

CAHABA CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE

AUGUST 4TH, 2017



AGENDA



9:00-9:30

REGISTRATION

Coffee and snacks on back patio, overlooking the Cahaba

9:30-9:35

WELCOME & ORIENTATION

Amanda Locascio, ADEM



Cahaba
River
Society

9:35-9:45

CHALLENGES TO THE CAHABA: OVERVIEW

9:45-10:15

TESTING THE WATERS OF THE CAHABA RIVER

David Butler and Myra Crawford, Cahaba Riverkeeper

10:15-10:30

BREAK

10:30-11:00

RAIN TO RIVER: DEALING WITH DROPS, DELUGE AND DROUGHT

Randy Haddock, Cahaba River Society

11:00-11:50

ALABAMA SUCCESS STORIES

Intro: Beth Stewart, Cahaba River Society

Tuscaloosa: Josh Yates, City of Tuscaloosa

D'Olive: Roberta Swann, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

12:00-1:00

LUNCH

1:00-1:20

THE FUTURE OF OUR RIVER

Recreation: Brian Rushing, Cahaba Blueway

Education: Gordon Black (CRS) and Kim Hall (CEC)

1:20-2:20

RESTORATION PANEL

Facilitator: Jason Throneberry, The Nature Conservancy

Panelists

- Tom Miller, City of Birmingham
- Francesca Gross, The Nature Conservancy
- Jessica Delgado, ADEM

2:20-3:00

BRAINSTORMING BREAKOUTS: COLLABORATION & ACTION

Facilitators: Amanda Locascio, Myra Crawford, and Beth Stewart

3:00-3:20

COLLABORATION & ACTION DEBRIEF

3:20-3:30

CLOSING

Amanda Locascio, ADEM

3:30-6:00

RELAX BY THE RIVER

Beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres



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A RETREAT ON THE CAHABA



Canoe the Cahaba
Explore Alabama's Richest River