

2026 NORTH TEXAS CLIMATE SYMPOSIUM

AGENDA

Presented by:



City of Dallas

Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

Date: 20 April 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Hilton Anatole Dallas

AGENDA	PRESENTER	TIME
WELCOME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks 	Katherine Stewart , City Council Member & Chair of the Parks, Trails and the Environment Committee	10:00 AM
KEYNOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Resilience in Dallas 	James McGuire , The Nature Conservancy's Texas state director	10:15 AM
SESSION 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City Of Dallas Approach to Climate Resilience and Sustainability with Case Studies from Various City Departments. 	Frances Ockles McGee , Sr Environmental Coordinator Brett Johnson , Conservation Manager Isaac Ellison , Environmental Manager Oppong Hemeng , Sr Environmental Coordinator	11:00 AM
LUNCH		12:00 PM
SESSION 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulding retrofit and resilient designs in North Texas 	June Young Park , Assistant Professor, UT Arlington	1:30 PM
SESSION 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the intersection of public policy and technology innovation, including AI and climate resilient community approaches. 	Geeta Menon , President, One Earth One Chance Ian Seamans , City Hall Advocate Fazil Shaikh , Senior Director of Strategy & Growth at Generac Industrial Energy	1:50 PM
SESSION 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How colleges and universities are educating around the topics of climate action, sustainability, in resilience through research and community engagement. 	June Ann Jones , Assistant Professor, UT Dallas Jasleen Dhillon , Assistant Director Hunt Institute for Engineering & Humanity, Southern Methodist University	2:35 PM
SESSION 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Strategic Approach to Flood Resilience in North Texas 	Susan Alvarez , Director of Environment and Development, North Central Texas Council of Governments	3:20 PM
CLOSING	Kathryn Guerra , Chairwoman of the City of Dallas Environmental Commission	3:55 PM
EARTHX PLENARY SESSION		4:00 PM
EARTHX NETWORKING RECEPTION		5:00 PM