County Community College*
- Stephanie Shirk, *Client Relationship Manager, Penn State, College of Agricultural Sciences*

12:00 to 1:00

Lunch and Networking

Location: University Center Atrium and Pride Café

1:00 to 1:20

Welcome and Awards

Location: Alumni Auditorium

- Rebecca Yurkovich, *Sustainability and Resilience Manager*

1:20 to 1:40

Air Monitoring Research: Science to Inform Policy

Location: Alumni Auditorium

- Dr. Peter DeCarlo, *Johns Hopkins University, Professor*

1:45 to 2:15

Panel Discussion 2: Air Monitoring Research: Science to Inform Policy

Environmental Health, Justice and Sustainability — Air quality, interventions, and outcomes in environmental justice communities.

Location: Alumni Auditorium

Moderator: Lora Werner, *Deputy Director, Delaware County Department of Health*

- Dr. Peter DeCarlo, *Professor, Johns Hopkins University*
- Dr. Kristin Ball Motley, *Founder, Health Educated, Inc., Compliance Coordinator & Field Supervisor, Saint Joseph's University*
- Eve Miari, *Delaware County Programs Director, Clean Air Council*
- Justin Dula, *Director, Office of Environmental Justice, PA Department of Environmental Protection*

2:15 to 2:45

Snack Break

Location: Cafeteria and Expo Area

2:45 to 3:15

Composting: The Intersection of Waste + Wonder

Location: Alumni Auditorium

- Gwenn Nolan, *Founder & CEO, Mother Compost*

3:20 to 4:00

Panel Discussion 3: Sustainable Organization Leaders that are walking the walk

Location: Alumni Auditorium

Moderator: Caroline Hawkins, *Strategic Advisor, Cogo*

- Tracy Brown Barusevicius, *Executive Director, Delaware County Transportation Management Association*
- Fabrice Figliolini, *Vice President of Finance, IT, Human Resources and Supply Chain, BOIRON USA*
- Gamal Sherif, *Mayor, Rutledge Borough, Delaware County*
- Stephanie Shirk, *Client Relationship Manager, Penn State, College of Agricultural Sciences*
- Richard (Rich) Sikora, *Senior Director of Strategy in Boeing Defense, Space & Security*

4:05 to 4:20

Delaware County's First Ever Sustainability Plan

Location: Alumni Auditorium

- Francine Locke, *Chief Sustainability Officer, Delaware County*
- Rebecca Yurkovich, *Sustainability and Resilience Manager*

4:20 to 4:30

Closing Remarks

Location: Alumni Auditorium

- Elaine Schaefer, *Delaware County Council Vice Chair*
- David E. Leaman, Ph.D., *Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, Widener University*