

## **The 2019 Federal Environmental Symposium**

The 2019 Federal Environmental Symposium will take place on October 30-31, 2019 at the Natcher Conference Center on the NIH Bethesda campus. The symposium is sponsored by a consortium of federal agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy and many more. The theme for the 2019 Symposium is “Federal Facilities Leading Environmental Change.”

The symposium will begin with opening remarks, followed by a plenary session, before splitting into breakout groups for the remainder of the two-day event. The breakout sessions have the following topics:

- Waste Reduction & Recycling
- Sustainability
- Energy & Water Efficiency/Watersheds
- Sustainable Federal Properties
- Environmental Resiliency
- Environmental Compliance
- Protection of Natural Resources/Best Environmental Practices
- Environmental Management Systems

The speakers for each of these breakout sessions are incredibly diverse, representing many branches of government, such as the Maryland Department of Environment, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Veterans Health Administration and many more. The Environmental Symposium will also contain speakers from academia, such as from the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University, and from private entities, such as Northrup Grumman and Comcast. Each day of the symposium will conclude with a tour session. The tours will feature sustainable landscaping, pollinator habitats, recycling facilities and a LEED Gold laboratory.

The 2019 Federal Environmental Symposium provides a great opportunity to learn about the many ways the Federal Government strives to protect the environment. By playing host to this event, the NIH would like to continue leading this charge! Please visit the [FedCenter website](#) for full information on the 2019 Federal Environmental Symposium.