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AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10AM | Registration Desk Opens

10:30AM | Morning Field Trips Depart

Check in at the registration desk, then gather at the front entrance of the Bayfront Convention Center for boarding. Lunch will be provided off-site.

11:30AM | Lunch

Boxed lunches will be available in the Northpoint Lobby.

12:30PM | Afternoon Field Trips Depart

Check in at the registration desk, then gather at the front entrance of the Bayfront Convention Center for boarding. Registrants should eat onsite before boarding the bus.

1:00PM – 4:00PM | Erie Maritime Museum Tour and Open House

An informal opportunity for summit attendees and their guests to tour the Erie Maritime Museum, located within walking-distance of the Bayfront Convention Center. See offsite locations, page 2. No registration required.

1:30PM – 2:00PM | Afternoon Snack Break

4:00PM – 4:30PM | Field Trips Return to Convention Center

5:00PM | Registration Desk Closes

5:00PM | Mile-0 Marker Dedication, Erie to Pittsburgh Trail

This event is scheduled at Dobbins Landing, within walking distance of the Bayfront Convention Center. See offsite locations, page 1.

6:00PM – 8:00PM | Kick off Reception (dinner is on-your-own)

This event is scheduled at the Bayfront Maritime Center within walking distance of the Bayfront Convention Center. Special musical guest Brooke Surgeoner. See offsite locations, page 2.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00AM – 8:00AM | Yoga at Dobbins Landing

This event is scheduled at Dobbins Landing, within walking distance of the Bayfront Convention Center. Participants must BYO yoga mat and gather at the front entrance of the Bayfront Convention Center between 6:30AM and 6:45AM. See offsite locations, page 2. No registration required

8:00AM | Registration Desk Opens

8:00AM – 9:00AM | Breakfast

Ballroom West, Bayfront Convention Center

9:00AM – 10:45AM | Morning Plenary and Keynote Address

More information on featured speakers can be found on page 8

10:45AM | Morning Snack Break

11:00AM – Noon | Session I

Noon – 1:00PM | Lunch

Ballroom West, Bayfront Convention Center

1:00PM – 1:45PM | Session II

1:45PM | Afternoon Snack Break

2:00PM – 2:45PM | Session III

3:00PM – 4:00PM | Session IV

5:00PM – 7:30PM | Reception and Dinner

Northpoint Lobby, Sunset Terrace and Ballroom West, Bayfront Convention Center. Special musical guests Slim & Red.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00AM | Registration Desk Opens

8:00AM – 9:00AM | Breakfast

Ballroom West, Bayfront Convention Center

9:00AM – 10:00AM | Session I

10:15AM – 11:00AM | Session II

11:00AM | Morning Snack Break

11:15AM – Noon | Session III

Noon – 1:00PM | Lunch

Ballroom West, Bayfront Convention Center. Lunch will include selection of raffle winner (winner must be present to collect).

1:00PM | Afternoon Field Trips Depart

Registrants gather at the front entrance of the Bayfront Convention Center for boarding. Registrants should eat onsite before boarding the bus.

1:00PM – 1:45PM | Session IV

3:00PM – 4:00PM | Field Trips Return

4:00PM | Event Close

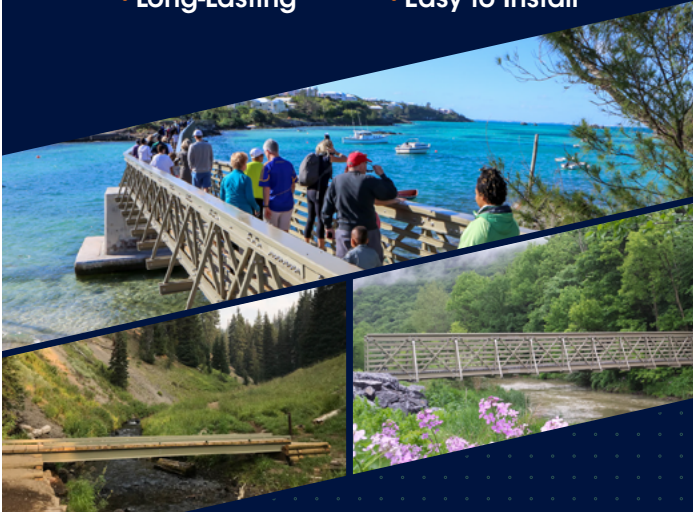




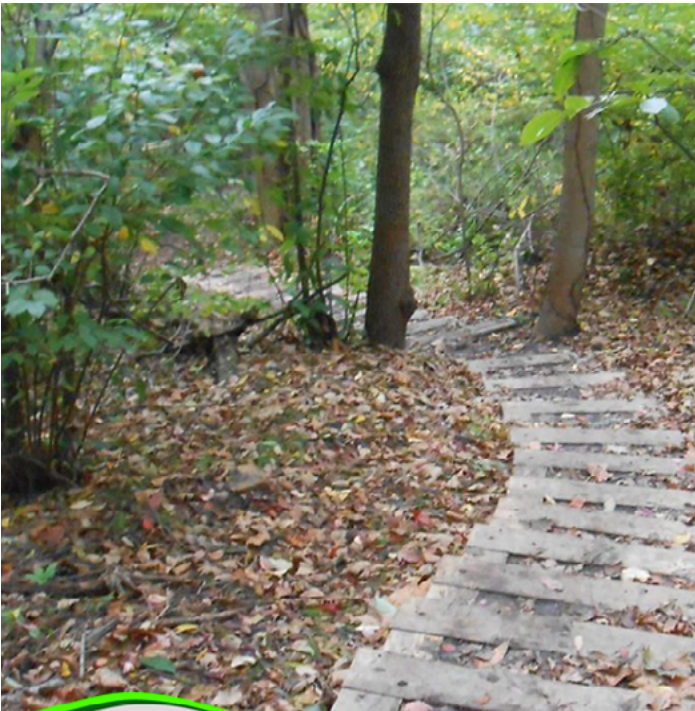
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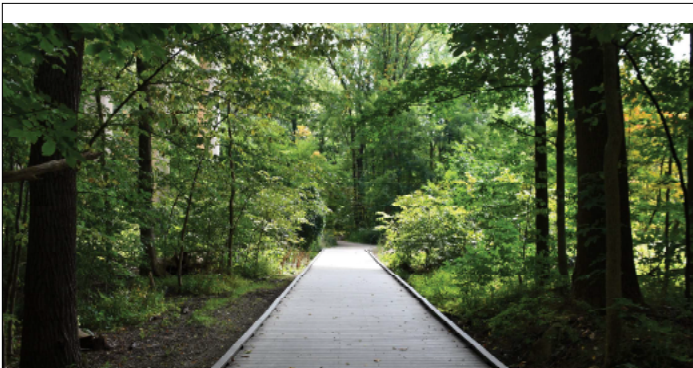
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- 9,000 Sq. Ft. Sunset Terrace
- 15 Meeting Rooms

2 Anchor Plaza (Second Floor)

- 20,000 Sq. Ft. Outdoor Event Space
- Accommodates up to 1500 guests

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- 192 Hotel Rooms
- 1800 Sq. Ft. Niagara Room

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- 5800 Sq. Ft. Harlequin Ballroom

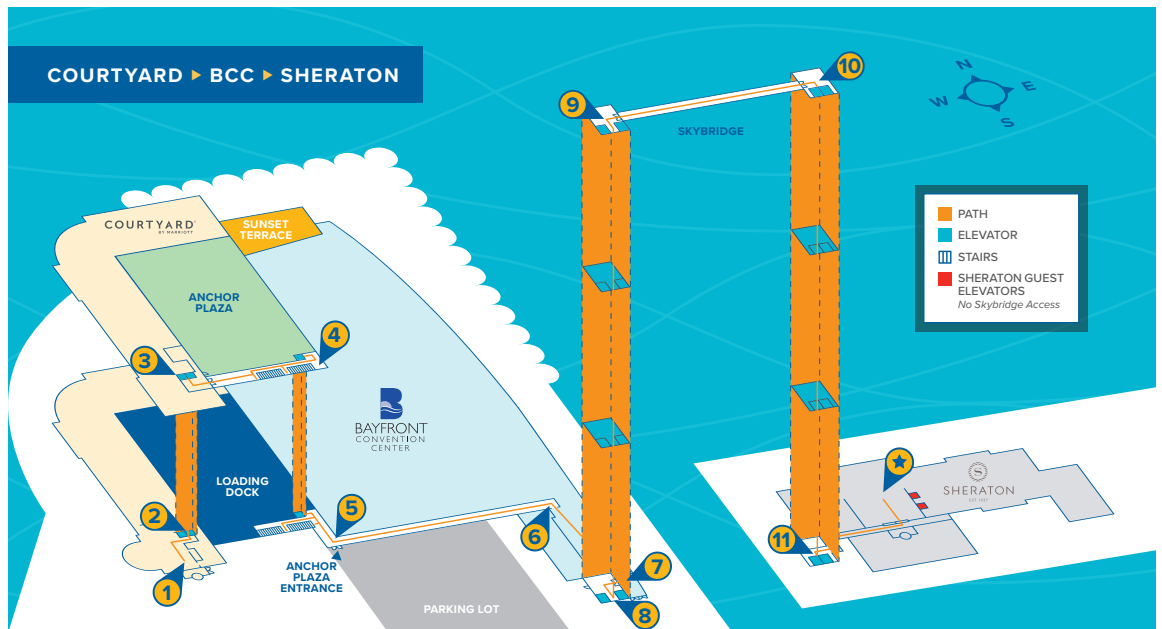
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5 Shoreline Bar & Grille

6 Bayfront Grille

7 Oyster Bar

8 The Cove



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2 Take elevator to second floor. You do not need a guest key to access this floor.

3 Take left when exiting the elevators and use double doors on left. You can choose to take the stairs or go to the end of the hallway to use the elevator.

4 Take stairs or elevator to first floor.

5 Head south toward the **ANCHOR PLAZA ENTRANCE** and take a left. Follow hallway to the end.

6 Turn right to enter the **BAYFRONT CONVENTION CENTER**. If continuing on to the Sheraton, head south toward the convention center lobby doors.

7 After passing through the first set of doors, use double doors to the right to access Skybridge elevators.

8 Take elevators to fourth floor.

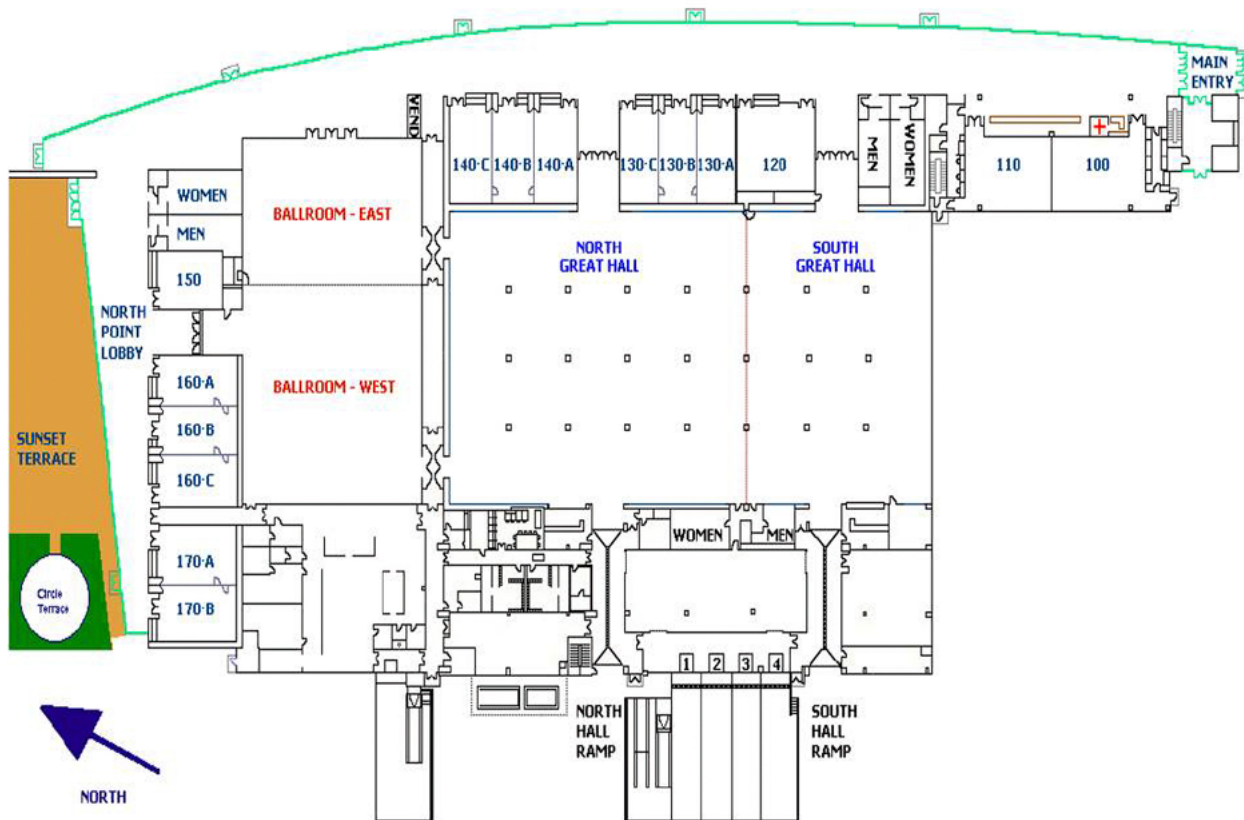
9 Take right when exiting the elevators and follow the Skybridge to the other side.

10 Take elevators to first floor.

11 Take right when exiting the elevators. Follow hallway to the lobby doors and take a left to enter the **SHERATON** lobby.



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PLENARY SPEAKERS

WELCOME | 9:00AM – 9:45AM



Cindy Adams Dunn

Secretary | *PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources*

Cindy Adams Dunn became sixth secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in June 2015. As secretary, Dunn has helped position Pennsylvania as a

leader in land conservation, outdoor recreation, green practices, and public land management. During her tenure, the department created the Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps to connect youth and young adults with job opportunities relating to the outdoors and the environment. She also has directed the agency to provide leadership on planting forest buffers along streams to improve water quality. Under her direction, Pennsylvania continues efforts to address the impacts of climate change, including helping the commonwealth adapt and implement a plan to reduce its impacts on state forests and parks.

Prior to this, Dunn served as the president and chief executive officer of PennFuture. Her previous positions at DCNR include Deputy Secretary of Conservation and Technical Services from 2007-2013, Director of the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, and Director of the Office of Education, Communications and Partnerships.



Kathy Dahlkemper

County Executive | *Erie County*

Kathy Dahlkemper took office as Erie County Executive on Jan. 7, 2014. She previously represented Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, serving from 2009 to

2011. As County Executive, Dahlkemper has served on the National Association of Counties-National League of Cities taskforce on the opioid epidemic. She has been appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf to serve on the Great Lakes Commission, as well as on the state's Redistricting Reform Commission. She currently serves as second vice president for the County Executives of America and is on the National Association of Counties International Economic Development Task Force and Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics advisory board. Since early 2020, she has partnered with the Erie County Department of Health to guide the community through the multiple and monumental challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. As Erie County Executive, she continues to work with public and private partners to build a more vibrant community, to create opportunities for all residents, and to move Erie County forward.

KEYNOTE | 9:45AM – 10:45AM



A Journey of Activism, Environmental Justice, Diversity and Sustainability

As an African American activist and environmentalist, Fred Tutman has embarked on an 18-year (so far) journey to reconnect to his own origins and mobilize a movement

to salvage one of Maryland's most geopolitically significant rivers. Fred will share some of the lessons learned via his personal journey of activism, environmental justice, community organizing, diversity, and sustainability.

Fred was born and raised along the Patuxent River as were seven generations of his ancestors before him. As the Patuxent Riverkeeper, an organization he founded in 2004, Fred is a grassroots community advocate for clean water in Maryland's longest and deepest intrastate waterway. He is among the longest serving Waterkeepers in the Chesapeake region and the only African American Waterkeeper in the nation.

He lives on an active farm located near the Patuxent that has been his family's ancestral home for nearly a century. Prior to founding Patuxent Riverkeeper in 2004, Fred operated a business that provided professional media and mass communication services internationally, including a long stint working with and advising traditional healers in West Africa and coverage of the Falklands conflict in Argentina on assignment by the BBC. Fred also worked as a volunteer activist on the Patuxent for over 20 years until the momentum of the volunteer environmental work overcame his media career and the challenge of Riverkeeping beckoned.

Fred is a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions for his work on behalf of environmental causes and issues in Maryland. He also serves on a variety of boards, task forces and commissions related to the work of protecting the Patuxent and the natural environment. Among them, Fred serves on the Board of the Environmental Integrity Project, as a Governor appointed Commissioner on the State's Patuxent River Commission and on the Board of Waterkeeper Alliance, the international group that licenses Waterkeepers. After a late life sojourn into law school, Fred is now an adjunct instructor at historic St. Mary's College of Maryland, where he teaches an upper-level course in Environmental Law and Policy.

He is an avid kayaker, backpacker, and adventurer. In his spare time, he does trail maintenance on the Appalachian Trail, explores the Patuxent River by kayak, blacksmiths, writes and works on his farm.



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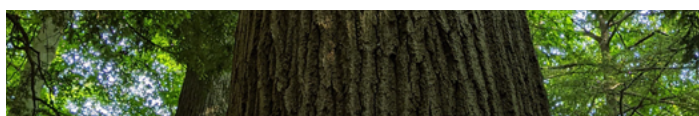
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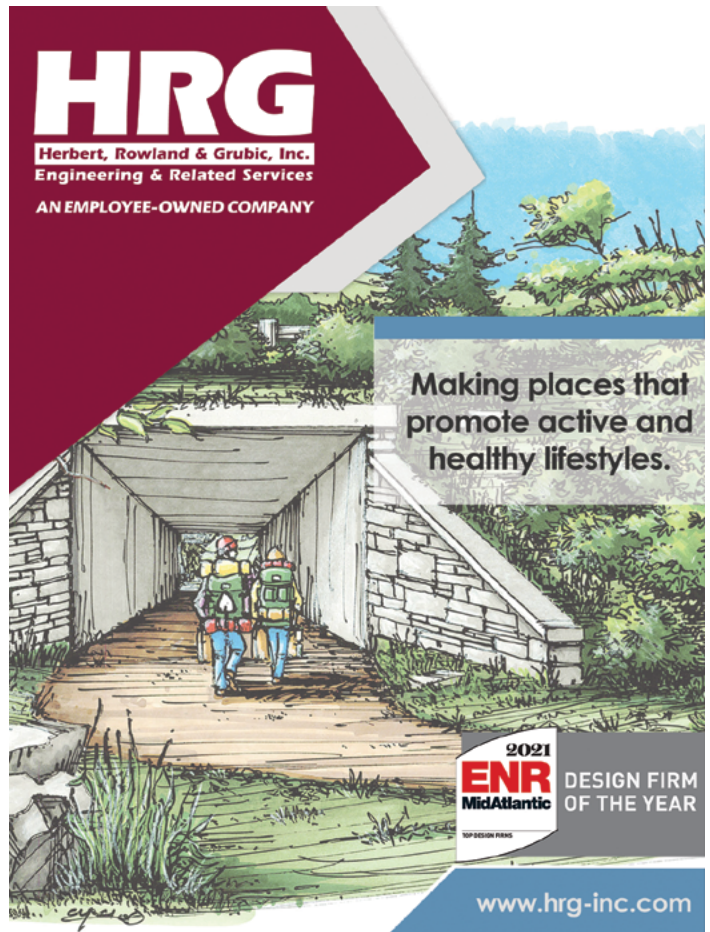




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