



# National Forum on Nature-based Solutions

March 10-12, 2026 in Mobile, AL

## Lightning Talks

### Benefits and Co-Benefits of NbS

Speaker	Affiliation	Title
Savanna Barry	Regional Specialized Extension Agent, University of Florida and Florida Sea Grant.	Performance and Public Perceptions of Living Shorelines: Insights from Cedar Key, Florida
Matt Chambers	University of Georgia	Comprehensive Benefits Assessment for Large-Scale Floodplain Reconnections
Kyle McKay	Environmental Director, Woolpert	The Nature Record
David Perkes	Director, Mississippi State University Gulf Coast Community Design Studio	Community Engaged Nature Based Work
Paulo Godoy Jr.	University of South Alabama	A framework to assess carbon–water co-benefits of nature-based solutions in the Mobile–Tensaw Delta
Joe Berg	Biohabitats, Inc	Choices Drive Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Project Benefits
Jen Molnar	Resilience and Nature-Based Solutions Lead, AECOM	Enhancing Ecological and Community Uplift with Nature-Based Solutions in Remediation
Trevor Meckley	Scientific Program Manager, NOAA	Improving Coastal Flood Resilience with High-Performing Nature-Based Solutions: Lessons from NOAA’s ESLR Program
Burton Suedel	Senior Advisor, Engineering With Nature Program US Army Corps of Engineers	Applying Nature-based Solutions in the Great Lakes: A Pressing Need for Innovative Resilience Solutions
Meg Goecker	Vice President, Moffatt & Nichol	Decade of Experience: Advancing Nature-Based Solutions in Coastal Alabama

## Finance and Funding of NbS Session

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Siddharth Narayan</b>	Assistant Professor, Department of Coastal Studies, East Carolina University	Variability in mangrove benefits during storm surges
<b>Glen Delaney</b>	Director of Partnerships, Earth Economics	Ecosystem services valuation and finance
<b>Will McDow</b>	Associate VP, Climate Resilient Coasts and Watersheds, Environmental Defense Fund	
<b>Doug Mason</b>	Infrastructure Specialist	Financing Nature-Based Solutions: Infrastructure and Insurance as Pathways to Scale
<b>Nasrin Alamdari</b>	FAMU-FSU College of Engineering	Why Green Infrastructure Co-Benefits Matter