

2020 CONSERVATION BANKING WEBINAR SERIES

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Webinar #6: Long-Term Management & Stewardship: Roles & Requirements for a Conservation Bank After it Closes

Katie Allen leads The Conservation Fund's Conservation Leadership Network (CLN) in the development, execution and evaluation of The Fund's range of services related to innovative partnership programs, capacity building trainings, sustainability consulting and technical assistance. Katie works with community, governmental, and corporate partners to build capacity among leaders to enable on the ground conservation solutions and reach sustainable economic development goals.

Since 2010, Katie has designed and led several national and place-based initiatives for The Fund including the Federal Lands Livability Initiative, the National Workshop on Water Quality Trading, and Appalachian Gateway Community workshops and sustainable tourism assessments. She serves as facilitator for CLN's long-standing and highly-acclaimed Balancing Nature and Commerce Course, Mitigation Banking for Inter-Agency Review Teams Course, and Conservation Banking Course, as well as their regional offerings across the country. She holds a Masters of City and Regional Planning in Environmental and Land Use Planning from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Boston University.

Matt Gause is the Ecological Resources & Land Stewardship Director at Westervelt Ecological Services and oversees Westervelt's stewardship processes and ecological resources on over 18,000 acres of conserved properties in California, the Rocky Mountain region and southeastern United States. Mr. Gause has over 25 years of experience with wetland restoration including the restoration of vernal pools, riparian forest, tidal marsh, and floodplain wetlands. He has also extensive experience permitting projects under the federal Clean Water Act, federal Endangered Species Act and California state Endangered Species Act. Additionally, Mr. Gause has managed conserved lands for more than 15 threatened or endangered species on preserves throughout California.

Mr. Gause also provides site suitability analyses for mitigation projects, including restoration suitability, threatened and endangered species, easement restriction analysis, and future land management cost estimation. He also develops and implements both baseline and long-term land management and monitoring strategies for mitigation and conservation landscapes. Mr. Gause is a Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP) and received a Bachelor of Science in Botany from the University of California at Davis.

Clint Miller joined The Conservation Fund in 2008 and serves as the Central Midwest Regional Director. In his regional capacity he oversees the Fund's work in Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and Kansas as well as working in parts of Wisconsin, Michigan, North and South Dakota. Clint is a seasoned conservation professional who has worked since 1988 in land conservation and wildlife management from Alaska and Florida to the Great Plains. He is the Fund's lead on implementation of the Midwest Habitat Mitigation Project, a \$22 million compensatory mitigation program for a 600-mile oil pipeline running across four states. He is a recognized expert negotiator and facilitator, working with federal, state and local agencies, corporations and families on complex real estate transactions,

conservation easements, mitigation, public and private funding and finance. Clint serves as a commissioner on the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. He previously worked as a regional director for the Minnesota Land Trust and led a community-based conservation program for The Nature Conservancy in the Dakotas after spending 12 years as a wildlife biologist and land manager.

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