

# VSS26 Sessions

Last updated: March 30, 2026 (subject to change)

## Day 1 – Monday, April 13, 2026

2:30pm— 6:30pm	<b>On-Site Check-In Opens</b>
3:00pm— 4:15pm	<b>Pre-Conference Workshops</b>
4:00pm— 6:30pm	<b>Poster Gallery Open Premium Exhibition Open Renaissance Circuit Begins</b>
4:00pm— 5:00pm	<b>Solar + Farming Fireside Chat</b> <i>Dan French – Virginia Solar Summit Eric Bronson – James River Grazing, ASGA Jess Gray – Gray's LAMBscaping, ASGA Rachel Henley – Virginia Farm Bureau Ashish Kapoor – Piedmont Environmental Council Joel Olsen – Sun Raised Foods</i>
5:00pm— 5:30pm	<b>Featured Speaker(s)</b> <i>Todd Flowers – Dominion Energy</i>
5:30pm— 6:30pm	<b>Networking Happy Hour</b> <i>Beverages &amp; hors d'oeuvres included.</i>  <i>Hosted by</i> 
6:30pm+	<b>After Hours Networking Event</b> <i>Bonus Networking   Off-site   Cash Bar(s)</i>



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## Day 2 – Tuesday, April 14, 2026

7:15am	<b>Doors &amp; Check-In Open</b>
7:30am— 8:30am	<b>Networking Breakfast</b> <i>Included with registration.</i>
8:20am Grand Ballroom	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> <i>Dan French – Virginia Solar Summit Vince Maiden – Virginia Energy's State Energy Office Managing Director</i> 
8:45am Grand Ballroom	<b>Keynote(s) Session</b> <i>Josephus Allmond – Governor of Virginia's Chief Energy Officer</i>
9:05am Grand Ballroom	<i>Mike Rolband – Virginia DEQ's Director</i> 
9:30am	<b>Exhibit Hall Opens</b>
9:45am Expo Hall	<i>Coffee &amp; Tea</i> 
10:00am Grand Ballroom	<b>Seizing the Agrivoltaics Opportunity to Stack Agriculture &amp; Energy in Symbiosis</b> <i>Dan French – Virginia Solar Summit Rachel Henley – Virginia Farm Bureau Ashish Kapoor – Piedmont Env. Council Del. John Chilton McAuliff – Virginia's 30th District Joel Olsen – Sun Raised Foods</i>
10:00am Capital Ballroom	<b>Solar Siting Standards &amp; Permitting Brief</b>
11:00am Grand Ballroom	<b>Mining the Sun: Field Notes from Leading Efforts to Leverage Solar for Renewal of Mine-Scared Land</b>
11:00am Capital Ballroom	<b>Advancing Mitigation Requirements for Solar PBRs</b> <i>Lee Daniels – Virginia Tech Jonathan Rak – Virginia DEQ Amanda Scheps – Virginia Dept. of Forestry Ryan Stewart – Virginia Tech Ben Wojcicki – Virginia DEQ</i>
12:00pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Networking Lunch</b> <i>Included with registration.</i>
12:30pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Lunch Feature</b> 
1:00pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Solar &amp; Storage Development Policy Roundtable</b>
1:00pm Capital Ballroom	<b>Solar Grazing: Game-Changing Best Stewardship Practice to Bolster the Future of Farming</b> <i>Stacie Peterson – American Solar Grazing Association Eric Bronson – James River Grazing John Campbell – Ewe Graze Jess Gray – Grays LAMBscaping Chad Raines – Key Farms</i>
1:50pm Expo Hall	<i>Coffee, Tea &amp; Snacks</i> 
2:00pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Grid Innovation to Get the Generational Upgrade We Need Really Going</b>
2:00pm Capital Ballroom	<b>The Nitty-Gritty of Getting the Hard Work Done in the Nexus of Energy, Water and Agriculture</b> <i>Stacie Peterson – American Solar Grazing Association Ashish Kapoor – Piedmont Env. Council Teddy Pitsiokos – Piedmont Env. Council Prateek Tare – Distributed Energy Infrastructure Allison Wickham – Siller Pollinator Co.</i>
3:00pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Vegetation Management in Virginia Needs the Very Best Practices</b>
3:00pm Capital Ballroom	<b>Unlocking People Power and Public Trust in Times of Social, Civic &amp; Economic Stress</b>
4:00pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Actual Solar + Farming in Focus: Short Films World Premiere, Q&amp;A</b> <i>with the American Solar Grazing Association</i>
4:30pm— 6:30pm	<b>Exhibit Hall Double Happy Hours</b> <i>Beverages &amp; hors d'oeuvres included.</i>  <i>Hosted by</i> 
7:00pm	<b>Exhibit Hall Closes</b>
>>>	<i>Dinner On Your Own</i>
7:00pm+	<b>After Hours Networking Events</b> <i>Bonus Networking   Off-site   Cash Bar(s)</i>

## Day 3 – Wednesday, April 15, 2026

7:15am	<b>Doors &amp; Check-In Open</b>
7:30am— 8:30am	<b>Networking Breakfast</b> <i>Included with registration.</i> 
8:20am Grand Ballroom	<b>Solar's Conservation Potential in the Southeast: A Powerful Lifeline for Longleaf Pine?</b> <i>Judy Dunscomb – The Nature Conservancy</i>
8:45am Grand Ballroom	<b>Feature Remarks</b>
9:05am	<b>Exhibit Hall Opens</b>
9:05am Grand Ballroom	<b>Stacking Crops &amp; Critters Under and Alongside Solar Panels to Directly Benefit Agricultural Produce and Boost Farm Viability</b>  <i>Coffee &amp; Tea</i> 
9:45am Expo Hall	<i>Coffee &amp; Tea</i>
10:00am Grand Ballroom	<b>Community Solar in the Commonwealth 2.0: Planning for Virginia's Shared Solar Next Phase of Growth</b>
10:00am Capital Ballroom	<b>On-Campus Agrivoltaics Coming to the Commonwealth with Hands-On Learning for Future Farmers</b>
11:00am Grand Ballroom	<b>Brightfield Redevelopment: Re-Repowering Brownfields &amp; Landfills with a New Productive Life with Solar</b>
11:00am Capital Ballroom	<b>Roadmap to Realizing Community Resilience in Greater Virginia and Beyond</b> <i>Callie Houghland – Virginia Energy Nicole Lee – Smart Home Solutions Dylan Taylor – Energy Right</i>
12:00pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Networking Lunch</b> <i>Included with registration.</i>
12:30pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Lunch Feature</b> 
1:00pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Grid &amp; Data Center Development Policy Roundtable</b>
1:00pm Capital Ballroom	<b>Leveraging Energy Investment to Repair Local Food Systems Build Tangible, Tasty Community Benefits with Big Ripple Effects</b>  <i>Coffee, Tea &amp; Snacks</i> 
1:50pm Expo Hall	<i>Coffee, Tea &amp; Snacks</i>
2:00pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Strengthening Renewable Energy Policy Through Interagency Coordination &amp; Regulatory Actions</b> <i>Bettina Rayfield – Virginia DEQ Amber Foster – Virginia DEQ</i>
2:00pm Capital Ballroom	<b>Achieving Substantial Conservation Outcomes by Adapting Ecovoltaic Systems</b>
3:00pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Sizing up to the Scale of Our Workforce Development Shortfall and Seizing Generational Career Opportunity</b>
3:00pm Capital Ballroom	<b>Cattlevoltaics is Coming to the Commonwealth</b>
4:00pm Grand Ballroom	<b>Peer-to-Peer Policy Action Huddle: Now What, Next Actions, and New Playbooks</b>
4:00pm	<b>Exhibit Hall Closes</b>
4:30pm— 5:30pm	<b>Networking Happy Hour</b> <i>Beverages &amp; hors d'oeuvres included.</i>  <i>Hosted by</i> 
>>>	<i>VSS26 Concludes</i>
6:00pm+	<b>After Party Networking Event</b> <i>Bonus Networking   Off-site   Cash Bar(s)</i>



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