



ESLC's 3rd Annual Climate Conference

at the [Oxford Community Center](#)

Rise and Thrive: Creating America's Most Resilient Rural Region

March 23, 2019

<p>8:00 AM</p>	<p>Sponsor Booths and Registration Opens <i>Registration opens and all are encouraged to interact with our event sponsors in the hospitality room. Local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and renewable energy providers will be here to discuss their work on climate adaptation and building community resilience. Sponsor booths are open before and after the conference and during the break.</i></p>
<p>8:00 – 8:30 AM (30 minutes)</p>	<p>Local Foods Continental Breakfast & Social Mixer <i>Enjoy a light breakfast provided by local vendors, interact with our sponsors in the hospitality room, and get to know your neighbors.</i></p>
<p>8:30 – 8:45 AM (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Welcoming Comments <i>Guests are welcomed with expectations for the day and opening remarks about ESLC's coastal resilience work and the need to address local climate adaptation solutions today.</i></p> <p>Speaker: <i>Gordon Fronk, President of the Commission, Town of Oxford Rob Etgen, President, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy Jim Bass, Coastal Resilience Specialist, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy</i></p>
<p>8:45 – 9:45 AM (60 minutes)</p>	<p>Impacts of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise on Maryland's Eastern Shore <i>An overview of global climate change and a detailed look at local impact. Residents and business-owners will be introduced to recommendations for climate adaptation and mitigation.</i></p> <p>Speaker: <i>Dr. Michael Scott, Interim Dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology, Salisbury University</i></p>

<p>9:45 – 10:45 AM (60 minutes)</p>	<p>Preserving Our Community, Building Our Future <i>Showcasing local best practices, identifying shortcomings in current capacities, and examining strategies for future growth in the face of changing climate.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Cheryl Lewis, Clerk/Town Administrator, Town of Oxford</i></p> <p>Panelists: <i>Amanda Fenstermaker, Director of Tourism, Dorchester County</i> <i>Jeff Trice, Founder, Jeff Trice Consulting</i> <i>Greg Farley, Director of Sustainability, Washington College</i></p>
<p>10:45 – 11:05 AM (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Coffee Break <i>Stretch your legs, make some new friends, and interact with our sponsors in the hospitality room.</i></p>
<p>11:05 – 12:20 PM (75 minutes)</p>	<p>Climate Change as an Opportunity and Catalyst for a Public-Impact-Private Ecosystem (PIPE) <i>A detailed look at work conducted in Newport, RI and elsewhere around the country to fund climate adaptation work which prioritizes local community benefits. Ideas for how similar work can be done here on the Eastern Shore.</i></p> <p>Keynote Speaker: <i>Paul Carroll, Principal, John Joseph Advisory LLC</i></p>
<p>12:20 – 12:30 PM (10 minutes)</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Speaker: <i>Jim Bass, Coastal Resilience Specialist, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy</i></p>
<p>12:30 PM</p>	<p>Adjourn <i>Visit one of Oxford's delicious restaurants for lunch after the conference.</i></p>