



Benton Convention Center
 425 North Cherry Street
 Winston Salem, NC
February 12-14, 2025

Conference Agenda

Date	Time	Session
Weds., Feb 12	1:00-2:15 pm	Conference Kick-Off: Bridging Divides: The Role of Park Development in Racial and Community Equity with <i>Dr. Rasul Mowatt, NCSU</i>
	2:15-3:30 pm	Effective Leadership and Dealing with the Public <i>Candace Dooley</i>
	3:30-3:45 pm	Break
	3:45-5:00 pm	RRS Research Update: Status of Public Recreation in North Carolina <i>White, Smith</i>
	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception
		<i>Dinner on you Own</i>

Date	Time	Session
Thurs., Feb. 13	9:15-10:30 am	Beyond the Blueprint - Driving Impact with Comprehensive Plan Implementation <i>Shweta Nanekar</i>
	10:30-10:45 am	Break
	10:45-12:00 pm	Making Connections: Working with the Tourism Industry to Expand Your Park's Outreach <i>Krista White</i>
	12:00-2:00 pm	Conference Lunch Provided with Registration
	2:15-3:30 pm	Facilitated Round Table: Trends and Issues from the Field
	3:30-3:45 pm	Break
	3:45-5:00 pm	Tailored Strategies for Public Input, Planning and Budgeting: (Small/Large Breakout Session) <i>RRS Team Facilitated</i>
		<i>Dinner on your Own</i>

Date	Time	Session
Fri., Feb. 2	8:45-9:45 am	NC State Parks and NCRPA Updates
	9:45-11:15 am	Swap shop: Discussion on Trends and Issues
	11:15 – 11:45 am	Conference Close