

KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL STATE CONFERENCE AGENDA
Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, Riverview A
201 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge Louisiana

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 - 8:45am KLB Affiliate Directors Meeting* (for KAB affiliates only)

Susan Russell, Keep Louisiana Beautiful Executive Director
Grace Keegan, Keep America Beautiful Central Region Director

9:00 - 9:15am Welcome

Susan Strain, Keep Louisiana Beautiful Board Chair

9:15 - 10:15am Keynote: The Environmental Impact of Microplastics in the Gulf of Mexico

Mark C. Benfield, College of the Coast and Environment, Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences, Louisiana State University

10:15-10:45am Litter-Gitter: Intercepting Stormwater Litter

Don Bates, Vice-President of Thompson Engineering/Owner of Osprey Initiative, LLC

10:45-11:00am Break

11:00-11:45am Why Is Community Appearance Key in Economic Development?

Stacey Neal, Director of Community Development at Louisiana Economic Development

11:45-12:15pm Leave No Trace: Protecting Wetlands for Everyone

Nova Clarke, Refuge Ranger at Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge

12:15-1:15pm Lunch

1:15 - 2:00pm Educating Businesses on Green Practices: Plant the Seed

Liz Sheppard, CEO of LifeCity

2:00 -3:00pm Recycling Resources Available for Communities

Rob Taylor, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist for Recycling Partnership

3:00pm Louisiana Recycling Coalition Meeting* (optional)

Lisa Mahoney, Interim President of the Louisiana Recycling Coalition

EVERYDAY HERO AWARDS BANQUET

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, Heidelberg Ballroom

6:00pm Cash bar

7:00 - 9:00pm Dinner and Presentation of Awards

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00-10:00am Keep Louisiana Beautiful Year in Review

Susan Russell, Keep Louisiana Beautiful Executive Director

9:30-10:30am Art Inspiring Action: Tackling Marine Debris Through Local Actions

Sonia Ahrabi-Nejad Vedral, Audubon Nature Institute

10:45-12:00pm Share and Grow: Programs to Take Back to Your Community

- Bead Recycling Program by Suzanne Bourgeois, STARC Director of Operations
- Tree Legacy Program by Donna Curtis, Executive Director of Shreveport Green
- Composting 101 by Stuart Hodnett, Director of Ouachita Green

12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch and Motivational Speaker: Michael Lewis, New Orleans Saints Hall of Famer

1:00-2:00pm How to Establish Litter Court in Your Community

Rick Moore, St. Tammany Parish Constable and Director of Keep St. Tammany Beautiful

2:00-3:00pm Understanding the Challenges of Waste Tires

Chuck Carr Brown, PhD, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

3:00pm Conference Close