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Class XXVII and Class XXVIII Environment Session

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Session Goals

1. Explore the main environmental issues in North Carolina and create a human connection to them.
2. Discuss how COVID-19 has impacted and may continue to impact North Carolina's environment.
3. Define sustainability, showcase innovations in sustainable practices, and share opportunities for individual and collective action.
4. Introduce opposing viewpoints on a variety of environmental issues and encourage a balanced perspective.
5. Explore the costs and benefits of environmental policies, the trade-offs that factor into policy decisions, and their impact at the state, regional, local, and personal levels.
6. Describe how environmental policy and environmental regulatory decisions affect individuals and communities, potentially result in disparate impacts, and create issues of justice.
7. Illustrate how the environment connects to government, education, health and human services, and economic development in North Carolina.

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Tuesday, April 13, 2021

2:25 – 2:30 pm	Zoom Link: Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Virtual Tour	
2:30 – 4:30 pm	Virtual Tour of Sierra Nevada Brewing Company (Optional) Advance RSVP required	Amy Ebling <i>Tour Supervisor</i> Sierra Nevada Brewing Company
		CJ Boone <i>Tour Support Lead</i> Sierra Nevada Brewing Company
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Break Grab your favorite beverage to enjoy during the reception.	
4:55 – 5:00 pm	Zoom Link: Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Virtual Reception	
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Virtual Session Reception (Optional) Advance RSVP required	Rebecca Caldwell <i>Adult Education Manager</i> North Carolina Arboretum

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

8:25 – 8:30 am	Zoom Link: Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Wednesday Program	
8:30 – 9:10 am	Welcome and Setting the Stage	David Bohm <i>Director of Development</i> myFutureNC <i>LNC Class XXVII Alumnus and Class XXVIII Program Chair</i>
		Christy Armstrong <i>Executive Director</i> Serenity Family Services <i>LNC Class XXVII Alumna and ENV Session Co-Chair</i>
		Joe Milazzo <i>Executive Director, Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA)</i> Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce <i>LNC Class XXVII Alumnus and ENV Session Co-Chair</i>
9:10 – 9:40 am	The Mountains to the Coast: NC's Environment	Karen Kelley <i>Chief Program Officer</i> TROSA <i>LNC Class XXV Alumna</i>
9:40 – 9:50 am	Break	
9:50 – 10:50 am	Environmental Justice	Sherri White-Williamson <i>Environmental Justice Policy Director</i> North Carolina Conservation Network
		Donna Chavis <i>Senior Fossil Fuels Campaigner</i> Friends of the Earth
10:50 – 11:10 am	Morning Break	

11:10 – 11:55 am	NC's Changing Climate: Meeting the Challenges Ahead	Sushma Masemore <i>Acting Assistant Secretary for Environment North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality</i>
11:55 am – 12:55 pm	Lunch	
12:55 – 1:15 pm	Class Business	LNC Team
1:15 – 2:00 pm	Case Study in Collaboration	Jason Walls <i>District Manager Duke Energy</i>
		The Honorable Julie Mayfield <i>Senator, State of North Carolina District 49 Co-Director, MountainTrue</i>
2:05 – 3:50 pm	Simulating Climate Hope: Exploring Future Scenarios with En-ROADS <i>Simulation sponsored by Climate Interactive Includes a 20-minute break</i>	Drew Jones <i>Co-Founder and Co-Director, Climate Interactive Lecturer, Kenan-Flagler Business School, UNC-Chapel Hill</i>
3:50 – 4:00 pm	Wrap Up and Adjourn	

Thursday, April 15, 2021

8:25 – 8:30 am	Zoom Link: Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Thursday Program	
8:30 – 8:50 am	Morning Reflections and Setting the Stage	David Bohm <i>Director of Development myFutureNC LNC Class XXVII Alumnus and Class XXVIII Program Chair</i>
8:50 – 9:40 am	Sustainable Design, Building, and Resilience	The Honorable Ben Cahoon, FAIA <i>Mayor Town of Nags Head</i>
		Deb Ryan <i>Professor, Architecture and Urban Design The University of North Carolina at Charlotte</i>
9:40 – 9:50 am	Break	
9:50 – 10:35 am	Beneficial Electrification	Diane Huis <i>Senior Vice President, Innovation and Business Development North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives LNC Class XXV Alumna</i>
10:35 – 11:00 am	Morning Break	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Leadership Profile	Chuck McGrady <i>Board Member, North Carolina Department of Transportation Former Representative, NC House District 117</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	

1:00 – 2:20 pm

Building Connections and Moving Forward

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2:20 – 2:30 pm

Wrap-Up and Adjourn